

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time and</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Intention</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.30am	Church	Brendon Thomas Dewhurst

Sunday readings: year A

**Please Note:** There will be no Holy Mass on Mondays until further notice.

**Feasts of the week:**

Monday	- St. John Damascene
Wednesday	- St. Nicholas
Thursday	- St. Ambrose
Friday	- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Anniversaries from our List:** Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially George Moore, Marjorie Ellen Gornall, Alice Cutler, Mary Elizabeth Whitehead, Thomas Gornall, Joan Singleton, Mary Evelyn Corbett, Margaret Bolton, Margaret Mahon, John James Carter and Margaret Penchion.

**Attendance & Collection:**

Attendance - 82      Collection - £262.40

**Dates for Your Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.30	Church	Family Mass
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	After Mass	School	Christmas Fair
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7pm	Goosnargh Church	Lancashire Sings Christmas Children's Liturgy
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30	Church	
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	2pm & 6pm.	"	Infant Nativity
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	1.30		School breaks up
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	3pm.	Inglewhite Con. church	Christian Unity Service



## St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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 (newsletter items)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December, 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 Migrants Day. There is also a collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund.

**Sick of the Parish:** Please pray for Ted Eastham who is sick. If you would like the parish to pray for someone who is currently sick, please email [news@stfrancis.org.uk](mailto:news@stfrancis.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.

**Recent deaths and Anniversaries:** Please pray for the following and their families: Mrs. Mawson, whose funeral was held last Wednesday and Bob

Barron's mother who has died recently. Mass intention today is for Brendon Thomas Dewhurst and next Sunday the intention will be for Margaret Penchion.

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

**From the Bishop of Lancaster:** Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for December - For the Elderly.**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**Parish Census:** Thank you to all those who have returned their census forms. There is some confusion as to whom they relate to. Firstly those Baptised Catholics who live in the parish, but also those who live outside the Parish but who worship there are asked to complete the form. There are forms as the back of church together with a box to collect the completed forms.

**Christmas Fair:** The Christmas Fair will be held in school on 10<sup>th</sup> December after Family Mass. If anyone has any donations of bottles or items for the tombola, we would be very grateful. The Parish is also doing a cake stall and refreshments; if you are able to help by baking or assisting at the Fair please let me know. M. Peel.

**Safeguarding:** Your Safeguarding representative is Maria Peel. For contact details please see the Safeguarding poster at the back of church. Safeguarding representatives have special responsibility for promoting good

and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk. The Safeguarding Co-ordinator can be contacted on 01772 728433 Find out more: [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)  
[www.lancasterdiocese.org.uk](http://www.lancasterdiocese.org.uk)

**Advent Challenge:** As we start Advent I thought it would be nice if we were able to continue to donate to Ingol Food Bank. Each day through Advent children enjoy opening the Advent calendar especially with the lure of chocolate inside. It would be lovely to give throughout Advent to those who need our help especially at this time of the year. No family should go hungry especially at Christmas. I am going to take on the challenge of donating daily throughout the next 25 days. If you can join me or donate a few items of non-perishable foods, I am sure the food bank would be very grateful. Items can be left at the back of church in the festive boxes. M. Peel.

**Next Cleaning & Gardening Day:** 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Notices:**

**Lancashire Sings Christmas:** Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

Come and join the carol singing with Radio Lancashire by the Christmas tree at the end of Beacon Drive, Goosnargh. Refreshments will be served by Trinity Methodists. Carol singing will also be broadcast in the chapel, you are welcome to sit inside if you prefer and if the weather is wet. All welcome. K. Ashton.

**Preston Orpheus Choir – Christmas Concert:** Preston Orpheus Choir is delighted to kick off Christmas with its annual "Festive Christmas" Concert featuring traditional and modern Christmas choral pieces, music from Freckleton Brass Band and plenty of well-loved Christmas pieces perfect for audience participation. The Concert will be held on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, at 7.00pm at St. Michael & All Angels' CE Church, Egerton Road, Preston, PR2 1AJ, and tickets are priced at £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s and are available from 01772 735197.

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

