

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fair stalls in any way. We made £345.85 towards the church funds. Well Done .

Thank You from Longridge Community Foodbank

Longridge Community Foodbank (formerly Ribble Valley Foodbank) collected our foodbank donations this week and were so grateful for your generosity. Our donations weighed in at over 39kg. The team at the foodbank have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks.

We are continuing to collect for the foodbank throughout the winter season. If you have any items for the foodbank – please add to the box at the back of church

Attendance and Collection

21st Dec Attendance 74 Collection £299.30

25th Dec Attendance 179 Collection £505.00

28th Dec Attendance 51 Collection £176.02

People who are Unwell If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for

Feast Days

Tues – Epiphany – Holy Day of Obligation



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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 4th January Second Sunday after the Nativity

Mass 10.30am Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community by living, sharing and growing in faith. We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.

Today's Mass is for the members of the Bolton, Wells & Gardner Families

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially
Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

We remember Susan Warbrick, Edward (Tom) Eastham, Marian Walker & Austin Bolton whose anniversaries occurs around this time .

On Tuesday 6th January mass will be at 10am to celebration the
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD –Holy Day of Obligation

Tea and Coffee will be served at the back of church after Mass on Sunday

Word of Thanks

I want to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported our parish during this year.

A special thank you to each of you who helped prepare the parish for Christmas, decorating for the Advent and Christmas season have greatly enhanced our celebrations.

I am truly grateful for your dedication and support. Together, we create a warm and welcoming community.

A special thank you to our dedicated Choir group; your talented voices bring joy to our celebrations.

My special thanks goes to our dedicated Altar servers; your commitment and service truly enhance our celebrations and bring joy to our community. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our Sacristans who have contributed to preparing our parish for this beautiful Christmas season.

A special thank you for your dedication; your commitment and service truly enhance our celebrations and bring joy to our community. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and it adds to the spirit of this season.

Your efforts have made this season even more meaningful, and I am grateful for each of you.

I am also deeply grateful for your generous support during this time of year, especially through the Christmas Collection, as well as for the many thoughtful gifts and cards. Your kindness warms our hearts and strengthens our community.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication.

Warm regards, Fr Sony Joseph Parish Priest

Papal Curiosities

What does INRI stands for? The letters I, N, R, and I, found on the top of the cross on which Christ died, are Latin abbreviation that refers to the

following words: (I)esus (N)azarenus (R)ex (I)udeorum - Jesus of Nazareth. King of the Jews.

For what purpose did the Vatican hire a private detective?

After a home movie had been secretly made of Pope Pius XII's dying moments and the Vatican discovered that the film was being auctioned off to the highest bidder, officials intervened quietly, hiring a front man to outbid everybody and to buy it outright. Then the Vatican made another unusual move, one guaranteed to make it the laughing stock should it get out - it hired a private detective to find out who had made that movie.

The private investigator, Tom Ponzi, solved the Vatican mystery, zeroing in, after much research, on the pope's private physician, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi Lisi. Lisi was instantly barred from the Vatican for life and swiftly removed from the rolls of the Rome medical Association. Immediately thereafter, Lisi left Italy and set up his own rejuvenation clinic in a small town just over the Italian-French border.

How does the Vatican check ancient documents for forgeries?

While digging for a new underground garage under St. Peter's Basilica, workers in 1957 found the grave of an ancient Roman writer who had been buried with his cylindrical copper inkpot, his pens, waxed tablets. The inkpot still had some ink at the bottom (dried up), and when treated chemically, it was possible to write with the fluid. Using this ink as comparison with the ink used on ancient manuscripts in the Vatican library that were suspect, Vatican experts have been able to determine several forgeries or copies made years later.