

Longridge Foodbank Collection - We are continuing to collect for Longridge Foodbank . There are so many families struggling locally. So any help would be very gratefully appreciated.

St Francis, Hill Chapel, Facebook Page

We now have our own Facebook page – *St Francis, Hill Chapel, Goosnargh*. Do have a look and please share your ideas after visiting. Many thanks to Rohan Mathew for setting up and managing the Facebook page.

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

Attendance and Collection

14th Jun Attendance 56 Collection £237.00

21st Jun Attendance 71 Collection £356.00 Including Baptism

28th Jun Attendance 66 Collection £225.00

Feast days

Wed 29th July – Sts. Mary, Martha & Lazarus

Thurs – St. Peter Chrysologus

Fri – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sat – St Alphonsus

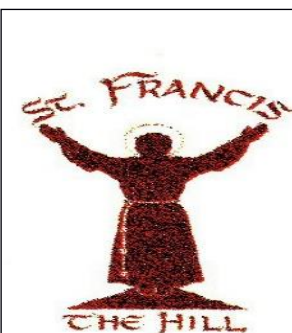
Tues 4th Aug – St. John Vianney

Thurs – THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD

Fri – St. Edmund Arroesmith , St. Ambrose Barlow (1st Friday Companions, Lancaster martyrs.

Sat – St. Dominic

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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Newsletter for:

Sunday 26th July 2026, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2nd August 2026, 8th 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 26th July is being offered for Bill Cookson recently deceased

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

We remember Catherine Nuala Gornall, William Hilary Gornall, Yvonne Kiernan, Edith Margaret Charnley & Constance Veronica Dewhurst whose anniversaries occur 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

Whittingham and Goosnargh Heritage Association Meeting

Many thanks to all who attended the meeting last Monday to find out more about **Why Our Parish – St Francis, Hill Chapel, is such an important parish in Goosnargh**. Thank You to Mike for his excellent presentation and for all the effort he put into researching beforehand. As Mike said – *‘It is so important we keep our lovely church going for future generations.’*

Choir 1 Concert for Church Funds

The concert raised £905 for church funds, With very grateful thanks to David Kennedy for conducting the choir and to special guests – Louise Coupe and Ivan Gaughan. It was a very enjoyable evening and we are so grateful for the very generous donation received.

From the Archives

This week when the schools are closed for the summer break and many families are enjoying a well-earned holiday, I offer some more light-hearted historical facts that have a tenuous link to the era when our parish presbytery was built. In the early 1500's most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and hoped that they still smelled reasonably good by June. However, just to be sure, brides started to carry a bouquet of flowers to hide any possible body odour. Hence the custom today of the bride carrying a bouquet when getting married.

In most common dwellings baths consisted of a big metal tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of bathing first in the nice clean water, then it would be the turn all the other sons and men in the family, followed by the women and then the children. Last of all the babies would be washed in the water which had by then become so dirty you could actually lose someone in it; hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

In the 1500's ordinary commoners would cook in the living room or, if they were fortunate to have one, in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables as they did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over again the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the origin of the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special, and when visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. This was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and 'chew the fat'.

Those with money had plates made of pewter and food with a high acid content often caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, which could result in lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 200 years or so, tomatoes were considered to be slightly poisonous. Bread was divided according to status, workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle and guests got the top, or 'the upper crust'.

Many houses had thatched roofs, -thick straw-piled high with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

All good fun and historically correct, enjoy the summer whatever you are doing!

Mike Bryan