

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

10th May Attendance 70 Collection £263.00
17th May Attendance 103 Collection £293.00

Feast days

Mon – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tues – St. Philip Neri
Wed – ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
Thurs – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, Eternal High Priest
Fri – St. Paul VI

Cycle of Prayer –

The Church – especially at Pentecost , 24th May

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

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Sunday 24th May 2026

PENTECOST

Prayer for the Church

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 Thomas Gornall whose anniversary occurs around
this time

There will be mass on Tuesday 26th May @ 9.30am

Tea and coffee will be served at the back of church after mass

Date for the Diary

Choir1 from Garstang will be performing their Summer Concert on Friday 10th July with guests Louise Coupe & Ivan Gaughan. Tickets will be on sale soon and all funds raised will go to the church funds .

Coming into church

We are asking for a quiet peaceful prayerful atmosphere at the beginning of each mass. There will be spiritual music playing beforehand. We do appreciate your understanding so people can have time for individual prayer before mass.

Thank you .

We all wish to thank Dot Eastham for raising £65.00 for the church funds from her donation of tomato and cucumber plants. Thank you Dot.

From the Archives

Today, the Church celebrates **Pentecost**, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. Pentecost always occurs fifty days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word “pentecoste,” meaning 50th. There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu`ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu`ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover.

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered in the Upper Room. A “strong, driving” wind filled the room

where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission – to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost Sunday, symbolic of the burning fire of God’s love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles. However, in some parts of the world, Pentecost is also referred to as “Whit Sunday”, or White Sunday, referring to the white vestments that are typically worn in Britain and Ireland; white is symbolic of the dove of the Holy Spirit.

An Italian Pentecost tradition is to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues. In some places in Italy, Pentecost is sometimes called Pascha Rosatum (Easter roses). In France, it is tradition to blow trumpets during Mass to recall the sound of the driving wind of the Holy Spirit.

When I was a young boy Pentecost or Whitsuntide, as it was also known, was marked by parishes, particularly in the towns and cities of the north, by huge processions through the streets to celebrate and honour Our Blessed Lady. Grand banners depicting images of patron saints would lead each church congregation, the clergy would walk immediately behind in their flowing vestments and compulsory black birettas. A brass band would be hired, and the Lourdes Hymn sung with great gusto. The processions ended up at church when, if Pentecost fell in May, Our Lady’s statue would be crowned by one of the schoolgirls. . The rosary was prayed with Benediction bringing the service to a close. For some reason I have never understood, we were always bought new clothes for the occasion and after the procession relatives and friends would give you a few coins to put into your jacket or blazer pocket.

Mike Bryan

