

Day	Time and Place	Intention
17th Sept.	10.30am	
Sunday readings: year A		
Please Note: There will be no Holy Mass on Mondays until further notice.		

Feasts of the week:

Sunday	- St. Robert Bellarmine
Tuesday	- St. Thomas of Canterbury
Wednesday	- Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang – Martyrs of Korea
Thursday	- St. Matthew
Friday	- Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday	- St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Elizabeth Holden, Catherine Leonard, Helena Roberts, Mary Crook, Monica Melling and Elizabeth Hardacre.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
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Vocation Intercession: That those called to give their lives for the sake of the Gospel as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will glory in the cross of Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord.

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.



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th September, 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.

Today is Home Mission Day. There is a Special Collection.

Next Sunday there will be a Special Collection for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

Cycle of Prayer: (September to Christ the King)

The Harvest and Care of Creation on – World Day for Care of Creation, 24th Sept or whenever our Harvest Festival is held; The Spread of Gospel – Home Mission Day, 17th Sept. & World Mission Day, 22nd Oct.; Justice and Peace on Harvest Fast Day – 6th Oct.; Prisoners & Dependants Day, 8th Oct.; All Victims of War Remembrance Day, Sunday 12th Nov.; Young People – Christ the King, 26th Nov.

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. 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

From The Archives

You may have heard of the Dutch Saint, St Willibrord; but do you know the connection this saint has with our parish and school here at St Francis? As our school begins a new academic year I thought it appropriate this month to go back in the archives 78 years to September 1939; Britain had declared war on Germany and the country was in crisis. Plans were being hastily made to evacuate children from our large cities to the safer environment of the countryside. The teachers and parents of St Willibrord's Catholic School in Clayton, East Manchester, were particularly concerned as their school was sited near to the AVRO airplane factory where the components for the Lancaster Bomber were being manufactured. Arrangements were made, therefore, for thirty-seven pupils from St Willibrord's to be evacuated to Goosnargh and for them to attend St Francis' School. They were taught by the teachers of The Hill and accommodated by local families. Some of our parishioners may remember these events and may even have been a member of a family who gave them shelter. St Willibrord's is still a thriving catholic school and rumour has it that the Parish Priest of St Willibrord's is prepared to speak at great length about their patron Saint!

Details of the school can be found at www.st-willibrords.manchester.sch.uk
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Monthly Prayer: *The Lord wants to work one of the greatest miracles we can experience; he wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands into sings of reconciliation of communion, or creation. He wants your hands to continue building the world of today.*

Pope Francis.

St. Robert Bellarmine: A native of Tuscany, Robert Bellarmine was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1570, and spent most of his life in Rome where he taught at the Roman College and composed his **On the Controversies**, a classic of the Counter Reformation. The poor of the city considered him "the new poverello", a reference to St. Francis, to whom Robert had an intense

devotion. After he was made cardinal in 1599, Robert's cardinal's ring was frequently in pawn to provide funds for the needy. He gave the costly drapes of his apartment to clothe the poor. "Walls cannot catch cold," he remarked. He died on 17th September, 1621, the feast of the stigmata of St. Francis.

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 30th September

Notices:

Sale of Religious Items: The Carmelite Convent on St. Vincent's Road, Fulwood, and the **Repository at Ladywell, 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.

Goosnargh & Whittingham Heritage Group AGM: Monday, 18th September at 7.30pm. Question & Answer session with author Janet Rigby on her current book 'A Journey in Time through Goosnargh, Whittingham & Inglewhite'.

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