

**First Communion Programme.** We have 21 children preparing to receive First Holy Communion on Sunday June 7th. The children are from St Francis Parish and St Thomas' Parish Claughton. Please remember them in your prayers.

**The Brock Valley Churches Together – Good Friday Walk**

The Good Friday walk and Stations of the Cross will take place as usual around the Bleasdale estate.

Meet at Bleasdale village hall at 9.00 am for the walk followed by a Jacob's Join lunch in the village hall at approximately 12.00 pm. The walk is about 4 miles mostly on firm paths but there is a short stretch of field path that can be muddy so please wear suitable footwear. Contributions for lunch can be left at the village hall before the walk. All are welcome, the pace is slow and suitable for all members of the family. It is a very friendly occasion with participants from all the Brock Valley churches.

**Longridge Foodbank Collection**

**We are continuing to collect for Longridge Foodbank during Lent.**

**Church Website** our new website address- [stfrancisgoosnargh.co.uk](http://stfrancisgoosnargh.co.uk)

**Attendance and Collection**

22nd Feb Attendance 79 Collection £168.95

1st Mar Attendance 76 Collection £179.00

**Feast days**

Thurs – HOLY THURSDAY

Fri – GOOD FRIDAY (Day of fasting and Abstinence)

Sat – HOLY SATURDAY

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

**Mass Intentions** Fr Sony Joseph has only a few Mass intentions remaining for specific dates. All Mass offerings and intentions are warmly welcome. If you would like a Mass to be offered on a particular day, please inform Fr Sony or place the intention, along with the offering and details in an envelope on the collection plate at the back of the church.

**Gift Aid** This makes a significant difference to our parish income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate. Please consider setting up a Standing Order. If you attend Hill Chapel Church you can also register a payment card to use on the card reader, either online or directly on the reader itself.



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## Sunday 29th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 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 the people of the parish

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

We remember Joseph Anthony Melling, James Hancock, Ted Eastham & Mary Wells whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

There will be Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday - Stations of the Cross 9.15  
Confession available after mass

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

## Holy Week and Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday 6.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper – St Thomas' Cloughton** - followed by watching at the altar of repose until 9pm.

**Good Friday, 3pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Hill Chapel**

**Holy Saturday, 7pm - Easter Vigil - St Thomas' Cloughton**

**Easter Sunday, 10.30pm – Sunday Mass - Hill Chapel**

After mass there will be an **EASTER EGG HUNT**

## Saturday 11th April – Tulip and Daffodil Saturday. 10am – 4pm

**Caroline and Tom Luke have kindly offered to open their garden to raise parish funds. A delightful garden to visit!**

Adults-£3.50, Children - free

We would like donations of homemade cakes and pies and raffle tickets.

If you can help .please put your name on the list at the back of church .

## A Kind of King – A reflection for Palm Sunday

Loving Lord,

Today we remember a triumph with a difference.

It's not every king that rides a donkey.

It's not every king that speaks of a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

It's not every king that can go on forgiving when the ultimate chips are down.

Loving Lord,

Each time we pray 'Your Kingdom come' we are pledging ourselves to join and follow you in your way and after your mind and heart.

We are nailing ourselves as living witnesses of your unbounding caring compassion and your never ending kindness towards all.

Loving Lord,

Carrying palms today reminds us that these same palms will be burned and will become next Ash Wednesdays ashes.

We acknowledge our glory and our dust,

our wonder and our wounds,

our strength and our vulnerability.

Loving Lord,

This is a Holy Week,

A week when we reflect on the roots of our being alive in your love.

Just by belonging to you Lord, and by constantly learning your ways, we thrive to become a living echo of you.

Loving Lord,

You are King, yet you are Servant.

You are Shepherd yet you are Lamb.

You lead by lived example, stooping down to wash our feet,

to go to hell on earth in agony for us,

to be mocked and crowned for us,

to die a criminal's death, just because you love every single one of us.

Loving Lord,

Belonging to such a King is quite a challenge!

This Holy Week gives us all something of that quality of being like you- a man or woman for others,

a liver of the beatitudes,

a giver till it hurts,

a lover who does not count the cost.

Only then Lord, will this week have any practical meaning.

Otherwise it will just be a history lesson,

when it's meant to plunge us all into the life and death struggle of the good and the evil that is right here and now

Loving Lord,

Give us all the grace this week to have the courage to follow you, not just through the cheers but also through the jeers.

So that we all come out next weekend as truly Easter People.

Amen

*From Seasons*

*by Denis Blackledge SJ*