

Day	Time	Place	Intention
11 th March	10.30	Church	Mrs. G. Ibison, D & R. Clarkson, T. Burrows & all the Cowell family

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B

Feasts of the Week: Sat. St. Patrick, patron of Ireland.

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Joanne Higham, Andrew Kenna, Edmund Campion Gillow, Maureen Ryan, Lara Kristie Jones, John Marsh, Jacob McGrath and Mary Kerfoot.

Attendance & Collections:

Attendance - 61 Collection - £176.00

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
11 th March	10.30	Church	Family Mass – Mother’s Day
18 th March	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
25 th March	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
30 th March	9.00	St. Eadmer’s	Stations of the Cross
1 st April	10.30	Church	Easter Sunday
8 th April			School holiday
15 th April			Return to school
22 nd April	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
29 th April	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
6 th May	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
13 th May	10.30	Church	Family Mass
20 th May	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
27 th May			Half Term
3 rd June			Return to school
10 th June	10.30	Church	Family Mass/1 st Holy Communion
17 th June	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
24 th June	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
1 st July	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy
8 th July	10.30	Church	Family Mass
15 th July	10.30	Church	Children’s Liturgy



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 11th March, 2018

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 Mothering Sunday.

Mass Intention for Today is for Mrs. G. Ibison, D. & R. Clarkson, T. Burrows & all the Cowell family.

Easter Masses: Maundy Thursday, 29th March, 7.00pm. Claughton
Good Friday, 30th March, 3.00pm. Hill Chapel
Easter Vigil, Saturday, 31st March, Claughton
Easter Sunday, 1st April, 9.00am. Claughton
10.30am. Hill Chapel

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. 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.

Cycle of Prayer during Lent: We are asked to pray for candidates for the Sacraments especially on the Sundays of Lent; the Needy & Hungry of the World and for Penitents and Wanderers.

Children's Liturgy: There are currently four Children's Liturgists in the parish and more are needed. It involves taking Children's Liturgy approximately once every six weeks. If you feel you can help please contact Mary Doran. M. Barron.

Confirmation. Help is needed to prepare the children for Confirmation. If you are able to spare a little time to help, please contact Jenny Rossall on jennyrossall@hotmail.co.uk



First Holy Communion: The next session Of the WYA course will be on Wednesday, 21st March.

Hand rail to Cellar Steps: Mr. Steve Hardacre has recently manufactured and fitted a handrail to the cellar steps. Steve has done this at no charge. The parish is very grateful to Steve for this, and for the other work he has carried out. M. Barron.

Good Friday: 30th March, 9.00am. Brock Valley Churches Together Stations of the Cross Walk from Bleasdale School (Village Hall) followed by Jacob's Join lunch in the Village Hall. See poster at the back of church.

From the Archives: The Origins of Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday, sometimes known as Mother's Day, is held on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday and usually falls in the second half of March or early April.

Mothering Sunday was originally a time when people returned to the church, in which they were baptised or where they attended services when they were children. This meant that families were reunited as adults returned to the

towns and villages where they grew up. In time, it became customary for young people who were working as servants in large houses, to be given a holiday on Mothering Sunday. They could use this day to visit their own mother and often took a gift of food or hand-me-down clothing from their employers to her. In turn, this moved towards the modern holiday, on which people still visit and take gifts to their mothers.

Traditionally, people observed a Lenten fast, however, the fast was lifted slightly on Mothering Sunday and many people prepared a Simnel cake to eat with their family on this day.

A Simnel cake is a light fruit cake covered with a layer of marzipan and with a layer of marzipan baked into the middle of the cake. Traditionally, Simnel cakes are decorated with 11 or 12 balls of marzipan, representing the 11 disciples and, sometimes, Jesus Christ. One legend says that the cake was named after Lambert Simnel who worked in the kitchens of Henry VII of England sometime around the year 1500.

We wish all mothers a very Happy Mothering Sunday. Mike Bryan

BVCT: A Picnic, Walk and Outdoor Service will take place in Whalley Abbey grounds on Sunday, 15th July

Notices:

Pilgrimage to Knock: Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 7th May, 2018. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Park House with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email kmockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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

