

Day	Time	Place	Intention
29 th April	10.30	Church	Mildred Calderbank

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B.

Feasts of the Week:	Day	Intention
	Tuesday	- St. Joseph the Worker
	Wednesday	- St. Athanasius
	Thursday	- Sts. Philip & James
	Friday	- The English Martyrs

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Mary Cooke, Francis Heywood, Clare Kitching, Mary Nelson, Catherina Cameron, Emma Marsh, Dorothy Walton and Joannis Armer.

Attendance & Collection:

Attendance - 88 Collection - £266.75
 Special Collection - £37.80

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 29th 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 Mildred Calderbank who is sick.

Cycle of Prayer: During Easter we are asked to pray for New Members of the Church: 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 to pray for Fr. Sony's mother. 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.



Confirmation: On Tuesday, 26th June, we will be welcoming Bishop Paul Swarbrick to Hill Chapel for Confirmation. This will take place at 6.30pm.

10th May – Ascension of Our Lord: This is a Holy Day of Obligation and all are requested to participate in the Mass at 10am. along with the school children in Hill Chapel church.

From the Archives: – May, The Month of Mary

At one time the custom of having a Mary month was independent from the month of Ma y. A very old tradition known as Tricesimum (or thirty-day devotion to Mary also called Lady Month) was originally held from August 15th to September 14th. However, various Popes, including Pius XII and Paul VI, have referred to May as a special month for devotion to Our Lady. In 1965, Paul VI wrote a short encyclical using the month of Mary as a time for devotion and prayer for peace.

In May of 2002, Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

In May 1987 in our own parish of Hill Chapel, Fr. McMahon celebrated an extra Sunday mass and procession at 3.00 p.m. in honour of Our Lady. Our Lady's statue was crowned, and celebrations followed in the school grounds. Some of you may have been present and even been fortunate enough to have been chosen as the person to crown the statue. The present school children still have a May procession and crowning during this special month of Mary. 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 (the last Saturday of each month). 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, 26th May.

Notices

Sale of Religious Items: The Carmelite Convent on St. Vincent's Road, Fulwood, and the **Repository at Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh**, now have items for sale for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Rosary Beads, etc., as well as a large selection of cards for various occasions. Other items can be ordered on request.

Facing Depression Together: support group for those with mental health concerns, e.g. anxiety, depression. Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, Preston, PR1 2NL. Thursday evening, 7.30 – 9.00pm. Be heard, respected and accepted, and receive help to work through mental health concerns.

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**