

- A fire blanket has been installed close to the altar and a new water fire extinguisher will be sited close to it next month.

An awful lot to take in but nonetheless extremely important should a fire emergency arise. The property group will continue to work on all the other safety requirements and I will report back to you shortly.

Finally, thanks to Joseph Jacob for managing our parish website,
<https://stfrancisgoosnargh.co.uk/>
 Mike Bryan Property Group Chair

Longridge Foodbank Collection – Anthony Eccles from Longridge Foodbank collected our donations this week and sent grateful thanks for all your contributions,

They are in need of the following items: Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Tinned fruit, Tomato ketchup, Toilet Rolls, Laundry pods/tablets, **Plus:** Pasta Sauce, Rice, Long Life Milk, Tinned Vegetables & Potatoes, Tins/Cartons Custard, Instant Mash, Washing up liquid, Sponge puddings, Rice pudding, Tinned Tomatoes, Biscuits, Long life fruit juice, Coffee.

Any help is very gratefully appreciated

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

Attendance and Collection

6th Sept Attendance 80 Collection £255.00
 13th Sept Attendance 115 Collection £357.20

Feast days

Mon – St. Wenceslaus
 Tues- STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL – Archangels
 Wed – St. Jerome
 Thurs – St. Terese of the Child Jesus
 Fri – The Holy Guardian Angels – Harvest Fast Day

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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Parish Safeguarding Representative – Maria Peel

Sunday 27th September 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Harvest Thanksgiving
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 Clarkson and Ibison Family

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

We remember Ellen Jean Mc Claron, Bernard Melling & Teresa Winifred Jones whose anniversaries occur around this time

We welcome into our church family **Elyssa Gunn** who will be baptised during mass today. May God's light shine on her always.

Next Sunday – Archie William Curwen will be baptised during mass.

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

Cafod Family Fast Day – Friday Oct 2nd.

In Zimbabwe, hunger and thirst are stopping children from learning. By donating today, you can help children stay in school by providing the food and safe water they need. Cafod envelopes are at the back of church or you can donate on our card machine via the Cafod link. Family Fast Day calls us to put our faith into action – any donation is so gratefully received.

St Francis Mass of Celebration -Sunday, 11th October

We are delighted to welcome BISHOP PAUL SWARBRICK, *Bishop of Lancaster* to OUR VERY SPECIAL FAMILY JUBILEE MASS - *Celebrating Together as One Parish Family* -To Celebrate the Season of Creation 2026 and St Francis 800th Jubilee..

Any offers of cakes for the celebration would be very welcome

From the Property Group

Several important projects have been completed and others are currently being dealt with by members of the property group.

Bell Tower. The work to re point large areas of the south facing wall of the church and to conduct urgent repairs to the bell tower has now been completed. Initial estimates for the work ranged from almost £10,000 to a much lower figure of £6,000. With the help of Bill Lambert, who project managed the scheme using accredited trade persons he knew and had worked with previously, the work was successfully completed for just over £3,300. This figure was further reduced due to a very generous donation of £780 from Goosnargh Parish Council. A letter of thanks has been sent to the Chairman.

Audio System Hearing Loop A few weeks ago the church hearing loop failed and needed urgent repair. Fortunately, George and John Ashton identified the problem and consulted with the audio company that fitted the system to have the amplifier repaired under warranty. Whilst the amplifier was away, George kindly fitted his own amplifier as a temporary replacement. All is now working perfectly; many thanks go to George and John.

Minor Repairs Several minor repairs, routine maintenance issues and cleaning tasks around the church and in the gardens, have continued to be carried out by our loyal band of volunteer parishioners. Fr Sony is very grateful to all those who give freely of their time in the service of the parish.

Fire Safety Issues. You may have noticed that several new Fire Exit signs and Assembly Point signs have appeared around the church and in the gardens. This is in response to new government legislation requiring all public buildings and churches to meet strict new fire safety standards. It follows evacuation problems experienced during the Manchester Arena Bombing and the Grenfell Tower fire disaster. All buildings must now have a fire safety audit conducted by an accredited Fire Safety Inspector. After consultation with the diocesan Health and Safety Officer, a registered inspector was appointed and he visited the church in July to conduct a comprehensive fire safety audit. This was followed up by a report requiring us to improve several areas of potential fire risk and to implement additional fire safety routines,

The list of tasks is too long to record here but I list below some of the key issues:

- There are two fire escape points– the front/back door of the church and the door to the sacristy - Fire Exit Signs are in place.
- Two assembly points have been identified – one next to the outside toilet block, the second next to the boiler house in the presbytery garden, both have Assembly Point Signage
- The parish must perform at least two fire drills a year. It is suggested that these are conducted in mild weather, after mass on two separate occasions. Fire Marshalls will be on hand to direct the congregation to the assembly points.
- The fire alarm will be tested once a week, (probably after mass on a Tuesday) all tests will be recorded in the fire log.
- The Emergency Lighting will be tested once a month and results recorded.
- The existing fire/smoke alarm system will be extended into the sacristy and presbytery dining room. (PTO)

