

CHURCH REPAIRS

Scaffolding will be erected at the front of the church during the week beginning 15th June. Work will start to repair the bell tower once the scaffolding is installed. There will be no Tuesday masses after 15th June until further notice.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

The relics of St Gerard Majella will be visiting Lancashire in June. This is part of the nationwide tour to celebrate the 300th anniversary since St Gerard's birth. He is popularly known as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession.

Monday 15th June at Lancaster Cathedral. 6pm time for personal prayer before the relics and an opportunity for confession, 7pm Mass

Friday 19th June at St Joseph's, Preston. Veneration between 5.30pm-6.20pm, followed by a votive Mass, with Sermon, at 6.30pm. After Mass there will be an opportunity to be blessed with the relics.

Fatima Day:

The World Apostolate of Fatima are touring the Catholic cathedrals of England and Wales to spread the message of Our Lady at Fatima. They are visiting Lancaster Cathedral on Saturday 20th June. Mass at 12.15pm with Marian procession and consecration of the Diocese to Our Lady.

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

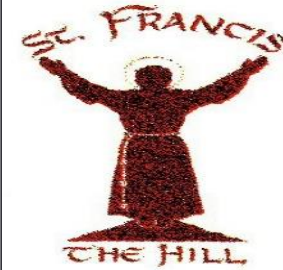
Tues - St. Columba

Thurs – St. Barnabus

Fri - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sat – The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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 7th June 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI

First Holy Communion 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 being offered for the parish

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

We remember Jeanette Marie Forrest, Barbara Webb, Richard Gornall, Joan Sumner, Elizabeth Rosalind Bolton & Bob Barron whose anniversaries occurs around this time

There will be mass on Tuesday 9th June @ 9.30pm

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

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Today, twenty -one children are making their First Holy Communion at this mass here at Hill Chapel.

We join in the celebration with:

**Alfie, Aria, Charlie, Chloe, Ella, Elsie, Eric, Eva,
Georgia, Jasper, Jessica, Layla, Maddison, Malachi, Max B,
Max H, Milo, Monty, Noah, Tabitha and William,**

There are fourteen children from St Francis' school and seven children from St Mary's school, Cloughton. The children have worked in close partnership for all five First Communion sessions and we felt that it be lovely for them all to celebrate this special occasion as a close knit group.. They have all prepared together – now they can all celebrate together too.

The children have been preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion since February. The planning sessions have taken place after school once a month.

In our first session we looked at belonging and how we were welcomed into the church when we were baptised – the first sacrament – the first step on our journey to becoming a committed catholic.

In our second session we prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with all children making their First confession just before Easter. We shared the stories of Zacchaeus and The Prodigal Son. We acted out the two stories and discussed the message of each story. We talked about how our God helps us 'To get it right' – like Zacchaeus and the Prodigal Son. He is always there to forgive when we don't get things right.

At our third session we talked about and discussed the beatitudes. In the Beatitudes – Jesus shows us how to live. The children chose one of these attitudes and worked in small groups, acting out a scenario which everyone else had to work out which attitude was depicted. The Children also created their own Beatitude wheel – some of which are on display at the back of church.

In session four, we looked at the Last Supper – the very first communion. We ate bread and drank grape juice and re-enacted when happened at that very special feast. We discussed what happens at Communion - how the bread and wine is transformed to the body and blood of Christ. When we receive communion – we are closer to God, it fills our spiritual needs, its special. We are re-living what happened at the Last Supper.

In our last session, we recapped on the Feeding of the five thousand and talked about how this story was linked to celebrating and coming together. We also planned for this very special day.

We would like to thank the children for their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work throughout the programme They have been lovely to work with.

We send a big thank you to the parents who brought them to every session and helped them with the home tasks too. It is so appreciated.

Special thanks to St Francis school for their continuous support – being able to use classrooms, hall space and for just being so welcoming.

May we keep all these First Communicants in our prayers this week and may they always walk in the light of God's love.

Mary and Charlotte

Important Diary Dates

Friday, July 10th @ 7.30pm Summer concert - Choir 1- with guests: Louise Coupe and Ivan Gaughan . Tickets £10 available to buy in church.

Saturday, July 11th - Exhibition in church on the theme of '*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*'.

Sunday, July 12th - Open Air mass in the school grounds to celebrate the Jubilee year of st Francis of Assisi and pets will be invited too.

The exhibition will stay on display over the weekend and people attending the open air mass can come into church to look at the displays.

Sunday, October 4th, St Francis' Feast Day, Bishop Paul to say mass.

