

Day	Time	Place	Intention
1 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30am	Church	Deceased members of the Johnson & Cornall families

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

**Anniversaries from our List:** Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Matthew Mercer, Maria Josephine Smith, Maria O'Dowd and Reynold Woods.

**Attendance & Collection:**

Attendance - 72      Collection - £474.50

**Dates for Your Diary**

Date	Time	Where	What
1 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30	Church	Easter Sunday
8 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Church	
15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Church	
16 <sup>th</sup> April			Return to school
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
28 <sup>th</sup> April		Marriott Hotel	Spring Social
29 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	Church	Family Mass
20 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
27 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	Church	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30	Church	
10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Church	Family Mass/Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy



## St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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 (newsletter items)

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
 1<sup>st</sup> April, 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.*

**Easter Offering:** The Easter offerings are traditionally your personal gift to your priest who dedicates his life to serve you. A priest does not receive a salary so relies on our generosity. May God who sees all that is done in secret, reward you with equal measure.

**Mass Intention for Today** is for deceased members of the Johnson & Cornall families.

**Cycle of Prayer:** During Easter we are asked to pray for New Members of the Church: Vocations – especially on Day of Prayer, 22<sup>nd</sup> April; Human Work especially on St. Joseph the Worker, 1<sup>st</sup> May; The right use of the Media especially on Communications Day, 13<sup>th</sup> May, The Church, especially at Pentecost, 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Sick of the Parish:** 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.

**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](mailto:jennyrossall@hotmail.co.uk)

**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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**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.

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

**Next Cleaning and Gardening Day:** Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## Notices

**Pilgrimage to Knock:** Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**