

Day	Time	Place	Intention
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.30	Church	

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B.

Feasts of the Week	Day	Intention
	Monday	- St. Francis Xavier – Day of Prayer for migrants
	Tuesday	- St. John Damascene
	Thursday	- St. Nicholas
	Friday	- St. Ambrose
	Saturday	- The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

**Anniversaries from our List:** Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially George Moore, Marjorie Ellen Gornall, Alicia Cutler, Mary Elizabeth Whitehead, Thomas Gornall and Joan Singleton.

#### Attendance & Collection:

Attendance - 72

Collection - £268.04

#### Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.30	Church	Family Mass
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.30	Church	Children's Liturgy
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.		Church	Carol Service
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.30	Church	Infant Nativity Play
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.		Church	School breaks up for Christmas.



## St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 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.*

**Today** there is a collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund.

**Mass Intention** for today is for John Brown.

**Cycle of Prayer: Advent/Christmas:** Openness to the Word of God (especially on Bible Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent), Migrants & Refugees (especially on Migrants' Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.) Expectant Mothers (especially on Fourth Sunday of Advent).

**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 pray for a parishioner who is sick and in hospital, Mr. Joe Nugent, formerly of Bushell House. 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.

Interpretation of church fathers on the gospel passage of 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday. John.18:33 – 37

### **THE TITLE OF KING IS ONE OF JESUS' MANY NAMES. St. GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS:**

Who is the person who has never, by experience and contemplation, traversed the entire series of title and powers of Christ, both those more lofty ones that originally were his and those more lowly ones that he later assumed for our sake: God, the son, the image, the word, the wisdom, the truth, the light, the life, the power ... , the maker, the king ... who is the person who hears but pays no attention to these names so pregnant with reality and has never yet held communion with or been made partaker of the word in and of the real relations signified by each of these names Christ bears?

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Our Annual Christmas Fair will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December in school, following the family mass. We are asking donations for the tombola – bottles, toiletries, chocolates – any items gratefully appreciated. Please could you leave at the back of church. We are also asking for cakes to sell at the cake stall. Many thanks for your generosity and support.

### **FOOD BANK REQUEST**

During Advent, we will be collecting for the food bank in Ingol, Preston. If you could donate any food items – packets, tins and leave in the marked boxes at the back of church. Your support does help to make a difference.

### **From the Archives**

You may recall an article I included in one of last month's bulletins about Liverpool Metropolitan R.C. Cathedral, Christ The King. At the request of one of our parishioners, and on the feast of Christ the King, I turn this week to the history of our own Lancaster Cathedral and diocese.

Until the passing of the Roman Catholic Relief Act in 1791 Lancaster's Roman Catholics met in a makeshift chapel in St Leonardsgate. Building the first Catholic church in the town began with the laying of the foundation stone for the Lancaster Catholic Mission in Dalton Square on 13 March 1798. The chapel was consecrated during the following year, but, by the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there was a need for a larger church. Land for this was purchased on a different site near to the mission church, and the parish church dedicated to Saint Peter was built. It was a parish church until 1924, when it was elevated to the status of a cathedral when the Diocese of Lancaster was founded to oversee the Catholic population of Lancashire,

Cumberland and Westmorland (now Cumbria). The southern regions were formally part of the Diocese of Liverpool, while the northern belonged to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The impressive size and relative grandeur of St Peter's Church lent itself to its new role as a Cathedral, with only minor changes required

The Bishops of Lancaster have included: Bishop Thomas Pearson (1924-1938), Bishop T.E. Flynn (1939-1961), Bishop Brian Foley (1961-1985), Bishop John Brewer (1985-2000), Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue (2001-2008), Bishop Michael Campbell (2009- 2018), Bishop Paul Swarbrick (2018 - present). Bishop Swarbrick, hails from Garstang and he has celebrated mass at Hill Chapel on at least two occasions since he was ordained bishop. MB



**Next Cleaning and Gardening Day:** Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November

### **Notices:**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. Gerrard St., off Bow Lane, Preston. For more information contact Joan Moran on 865024 or [www.gentleapproach.org.uk](http://www.gentleapproach.org.uk)

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