

Longridge Foodbank Collection - We are continuing to collect for Longridge Foodbank. They would really appreciate any 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

9th Aug Attendance 53 Collection £175.00

16th Aug Attendance 66 Collection £146.00

Feast days

Tues – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wed – St. Peter Claver

Sat – The Most Holy Name of Mary

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 6th September 2026

23rd 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 Parish

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

We remember Kelly Steyck and Bede Rogerson 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

Bishop's Mass to celebrate St Francis

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

Pilgrimage to St Mary's Grotto, Cleator, Cumbria

Every year the parish of St Mary's and St Josephs, Cleator Cumbria hold a special pilgrimage to the Grotto – which represents the Grotto at Lourdes and is located in the church grounds of St Mary's church Cleator.. This year the theme is "Our Lady, Star of the Sea." Mass is held outside at the Grotto with a Rosary Procession starting at 2.30pm at Cleator Moor Square heading to the Grotto. This special event attracts many parishioners from across the diocese and beyond. This special shrine to Our Lady will be one hundred years old next year.

The communities of Cleator and Cleator Moor in the west of Cumbria were dependent on the mining and iron industries, and during the Great Depression of the 1920s and 1930s, times were very difficult for many. Fr. Clayton (priest in Cleator from 1904 to 1954) placed an appeal in the national Catholic press for help and support for the many families who were struggling. Generous support was received from around the country. To provide employment for some of the parishioners Fr. Clayton bought some land adjoining the church's site and asked for volunteers to help construct a replica of the Grotto at Lourdes. These volunteers were rewarded with vouchers for food and clothing. The Grotto was constructed with stone from local quarries

The Grotto was opened on the 30th October 1927, and rapidly became a focus for pilgrimage from all parts of the diocese.

The design of the Grotto has altered over the years. In 1927, the statue of Our Lady was central. In 1982 a statue of St. Bernadette was added and dedicated to the late Christopher Hill and to Fr. G. A. Dawson OSB, who served as Curate from 1926 until 1930.

The Grotto was dedicated by Cardinal Basil Hume in 1980.

Today the Grotto - the shrine of Our Lady at Cleator, is the final destination on **St Mary's Way – a Pilgrim Way for the Diocese of Lancaster from the Cathedral of St Peter's Lancaster to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator**. Many people partake in the pilgrimage in September so they are able to attend the annual procession and mass at the Grotto at Cleator.

The 69.8 mile route takes in quiet canal side paths, the wide open views of Morecambe Bay, England's longest lake and a climb in the shadow of Lakeland's highest mountains, finishing at the peaceful grotto built in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in West Cumbria.

The complete route runs from Lancaster to Arnside, Grange-Over-Sands to Lakeside at Windermere, along the west side of Windermere to Elterwater then over to Rosthwaite then to Ennerdale Bridge and finally to Cleator. The route follows a number of well-established long distance walks including the Lancashire Coastal Way, the Windermere Way, the Cumbria Way and the Coast to Coast Walk.

The walk can be done over six days with the following suggested itinerary:

- Day 1 - Lancaster to Arnside - 15 miles
- Day 2 - Grange over Sands to Lakeside - 9 miles
- Day 3 - Lakeside to Elterwater -15 miles
- Day 4 - Elterwater to Rosthwaite - 10 miles
- Day 5 - Rosthwaite to Ennerdale Bridge - 13 miles
- Day 6 - Ennerdale Bridge to Cleator - 5 miles

The walk was first completed over the summer of 2018 by Peter, Benedict, Jacob and Tony Robinson.

Whilst it is too late to partake in the pilgrimage this year, we are giving you plenty of notice in case you would like to start practising for the special centenary walk next year..

