

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.

Longridge Foodbank Collection

We are continuing to collect for Longridge Foodbank .

Church Website our new website address- stfrancisgoosnargh.co.uk

Attendance and Collection

22nd Mar Attendance 112 Collection £248.00

29th Mar Attendance 77 Collection £246.00

Feast days

Mon – St. Martin I

Thurs – St. Bernadette Soubirous

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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 12 April 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Day of Divine Mercy

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 Barrie Cook & Thomas Bernard Gornall whose anniversaries occur around this time

There will be mass on Tuesday @ 9.30am

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

Special Easter Thanks

I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to all who helped to make the Holy Week and Easter services such special Occasions: Our Sacristans - Joan and Angela, Our Musicians - Louise, Andrew and Moira's daughter Louise. Our Altar servers - Sasha and Elena, Our Readers, and Our Collectors. There were also many parishioners who helped behind the scenes with: the newsletter, the lovely refreshments, the Craft Making and the Easter egg hunt, not forgetting all who helped with maintenance and finance last week too.

Special thanks must go to the Flower Ladies for making the church look so beautiful on Easter Sunday and to our Gardeners who work so hard to keep the church grounds so impeccable all year round.

I am so fortunate to have such a dedicated team and sending special blessings and grateful thanks for all your efforts.

Father Sony

Thank You for Your Help!

I took part in an overnight sleep out at Preston North End in March for the Foxtan Centre - a homeless drop in centre in Preston that provides such support for the many homeless people that reside in the city centre. Thanks to your generosity and support I have raised £850 so far - for the cause. Your donations will help the centre to keep running to provide the invaluable support that so many of our neighbours really do need. With very grateful thanks
Mary Doran

Mary, Queen of Heaven

What does it mean for Mary to be Queen, whether of heaven or any sense? Scripturally, in the monarchy of Israel the Queen of the Davidic Kingdom was not the wife of the King, but the Queen Mother. The Kings, for reasons of state and human weakness, had many wives, none of whom fittingly could be called Queen. That honor was reserved for the mother of the King, whose authority far surpassed the many "queens" married to her son. We see this is the role Bathsheba played with respect to King Solomon, especially the occasions when the Queen Mothers acted as regent on behalf of juvenile successors to the throne.

The role of the Queen Mother, therefore, is a prophetic "type" of the Kingdom role of Mary, just as the role of the Davidic King is a prophetic "type" of the Kingdom role of Jesus. Jesus inherited the Kingdom promised to David, who was told that one of his descendants would rule forever. Therefore, His Mother was both prepared for, and inherited for eternity, the Kingdom role of Queen Mother. The angel Gabriel essentially revealed this fact to Mary at her Annunciation,

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:31-33)
If the Incarnate Son's Kingdom has no end, then His mother never ceases to be his mother in that kingdom.

Aside from the prophetic types present in the Kingdom of Judah, there is also the text of Psalm 45, which when speaking of the Kingdom of God also speaks of its Queen.