

Longridge Foodbank Collection - We are continuing to collect for Longridge Foodbank.

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

Attendance and Collection

9th Aug Attendance 53 Collection £175.00

16th Aug Attendance 66 Collection £146.00

Feast days

Mon – St. Aidan & the Sts. of Lindisfarne

Tues – Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Thurs - ST.GREGORY THE GREAT

Fri – St. Cuthbert

Sat – St. Herbert

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

Mass for Healthcare Workers

All those working in healthcare (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more) are invited to Mass with our bishop on Saturday 17th October at 12.15 in Lancaster Cathedral. The bishop will celebrate a votive Mass of St Luke, the patron saint of doctors, praying for all those in our diocese who work in healthcare and all those they care for. There will be a chance to meet up with other Catholic healthcare workers over a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

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Sunday 30th August 2026

22nd 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 Mary Kathleen Johnson whose anniversary 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

Bishop's Mass to celebrate St Francis

The Bishop will now be leading the Sunday 10.30am mass for St. Francis' feast day on Sunday 11th October NOT on the 4th as originally planned.

From the Archives

Whilst searching through the parish archives, I recently came across the poems of an American writer Joyce Kilmer who was born in 1888. Though a prolific poet, whose works celebrated the common beauty of the natural world as well as his strong Catholic faith, Kilmer was also a journalist, literary critic, lecturer, and editor. While most of his works are largely unknown, a select few of his poems remain popular and are published frequently in anthologies, Kilmer was considered the leading American Roman Catholic poet and lecturer of his generation, whom critics often compared to British contemporaries [G. K. Chesterton](#) and [Hilaire Belloc](#). During WW1 he enlisted in the US Army and was deployed to France. He was killed by a sniper's bullet at the [Second Battle of the Marne](#) in 1918 at the age of 31. He was married to [Aline Murray](#), also an accomplished poet and author, with whom he had five children.

Perhaps his most famous poem is entitled 'Trees'; Whilst a very simple poem I think it is a most fitting one to be quoted here at Hill Chapel and share it with you today:

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast.
A tree that looks at God all day

And lifts her leafy arms to pray.
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair.
Upon whose bosom snow has lain
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Following Kilmer's death, the U.S. National Forest Service dedicated a 3,800-acre forest in Graham County, North Carolina, to the poet. The forest is one of the largest old growth forests in the Eastern United States. It contains a two-mile, figure-eight trail that includes a memorial plaque to the poet. In 1975 the memorial forest was joined with the Nantahala National Forest and was renamed the 'Joyce Kilmer Slickrock Wilderness'. A fitting tribute to a talented poet and devout Roman Catholic. R.I.P.

Mike Bryan