

Our Church Website

Please note our website address is StFrancis.Goosnargh@lrcd.org.uk Many thanks to Joseph Jacobs for all his work in creating the new website.

Attendance and Collection

25th Jan Attendance 92 Collection £327.10
1st Feb Attendance 70 Collection £353.58
8th Feb Attendance 86 Collection £244.00

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

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.

Catholic Family Retreat at Castlerigg Manor // March 27-29th // £160-230 per family- For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> events

May Half Term B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor - In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us



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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 22nd February 1st Sunday of Lent 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 being offered for **Bill Bamber**

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

We remember Annie Bennett, Derek Ogden & Stephen Richard
Fielding whose anniversaries occur around this time.

There will be NO mass on Tuesday morning @ 9.30am.

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

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 27th February

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent, you are being the good neighbour Jesus calls us to be – loving others as we love ourselves. This Family Fast Day, let's show love to our neighbours. Let's eat simply and give generously – so another family can put food on the table. Thank you.

Helping our neighbours grow enough to eat

We will be giving out Family Fast Day envelopes after mass today. Or you can use the card reader at the back of church to donate specifically to CAFOD.

Lent Family Fast Day Prayer

We pray this Lent that, rooted deeply in justice and compassion, we may grow in love for creation and all our global family. Amen

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. (mfdoran@btinternet.com)

From the Archives



On this the first Sunday of Lent, I describe how the patron saint of our own city of Preston played an important part in how Easter is calculated by the Catholic church. Preston's emblem, featuring the

Lamb of God, is everywhere you look in Preston, from cafes to restaurants to, of course, Preston North End Football Club, but what does the emblem mean and who was the inspiration behind it?

The Paschal Lamb is the crest of St Wilfrid the city's patron saint. Indeed, until the Reformation Preston's parish church, the now Anglican St John's Minster, was dedicated to St Wilfrid, (the present St Wilfrid's church was not built until 1793). This close relationship explains why his personal symbol, the lamb, occupies such a prominent position on the city emblem. The Paschal Lamb serves as a visual reminder of Preston's origins as a Christian settlement shaped by Roman ecclesiastical tradition.

St Wilfrid was born in 634 AD and became a prominent Benedictine monk and later a bishop in the Catholic church. Between 653 and 658 AD, he studied in Rome where he learned about the Roman traditions and practices including their method of calculating Easter. This knowledge placed him at the heart of one of the most important religious debates in early medieval Britain, the Synod of Whitby. In 664, Wilfrid, now the Bishop of Northumbria, was selected to represent the Roman position at the Synod of Whitby, also known as the Council of Whitby. The gathering, presided over by King Oswiu, was convened to decide whether the Church in Britain should follow the Celtic method of calculating Easter or adopt the Roman system.

Rome used a fixed method in which Easter fell on the first full moon after the spring equinox, whereas Celts used older lunar tables. This meant that sometimes Easter fell on the same day as Passover, which the Roman church did not allow. Ultimately, the decision favoured Roman customs, a victory that reinforced Wilfrid's influence, aligned communities such as Preston, - often translated as 'Priests' Town', more closely with Rome and demonstrated loyalty to the Pope. Towards the end of his life Wilfrid lived out his retirement in one of the first monasteries he founded in Ripon. He died in 709 AD at the age of 75. He was later made a saint due to his advocacy for the Roman Church and a feast day, 12th October, was created in his honour.

Mike Bryan

