

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:

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 – The First Martyrs of the See of Rome
Wed – St. Oliver Plunkett
Fri – ST. THOMAS
Sat – St. Elizabeth of Portugal

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 28th June 2026

ST.PETER & ST PAUL

Holy Day of Obligation

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 **Rita Sherry**

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

We remember John Bennet, Florence Hildred, Peter Corbett,
Veronica Anne Holden & Mary Monica Wilding whose anniversaries
occurs around this time

There will be NO masses on Tuesday until further notice.

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

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 or contact Louise 07770515631. Refreshments & raffle – all proceeds in aid of the church fund.

Saturday 11th July, 11am – 3pm:, St Francis' Exhibition – 'Make me a Channel of your Peace'. As it is the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint. We would like to celebrate his life, legacy, and enduring message of peace, holiness, and care for creation. There will be: Childrens Artwork, Interactive displays, Community links, Homemade refreshments and the opportunity to chat, meet old and new friends and look at ways to build living, caring, communities in our world today. If anyone would like to bake for the event or donate a raffle prize it would be very gratefully appreciated.

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.

From the Archives

This Sunday, 29th June, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Peter and St Paul. The day commemorates the martyrdom of the two great disciples, assigned by tradition to the same day of June in the year 67. Both had been imprisoned in the infamous Mamertine Prison of Rome and both had foreseen their approaching death. It is said that they were martyred at the command of Emperor Nero. Even though they were killed on the same day, their method of execution would have differed. Saint Peter was crucified, whereas Saint Paul would have been beheaded with a sword as he was a Roman citizen and afforded a quicker execution. It is said of Peter that he

was crucified head downward as he didn't feel worthy of being crucified in the same way as Jesus. After Christ's Ascension, Peter always took the leading role, exercising the office of chief shepherd that Christ had entrusted to him. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the new Christian faith. It is certain that Peter laboured in Rome as an apostle, that he was the city's first bishop, and that he died there as a martyr, in 67 A.D. According to tradition he was also the first bishop of Antioch. He is the author of two letters, the first Christian encyclicals. His burial place is Christendom's most famous shrine, St Peter's Basilica, around whose dome are inscribed the words: '*Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam*' – *Thou Art Peter and Upon this Rock I shall build My Church.*

Paul, known as Saul, his Roman name before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Silicia. He was the son of Jewish parents who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin, he was reared according to the strict religious-nationalistic party of the Pharisees and enjoyed the high distinction of Roman citizenship. As a youth he went to Jerusalem to become immersed in Jewish Law. He also acquired the skill as a tent maker, a work he continued even as an apostle. Paul wasn't in Jerusalem at the time of Christ's ministry, nor did they ever meet. Upon returning to Jerusalem, Paul discovered a flourishing Christian community and at once became its bitter opponent. When Stephen called into question the Jewish Law, Paul was one of the first at his stoning; thereafter his fiery personality would lead to the persecution of any Christians he came across. Saul's conversion occurred when he was on his way to the city of Damascus and from then on, he became one of the most important Christian disciples and teachers. St Paul is responsible for much of the New Testament and is widely acclaimed as one of the most important apostles who spread the word of Jesus and Christianity. Thirteen out of the twenty-seven books of the bible are attributed to St. Paul.

The feast of St Peter and St Paul is one of the oldest feast days celebrated in the Christian calendar. In 2010, images of Peter and Paul were found on the wall of catacombs dating back to the 4th Century AD. On June 29th, many coastal and island communities around the Mediterranean decorate their boats and wharves to give praise to St. Peter, who was the patron saint of fishermen. The feast of St Peter and St Paul is known as a 'Solemnity'; this means that we can eat meat on that day even if it falls on a Friday when normally fish would be eaten. Have a Happy Feast Day!

Mike Bryan

