

Day	Time	Place	Intention
22 nd April	10.30	Church	Annie Heslington

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B.

Feasts of the Week:	Monday	-	St. George, Patron of England
	Tuesday	-	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
	Wednesday	-	St. Mark
	Saturday	-	St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially George Banks, John Anthony Tassis, Beatrice Shorrock, Maria Patricia Hegarty and John Fredrick Holden.

Attendance & Collection:

Attendance - 70 Collection - £261.00

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
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	
3 rd June	10.30	Church	
10 th June	10.30	Church	Family Mass/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 OF EASTER

22nd 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.

Mass Intention for Today is for Annie Heslington whose anniversary was on 19th April

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a collection for the Diocesan Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

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

01772 865229. It will then be included on the sick list of the Newsletter. Please remember 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.



First Holy Communion: The next session of the WYA course will be on Wednesday, 25th April.

From the Archives: – The Feast of St. George

Saint George, whose feast day falls upon 23rd April, is the patron saint of England. He's popularly identified with England and English ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry - but he wasn't English at all. Very little, if anything, is known about the real Saint George. Pope Gelasius said that George is one of the saints "whose names are rightly revered among us, but whose actions are known only to God."

Everything about Saint George, therefore, is dubious, including the myth portraying the saint dressed in a white tunic bedecked with a red cross, astride his stallion, and skewering a dragon as he rescues a fair maiden! This story of Saint George only achieved mass circulation when it was printed in 1483 by Caxton in a book called *The Golden Legend*

The information below should be taken as mythical rather than real, but it gives some background information about our national patron saint.

- Born in Cappadocia, an area which is now in Turkey
- Lived in 3rd century AD
- His parents were Christian
- Later lived in Palestine
- Became a Roman soldier
- Protested against Rome's persecution of Christians
- Imprisoned and tortured, but stayed true to his faith
- Beheaded at Lydda in Palestine
- 23rd April was named as Saint George's day in 1222

Happy St. George's Day! Mike Bryan

Hill Chapel Garden: As many of you will have noticed, a great deal of work is going on in the garden. Margaret and Frank Ashton continue to work tirelessly clearing weeds, replanting shrubs and plants and laying a membrane (to be covered in bark) to stop further weed growth.

The Parish is extremely grateful to Margaret and Frank for their hard work and the time they give. However, they would appreciate some help with this task. If you are able to give an hour or two, please contact them on 01772 861286, or perhaps come along to a Gardening Day (next on 28th April). Thank you. M. Barron.

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

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 28th April.

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.

Gentle Approach to Cancer Association: Meetings on 2nd Saturday of every month. Gerrard St., off Bow Lane, Preston. For more information contact Joan Moran on 865024 or www.gentleapproach.org.uk

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