

Day	Time	Place	Intention
25 th March	10.30	Church	Repose of the soul of P.J. Coughlan

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

Feasts of the Week: 29th March - Maundy Thursday
30th March - Good Friday
31st March - Holy Saturday

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Joseph Gornall, Gerrard Gornall, John Wells, Alicia McGrath, Margaret Knight and Joseph Anthony Melling.

Attendance & Collections:

Attendance - 62 Collection - £159.00

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
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
	3.00	Church	The Lord's Passion
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



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PALM SUNDAY 25th 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 the repose of the soul of P.J. Coughlan.

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



Good Friday: 3.00pm Mass of the Lord's Passion. Collection for the Holy Places. **A Day of Fasting and Abstinence.**

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.

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

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). In addition to this week's bulletin you should also have a separate sheet informing you about the new GDPR which comes into force in May. Please read this carefully as it contains important information about the new regulation. Thank you.

From the Archives: Why is Easter a Moveable Feast?

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

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

Cleaning & Gardening Day: Saturday, 31st March.

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 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**