

Third Sunday of the Year

Day	Time and Place	Intention	Donor
22 nd January	9.30am	People of the Parish	HC
23 rd January	6.30pm	Mary & William O'Neill	HC
24 th January	9.15am	Theresa Griffiths xc	HC

Sunday readings are for the second Sunday year A The weekday readings are for the third week of ordinary time.

Feasts of the Week:	Day	Intention
	Tuesday	- St. Francis de Sales
	Wednesday	- The Conversion of St. Paul
	Thursday	- Sts. Timothy & Titus
	Friday	- St. Angela Merici
	Saturday	- St. Thomas Aquinas

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Rosamond Annie Beatrice Wells, Anna Maria Wright, Cornelius William Donovan, Jean Margaret Fielding, Mary Theresa Griffiths, Connie Burrow and Basil Knight.

Attendance & Collection: Week ending 8th January
 Attendance - 63 Collection - £212.77

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
18 – 25 th January			Week of prayer for Christian Unity
22 nd January	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
22 nd January	3.00pm	Trinity Methodists	BVCT Unity Service
29 th January	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
24 th January	7.00pm	School	Parish Pastoral Group Meeting
5 th February	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
13 th – 21 st Feb.		School	Half Term
26 th February	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
5 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
8 th March	5.30pm	Presbytery	W Y A Programme No 4
12 th March	9.30am	Church	Family Mass
19 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
26 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
9 th – 16 th April		Church	Holy Week and Easter



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Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron, St. Francis, 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.



This Sunday: Christians may be puzzled at times like other people. But they are never completely in the dark. Jesus is our light and our help. He helps us see the real meaning to our lives. He also asks us to represent Him, just as he asked the fishermen of Galilee to become fishers of men in His name.

Unity Week: The week of prayer for Christian Unity is from the 18th - 25th January. Christian unity week was started almost a century ago. It was a statement against the shame of Christian disunity following the Reformation. The resolution was to work and pray together in all that conscience allows.

We are having a service of Christian Unity on Sunday, 3.00pm at Trinity Methodist Chapel. Would as many as possible attend this short service?

Christian Unity Service

3.00 pm this Sunday

Trinity Methodist Chapel Goosnargh

All parishioners and friends are urged to attend this important work of Christian Unity.

Parish Pastoral Council: meets on the 24th January. If parishioners have any matter to bring up, please give details either to myself or to Mr. Chris. Moran, the Chair. Members of the Parish are entitled to sit in on the discussions. Fr. Philip.

Many Hands Make Light Work: Our parish is successful. But the parish is short of people to run it. We need Eucharistic Ministers, an assistant sacristan, helpers in the music ministry, children's liturgy leaders, helpers to maintain the grounds and the parish property, an assistant Newsletter editor, a volunteer parish secretary, Holy Communion and Confirmation course assistants, assistant accountants and cashiers and the like. I would dearly like to start a baptism preparation programme for those bringing children to baptism. There is so much help needed. As a result of this appeal we have received generous offers from three parishioners: one to be a new Eucharistic minister and two to be new Foundation Governors. But we still need more help. Please think what you can offer and discuss without obligation. Fr. Philip.

Gravestone Survey: The health and safety of our parish requires us to do a gravestone 'wobble' test. Some need early attention to make them firm. They are as follows. (I mention the last of the names on each gravestone). If nobody wants to care for the graves in question, then the Property Committee will have to take whatever action they think proper to make them safe. I ask any relatives to contact me. If you know of relatives please bring this item to their attention
Old cemetery, near hedge: Florence Vaughan; Old cemetery, main part: Richard Ibison, Elizabeth Kathleen Holden, John Holden; New Cemetery: Nuala Gornall.

Some graves show slight movement, but are not of immediate concern. I recommend the family to repair them. Near Hedge: Andrew John Holden; Old Cemetery: Frances Gornall, Martha Croft, Many thanks, and also my thanks to those who maintain our graveyard so carefully. Fr. Philip.

Chicken Coop Problems: Parishioners are asked not to visit the school chickens over this weekend. The cockerel is getting aggressive and can peck. He will be re-housed in a welcoming home next week. I suppose he has a sort of bird 'ASBO'. Fr. Philip.

Vocation Intercession: We pray for the priests working in our Diocese who have come from abroad. We thank God for their ministry and ask him to bless them for their generosity. May their missionary spirit encourage young people of our parishes to consider their own vocation.

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 28th January.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits available after the Sunday Mass.

All parishioners, friends and visitors are very welcome to join us.

Notices:

Preston Life Group Meeting: Our Lady & St. Edward's, Monday, 30th January at 7.30pm.

BVCT Whalley Abbey Walk: 2nd July. Provisional timetable – 1pm. gather for picnic lunch, 2pm. depart, 4 – 4.30pm/ return. Service in the Abbey grounds.