

Day	Time and Place	Intention
15th Oct.	10.30am	
Sunday readings: year A		
Please Note: There will be no Holy Mass on Mondays until further notice.		

Feasts of the week:

Monday	-	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Tuesday	-	St. Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday	-	St. Luke
Thursday	-	St. Paul of the Cross

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Keith Michael Piner, Maria Catherine Flynn, Edmund Young, Martha Rowcroft, Evelyn Amriding, Zita Ogden, Henry Clement and Ellen Marsh.

Attendance & Collection:

Attendance - 112 Collection - £296.00
 Special Collection - £65.90

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	Occasion
15 th October	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
22 nd October	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
26 th October	1.30	School	Open Afternoon
27 th October	10.30	School	Coffee Morning Music Showcase
27 th October			Half Term Begins
6 th November			Return to school



St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 15th October, 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: Please welcome Fr. John Gray who has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass today.

Next Sunday is World Mission Day; there will be a Special Collection for APF.

Cycle of Prayer: (September to Christ the King)
 World Mission Day, 22nd Oct.; All Victims of War Remembrance Day, Sunday 12th Nov.; Young People – Christ the King, 26th Nov.

Vocation Intercession: We pray for all our seminarians preparing for priestly service in our Diocese, that they may persevere in their studies opening their hearts to God's grace. We ask God's blessing on their families.

Sick of the Parish: If you would like the parish to pray for someone who is currently sick, please email news@stfrancisgoosnargh.org.uk or ring Fr.

Sony on 01772 865229. It will then be included on the sick list of the Newsletter. 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.

Eucharistic Ministers: On Sunday, 29th October, the Eucharistic Ministers are to be re-commissioned during Mass. Eucharistic Ministers facilitate the orderly distribution of Holy Communion, they also make it possible for everyone at Mass to receive Holy Communion under both kinds. Eucharistic Ministers render to bring consolation to our sick and housebound, who are enabled by their ministry, to receive Holy Communion every week, to be united with our Sunday act of worship, and of course, to enjoy some human companionship and some regular contact with the everyday life of the church in this parish. If you feel you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister in our parish please speak to Fr. Sony or any of the current Ministers, Moira, Joan, Nina, Maria, Joe or Tom.

Blessings: Adults and children who would like a blessing during Communion please go to Fr. Sony.

WYA First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Course: Our First Holy Communion and Reconciliation sacramental programme has begun for all children in Year 4 or above. We follow the “With You Always” programme which recognises that parents are the first teachers of their children. Parent come long to sessions with their child and with the support of catechists, help them prepare for these special sacraments. Sessions are held in the presbytery on a Wednesday evening, 5.00-6.00pm unless otherwise stated. Next session – 25th October – Names/Saints.

Harvest: To celebrate Harvest this Autumn, the parish and school would like to support a local food bank. We will be collecting food for a local food bank at [Ingol](#). If you are able to donate tins of food and non-perishable food items such as pasta, rice, etc, please leave them at the back of church over the next four weeks. They will be collected and sent to Ingol food bank. Thank you. M. Peel.

Letter from the School. We are having an ‘Open Afternoon’ in school on Thursday, 26th October, at 1.30pm onwards. Please do come along if you can. We would love to show you all of the wonderful things that are happening in and around school. We are having a ‘Coffee Morning Music Showcase’ in school on Friday, 27th October. This starts at 10.30am. The school band, choir, Glee club and soloists will be performing. We would love you to come and be a part of our celebration of musical talent. Every

Friday is ‘Golden Award Assembly’ and you are always warmly welcome to drop in from 9.05-9.30am.

From the Archives: The Month of October: On Wednesday, 4th Oct. we celebrated the feast of our patron saint, St. Francis, who founded the Church’s Franciscan order; he lived in Italy during the late 12th and 13th centuries. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. He is perhaps best remembered, however, for his love for animals and nature. St. Francis died at Portiuncula, Italy, on 4th Oct, 1226. Pope Gregory IX pronounced St. Francis a saint in 1228. The pope also laid the foundation stone for the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. The church, also known as the Basilica of San Francesco d’Assisi, is a UNESCO world heritage site. On 11th Oct. 1987, our own parishioners celebrated his feast day with a special mass followed by a parish pilgrimage to White Hill Farm, the site of the first church of the refounded parish. Announcing the event in the parish bulletin, Fr. P. McMahon wrote: *‘The pilgrimage will be a happy and joyful event rather than a solemn occasion. On the way we want to sing, pray, laugh and chat. Children and adults are invited to bring musical instruments; a banner or two would help the atmosphere. Bring your dogs – I believe some dogs sing very well! The pilgrimage begins at 2.30pm. after the extra mass at 2.00pm; please don’t start without me; give me time to unvest!’*

Some of you will remember that pilgrimage and may even have taken part.

The Property Group oversees the maintenance and development of the church, presbytery and grounds. One of the members has recently retired from the group and we need to find a replacement. Can you spare a little time to assist? It would involve attendance at 3 or 4 evening meetings each year plus helping ensure necessary work is completed. Contact admin@stfrancisgoosnargh.org.uk if you feel you can help or would like to chat about the role.

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

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

