

Day	Time	Place	Intention
13 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30	Church	Parishioner who is sick

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B

<b>Feasts of the Week:</b> Monday	-	St. Matthias
Saturday	-	St. Dunstan

**Anniversaries from our List:** Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Joan Chester, Joan Tate, Lilian Bamber, Frederick Drake, Doreen Ellen March and Albert Shorrock.

**Attendance & Collection:** These figures will be missing for the next two or three weeks but should be available before the end of May.

#### Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
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
24 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
26 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30	Church	Confirmation
1 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
8 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30	Church	Family Mass
15 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy



## St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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(newsletter items)

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 13<sup>th</sup> May, 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 a parishioner who is sick and undergoing an operation.

**Today** is World Communications Day of Prayer and there is a collection for Catholic Media.

**Cycle of Prayer:** During Easter we are asked to pray for New Members of the Church: 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. 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:** Dates for the Confirmation course are given below and it is open to children in Yr.5 and older – if anyone would like to take part, please let Jenny Rossall know as soon as possible.

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Session 1 – Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5 – 6pm.

Session 2 – Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 5-6pm

Session 3 – Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 5-6pm (includes a practice).

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

**Thanks:** The family of the late Ted Eastham would like to thank the family of Hill Chapel for all the prayers, love and support shown to them over the last difficult weeks. Ted was a great character and will be sadly missed.

**Congratulations** to Samantha Hill and Thomas Baines who were married at Hill Chapel last Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. We wish them a blessed and contented marriage.

### **Garden Party at St. Francis' 2.00pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Dear friends, families and parishioners,

We are very excited to invite you to a garden party with the Mayor of Preston on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We are celebrating the official opening of our new outdoor area and we welcome your company. The Mayor officially opens our stunning new outdoor provision at 2.00pm. Following that, we will be having an outdoors celebration together on our school field. We are very excited, as this will also mark the Royal Wedding celebrations!

We kindly ask that you donate some cakes/nibbles for the event and come along to share a wonderful afternoon together. Bring your friends and families for a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon!

### **May Procession 10.00am Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

Come and join us for our May Procession, starting in the school hall at 10.00am on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

This is always such a wonderful celebration, where we honour Our Lady.

### **CAFOD Music Concert**

We invite you all to another music concert! These are hugely popular events and not to be missed! The concert begins at 9.30am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and involves children from Glee Club, Choir and our school band. S. Deakin, Headteacher.

### **BV From the Archives: – May, The Month of Mary**

At one time the custom of having a Mary month was independent from the month of May. A very old tradition known as Tricesimum (or thirty-day devotion to Mary also called Lady Month) was originally held from August 15<sup>th</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup>. 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

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

**Tea, Coffee and biscuits available after the Sunday Mass.**

**All parishioners, friends and visitors are very welcome to join us.**