

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 – DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

Tues – St. Bruno

Wed – Our Lady of the Rosary

Fri – ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Sat – St. Paulinus of York

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

Thinking of being a priest? Come to the Day of Discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: **Saturday 31 October 10am - 3.30pm** at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Rd, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Enter at Cathedral House on Balmoral Rd. The day includes Mass, adoration, reflections and lunch with Bishop Paul. To book, email Heather: heather.watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge for the day. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese of Lancaster exploring vocation to priesthood.



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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 4th October 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis' Feast Day

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 James Gornall, George Ibison & Kathleen D'Arcy whose anniversaries occurs around this time

We welcome into our church family **Archie William Curwen** who will be baptised during mass today. May God's light shine on him always.

Tuesday mass resumes on October 13th @ 9.30am

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**

THE ROLE OF OUR LADY IN HOLY MASS

by Fr. William G. Most

Since Vatican II said (*On the Liturgy*, no.10) that the Mass is the renewal of the new covenant, and since the Council of Trent said the Mass is the sacrifice of Calvary represented, "only the manner or offering being changed", therefore we would expect Mary to have a role in the Mass parallel to that which she had on Calvary.

Pope John Paul II in an address in St. Peter's square on Sunday Feb. 12, 1984 said: "Today I wish to dwell with you on the

Blessed Virgin's presence in the celebration of the Liturgy.... Every liturgical action ... is an occasion of communion ... and in a particular way with Mary.... Because the Liturgy is the action of Christ and of the Church ... [and] she is inseparable from one and the other.... Mary is present in the memorial--the liturgical action--because she was present at the saving event.... She is at every altar where the memorial of the passion and Resurrection is celebrated, because she was present, faithful with her whole being to the Father's plan, at the historic salvific occasion of Christ's death." (from English edition of *Observatore Romano*, Feb. 20, 1984, p. 10)

A sacrifice consists of the external sign and the interior dispositions which the sign expresses. In the Cenacle the external sign was the seeming separation of His body and blood. On the Cross, it was the physical separation. But in both cases, and on our altars, the interior is the disposition of His Heart, most basically, obedience to the Father (Rom 5.19). His disposition on our altars is not a repeat of that which He had on Calvary, it is the continuation, for death makes permanent the attitude of soul with which one leaves the body. Mary shares in the external sign of the Mass in that the flesh and blood are still those He received from her. She shares in the interior dispositions of His Heart, with which she is eternally united. Therefore the Mass is not the time to stop thinking of her. Rather, the more closely one is united with her, the more closely one is united with Her Son. Therefore, let no one say we should forget her at Mass. Rather, the more closely one is joined to her there, the more closely to Jesus--and vice versa.

