

## **Our Church Website**

Please note our website address is [StFrancis.Goosnargh@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:StFrancis.Goosnargh@lrcd.org.uk)

Many thanks to Joseph Jacobs for all his work in creating the new website.

## **Attendance and Collection**

4th Jan Attendance 66 Collection £290.40

11th Jan Attendance 67 Collection £268.80

18th Jan Attendance 77 Collection £353.50 including baptism

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

## **Feast Days**

Mon – The Presentation of Jesus in the temple.

Tues – St Blaise

Thurs – St Agatha

Fri – St Paul Miki

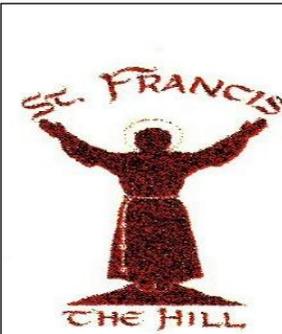
## **Cycle of Prayer**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Racial Justice

Feb: Victims of Human Trafficking and those who work to combat it. .

## **Winckley Square Old School Reunion**

Sat Feb 21st from 1.30pm. Our Lady and St.Edwards Church Hall, Marlborough Drive Fulwood.



## **St Francis Hill Chapel**

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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Racial Justice Day* 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 Bill Bamber who has recently died..

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

We remember Ellen Goring and Kathleen Ann Steyck whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**We welcome Father Anthony Dampson, who is celebrating mass with us today.**

There will be NO mass on Tuesday morning –Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tea & Coffee will be served at the back of church after Sunday mass

## Latest News

**Father Anthony Dampson, who is celebrating mass with us today, is a member of the Society of African Missions, or SMA as it is known.**

The SMA encourages individuals to support their mission through financial donations, prayer and participation in various events. They also offer opportunities for laypeople to engage in missionary work alongside their priests and brothers.

**Today's Sunday collection will be specifically for the society of African Missions.. Please give generously to support the valuable work the SMA community undertakes.**

## Papal Curiosities

### **What is *Opus Dei*?**

*Opus Dei*, which in English means "God's Work" and which was founded in 1928 in Spain by Monsignor Jose Maria Escriva de Balaguer (who died in 1975), views itself as an educational and charitable movement within the Church. It has more than 70,000 members in over 40 countries. Members get their direction from a manual called *El Camino (The Way)*, a book of 140 pages written by Monsignor Escriva. Over 3 million copies of this book have been printed with more than 90 editions. In the form of 999 maxims, *El Camino* makes clear Escriva's opinions on what kind of relationships a human being should have with God. *Opus Dei* followers take these as the ultimate spiritual advice. For the most part the language is direct, firm and authoritarian – as for example:

- "Anything that does not lead you to God is a hindrance. Root it out and throw it far from you."
- "Everything that is done out of Love acquires greatness and beauty."
- "Remain silent, and you will never regret it: speak, and you often will."
- "Have you seen the dead leaves fall in the sad autumn twilight? Thus souls fall each day into eternity. One day the falling leaf will be you."

## Longridge Foodbank Appeal

So many people in our local area are really struggling to make ends meet. If you are able any items for the foodbank, it really would make a difference.,

## Sacramental Programme

if your child does not attend our school and would like to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and The Eucharist, our sacramental programme is starting in February. Please say Mary Doran for further details. ([mfedoran@btinternet.com](mailto:mfedoran@btinternet.com))

## Caring for the Graves

In the interest of keeping the graveyard looking tidy and at its best . We would like to remind you that like last year, all Christmas wreaths and decorations to be removed by Saturday 7th February 2026. Any remaining will be removed and disposed of by the gardeners . Besides tidying the graves, we would like also to remind people that pots and flowers are to be contained within the stone plinth(all as the grave stone regulations ).This will greatly assist in mowing around and between the graves . Thank you for your cooperation . It's very much appreciated .

