

Day	Time and Place	Intention
30th July	10.30am	John Earnshaw

Sunday readings; year A.
Please Note: There will be no Holy Mass on Mondays until further notice.

Feasts of the week:

Monday	- St. Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday	- St. Alphonsus
Friday	- St. John Vianney
Saturday	- Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, William Hilary Gornall, Kathleen Thompson, Thomasina Kitching, Very Reverend Alphonsus Richardson and Bella Walmsley.

Attendance & Collection.

Attendance - 62 Collection - £247.99
 Good Shepherd Collection - £43.70

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
21 st July	1.30pm		End of Term
23 rd July			Summer Holidays
4 th Sept			Autumn Term commences



St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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 (newsletter items)

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 30th July, 2017**

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.

Next Sunday is the feast of the Transfiguration.

Cycle of Prayer: Until September we are asked to pray for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; for Europe especially on 9th August, St. Teresa Benedicta.

Sick of the Parish: If you would like the parish to pray for someone who is currently sick, please email news@stfrancis.org.uk or ring Fr. Sony on 01772 865229. It will then be included on the sick list of the Newsletter. Please pray for all who are sick in our parish. We have an area in church where you can write on a card and hang it up if you prefer it not to go on the parish newsletter. M. Peel.

Vocation Intercession: We pray for all those who share in the vocation to married life. May husbands and wives love, cherish and forgive each other as Christ loves the Church, and may they be an example of joy to their families and friends.

Notes from the Parish Archives: We now have quite a collection of documents and photographs in the parish archive files. The files are stored in the presbytery office and are available to view and, in some cases, to borrow by those interested. However, I feel it might be worthwhile publishing, perhaps once a month, a short extract from the files on the parish bulletin. I am always interested in acquiring any other parish documents or bulletins that you may wish to share from days gone by. My email address is: mbryan@dsl.pipex.com

This month, and thanks to Tom Ibison for lending me a collection of old bulletins, I offer the following statistics from the 1990's when Fr. Pat McMahon was Parish Priest.

During that period four masses were celebrated each weekend – Saturday evening at 7.30, and at 8.00, 9.15 and 10.45 on Sunday mornings. The average Sunday mass attendance was 385.

Perhaps this was due in part to the fact that the 9.15am. mass was celebrated at St Luke's chapel in Whittingham Hospital? How things change; the weekly mass attendance now is circa 86! Mike Bryan.

Weekly Saint – 4th August - St. John Vianney: Born to a peasant family in Dardilly, France, John desired from a young age to be a priest. After years of difficult study in the seminary, he was ordained and assigned to the village of Ars, near Lyons. He brought Christ to his parishioners through the fervent celebration of the Eucharist, assistance to the poor, and above all, the sacrament of penance. Reputed to have the gift of seeing souls, he spent between eleven and sixteen hours a day reconciling sinners to God. Hundreds of pilgrims availed themselves of his aid every week. The cure was still hearing confessions from his bed a few days before his death on 4th August, 1859. M. Peel.

Monthly Prayer: *No one is insignificant. God loves all of*

us with a special love; for him all of us are important. You are important ! Pope Francis.

Red Missio Boxes: Please could the Red Missio Boxes be brought in for collection over the next week or two. B. Coulthurst.

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 26th August.

Notices:

Sale of Religious Items: The Carmelite Convent on St. Vincent's Road, Fulwood, and the **Repository at Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh**, now have items for sale for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Rosary Beads, etc., as well as a large selection of cards for various occasions. Other items can be ordered on request.

Facing Depression Together: support group for those with mental health concerns, e.g. anxiety, depression. Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, Preston, PR1 2NL. Thursday evening, 7.30 – 9.00pm. Be heard, respected and accepted, and receive help to work through mental health concerns.

Gentle Approach to Cancer Association: Meetings on 2nd Saturday of every month. Gerrard St., off Bow Lane, Preston. For more information contact Joan Moran on 865024 or www.gentleapproach.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 26th – 29th September. Cost - £265.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits available after the Sunday Mass.
All parishioners, friends and visitors are very welcome to join us.