

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time and</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Intention</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Church	Margaret Penchion

Sunday readings: year B

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

**Feasts of the week:**

Monday	- St. Damasus I
Tuesday	- Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday	- St. Lucy
Thursday	- St. John of the Cross

**Anniversaries from our List:** Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Henry Eccles, William Eccles, Charles Frederick Webb, Anna Moon, Richard Gornall, Lucy Ann Nelson, Francis Herbert Drake, Winifred Ibison, Agnes Nita Foden and Richard Ibison.

**Attendance & Collection:**

. Attendance - 82      Collection - £166.60  
 Diocesan Poor Mission Fund - £39.30

**Dates for Your Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What</b>
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)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10<sup>th</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.*

**Christmas Masses:**

Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	6pm – Vigil Mass of Sunday at Hill Chapel 7pm – Vigil Mass of Sunday at Claughton
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	No morning mass at Hill Chapel or Claughton 6pm - Christmas Vigil Mass at Hill Chapel 9pm - Christmas Vigil Mass at Claughton
Christmas Day, 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9am – Mass at Claughton 10.30am – Mass at Hill Chapel
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	8am – Adoration at Claughton 9am – Holy Mass at Claughton

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Christmas Fair:** The Christmas Fair will be held in school today 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.

**From the Archives: The origins of 'Silent Night'**

The carol was first performed on [Christmas Eve](#), 1818, at St Nicholas parish church in [Oberndorf](#), a village in the [Austrian Empire](#) on the [Salzach](#) river in present-day Austria. A young priest, Father Joseph Mohr, had come to Oberndorf the year before. He had written the lyrics of the carol "Stille Nacht" in 1816. Mohr brought the words to [Franz Xavier Gruber](#), schoolmaster and [organist](#) in the nearby village of [Arnsdorf](#). Fr. Mohr asked Gruber to compose a melody for the Christmas Eve mass using his words. Legend has it that on Christmas Eve night the organ in the church had been damaged by mice so together they performed the new carol playing the melody on a guitar. It was declared an '[intangible cultural heritage](#)' by [UNESCO](#) in 2011. The song has been recorded by a large number of singers from every music genre. The version sung by [Bing Crosby](#) is the [third best-selling single of all-time](#). Have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. M. Bryan

**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.

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