

Day	Time	Place	Intention
20 th May	10:30	Church	J&E Hothersall, Brian Banks & Liz Littler

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B

Feasts of the Week:	Monday	Tuesday	Friday	Saturday
	- St. Christopher of Magallanes	- St. Rita of Cascia	- St. Bede the Venerable	- St. Philip Neri

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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
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
26 th June	6.30	Church	Confirmation
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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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 John & Edith Hothersall, Brian Banks and Liz Littler.

Today we welcome the Catenians to Hill Chapel with the President and his wife, Mike and Bridget Bryan. We wish Mike and Bridget a happy and successful year.

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Summer until September – we are asked to pray for: a deeper understanding between Christians & Jews, for Human Life, especially on the Day for Life, 17th June:



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, 22nd May, 5 – 6pm.

Session 2 – Tuesday, 5th June, 5-6pm

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

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

Garden Party at St. Francis' 2.00pm Wednesday 23rd May

Dear friends, families and parishioners,

We are very excited to invite you to a garden party with the Mayor of Preston on Wednesday 23rd 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 24th May.

Come and join us for our May Procession, starting in the school hall at 10.00am on 24th 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 25th May and involves children from Glee Club, Choir and our school band. S. Deakin, Headteacher.

Irish Referendum on 8th Amendment (Abortion) The Irish Bishops have asked us to pray that Ireland will “choose life” in the Referendum on 25th May.

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 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

Goosnargh & Whittingham Heritage Group – next meeting Monday, 21st May. **Whittingham Orchard** – please meet at The Grapes Inn, Goosnargh, at 7pm. (car sharing due to limited parking). Please let a trustee know if you wish to attend.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits available after the Sunday Mass.

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