

Day	Time	Place	Intention
18 th March	10.30	Church	Jack Ashton

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.
 Sunday readings: year B

Feasts of the Week: Mon. St. Joseph

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially James Melia, Dominic Flynn, Mary Hardacre and John Richardson.

Attendance & Collections:

Attendance - 113 Collection - £466.10

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
18 th March	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
25 th March	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
28 th March	5.45	Whittingham Social Club	Family Easter Bingo
29 th March	1.30		School breaks up
30 th March	9.00	St. Eadmer's	Stations of the Cross
1 st April	10.30	Church	Easter Sunday
8 th April	10.30	Church	
15 th April	10.30	Church	Return to school
22 nd April	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
28 th April		Marriott Hotel	Spring Social
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	10.30	Church	Half Term
3 rd June	10.30	Church	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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
18th 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.

Mass Intention for Today is for John (Jack) Ashton.

Easter Masses: Maundy Thursday, 29th March, 7.00pm. Claughton
 Good Friday, 30th March, 3.00pm. Hill Chapel
 Easter Vigil, Saturday, 31st March, 8.00pm. 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.

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

In 325 the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox, 21st March. Easter is delayed by 1 week if the full moon is on a Sunday, which decreases the chances of it falling on the same day as the Jewish Passover. In the Gregorian calendar, Easter falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25; this year it falls on 1st April.

There have been many suggested reforms for the Easter date, for example, in 1997 the World Council of Churches proposed a reform of the Easter calculation to replace an equation-based method of calculating Easter with direct astronomical observation.

This would have solved the Easter date difference between churches that

observe the Gregorian calendar and those that observe the Julian calendar. The reform was proposed to be implemented in 2001, but it is not yet adopted.

Another example of a proposed reform occurred in the United Kingdom, where the *Easter Act 1928* was established to allow the Easter date to be fixed as the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. However, this law was not implemented, although it remains on the UK Statute Law Database.

All very simple and straightforward! Mike Bryan

School Holy Week Events: Each class will be leading assemblies for parents, school children and parishioners. 22nd March – Palm Liturgy in church at 2.30pm. 26th March – The Last Supper, 27th March – Garden of Gethsemane, 28th March – Stations of the Cross and 29th March – Resurrection of Christ.

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

Notices:

Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group:

Next members meeting is on Monday, 19th March, at Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE. We will meet at 6.30pm at Bow Lane, anyone requiring transport, please meet at the Grapes Inn, Goosnargh, at 6.00pm.

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 knockpilgrimages@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**