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Attendance and Collection

5thJul Attendance 72 Collection £276.70

12thJul Attendance 81 Collection £267.00

Feast days

Mon – St. Apollinaris

Tues – St. Laurence of Brindisi

Wed – ST. MARY MAGDALEN

Thurs – ST. BRIDGET

Fri – St. John Boste

Sat – ST. JAMES

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 19th July 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Margaret Mary Middleton & Winifred Rose Swarbrick
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

Monday 20th July, 7.30 pm – Members of the Whittingham and Goosnargh Heritage Association will be visiting our church for their monthly meeting. Michael Bryan will be giving a presentation on the theme of '**Why is St Francis, Hill Chapel, such an important historic church in Goosnargh?**' Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Our Open Mass

Thank you to all who came to our special Open Air mass last Sunday to celebrate our patron saint – St Francis. The sun shone, the pets were very well behaved. It was the ideal opportunity to socialise and the exhibition in the school hall was very well received. Special thanks to our pupils at school for their inspiring art exhibition on the theme of St Francis and to all who created displays for the event. Particular thanks also to all who helped behind the scenes to make the event such a success.

Choir 1 Event

Special thanks to Choir 1 (and special guests – especially our very own Louise Coupe) for their performance at church last week. It really was a beautiful summer concert and all thoroughly enjoyed the quality and variety of the songs and instrumentals performed. We would like to thank David Kennedy and all his choir for coming to entertain us and to raise money for church funds. It is so gratefully appreciated.

School News – July

As we reach the end of our school year we have so much to celebrate.

We say farewell to our Year Six pupils: **Bruce, Daniel, Emelia, Ezmae, Gabrielle, Henry, James, Joe, Mia, Nancy, Poppy, Rudi, Susie and William**. We held a special Leavers Mass for our leavers on Thursday. They took part in a Leavers Assembly on Friday and went tenpin bowling to celebrate the end of their time at St Francis'. As their parting gift to us they treated us to a visit from an ice-cream van! We send them our prayers and very best wishes as they move to High School.

We also held Our Pre-School Leavers' Celebration in school where the children were presented with gifts and individual folders to remember their time at the pre-school. It was very well supported by parents and family members.

The End of Year play 'Shakespeare Rocks' (Performed by Beacon Class) was packed with humour, singing and super acting! Well Done to all who took part.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the **Music Showcase** due to extreme weather conditions but rescheduled for the autumn term.

In the classroom, it has continued to be busy right up till the end of term. In **Religious education** we have been looking at Dialogue and Encounter, which focuses on learning about other religions and worldviews, while deepening pupils' understanding of their own Catholic faith.

The branch supports pupils to:

- Develop respect, understanding and appreciation of people from different faith backgrounds.
- Engage positively in dialogue with those who hold different beliefs.
- Recognise similarities and differences between faith traditions.
- Grow in religious literacy and cultural awareness.
- Live out Gospel values of dignity, respect, love and solidarity.

We managed to avoid the rain and held our **Sports Week** – which was very well attended by parents. Each class held their own sports afternoon, taking part in a variety of track and field events. We celebrated success in an inter-school sports tournament, where our tennis team reached the final, finishing overall runners up! Our netball and football teams represented school with great sporting attitudes too.

Our **Whole School Art exhibition** (celebrating St Francis' Jubilee and Refugee Week) was a great success and showcased some fantastic and thought-provoking work from all pupils, even our youngest children in nursery. The hall was filled with artistic and written responses to the plight of refugees and embracing our role as co-creators, inspired by St Francis.

We say Farewell and thank you to Mr McCarten who is leaving for pastures new and we welcome Mr Edge who will be joining us in Beacon Class in September.

Special thanks to our parents and our parishioners for their support too. We are so fortunate to be part of this caring community. Happy Holidays and Special Thank You Wishes from us all.

