

Day	Time	Place	Intention
30 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30	Church	Members of the family of Frank and Win Johnson

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.  
 Sunday readings: year C.

**Feasts of the Week:** Tuesday - Mary, the Mother of God  
 Wednesday - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen  
 Thursday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Anniversaries from our List:** Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Bernard Gornall, Mary Alice Marsh, Carl Edward Prescott, Thomas Gornall, Joan Marjorie Crawley, Barbara Jean Cuff, Maria Elizabeth Prescott, Margaret Dorothy Akers, Joseph Singleton, Arnold John Webb, Susan Swarbrick and Anna Arrowsmith.

**Attendance & Collection:**

Attendance. - 89 Collection - 269.50

**Dates for Your Diary**

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## St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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**The Feast of THE HOLY FAMILY  
 30<sup>th</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.*

**Mass Intention for Today** is for deceased members of the family of Frank and Win Johnson.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas. Lk.2:41-52

JESUS'S HUMILITY SHOWS US HIS DIVINITY. ST. BEDE:

The Lord's coming every year to Jerusalem for the Passover with his parents is an indication of his human humility. It is characteristic of human beings to gather to offer God the votive offerings of spiritual sacrifices, and by plentiful prayers and tears to dispose their maker toward them. Therefore the Lord, born a human being among human beings, did what God, by divine inspiration through his angels, prescribed for human beings to do. He himself kept the law which he gave in order to show us, who are human beings pure and simple, that whatever God orders is to be observed in everything. Let us follow the path of his human way of life. If we take delight in looking upon the glory of his divinity, if we want to dwell in his eternal home in heaven all the days of our lives, it delights us to see the Lord's will and to be shielded by his holy temple. And lest we be forever buffeted by the wind of wickedness, let us remember to frequent the house, the church of the present time, with the requisite offerings of pure petitions.

**Food Bank:** Sr Eileen, who runs the 'Share It' project in Ingol was so pleased and grateful for all your generous contributions that you have donated so far and sends a very heartfelt thank-you to you all.

If you could donate any food items – packets, tins and leave in the marked boxes at the back of church. Your support really does help to make a difference. M Doran

**From the Archives** – On January 6<sup>th</sup>, twelfth night, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany which marks the visit of the Magi, or Three Kings, to the baby Jesus. They brought with them three precious gifts, Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. We are all very familiar with gold but what do the other two gifts look like? Frankincense is the resin of the Boswellia tree family and when extracted hardens into a solid mass; this is then burned to produce a high-quality incense. Myrrh resin, extracted from the Commiphora plant has been used throughout history as a perfume, incense, and medicine. Myrrh was also used in biblical times to anoint bodies and is said to symbolise Christ's Passion and death. I have managed to obtain samples of both Frankincense and Myrrh and will display them at the back of church for you to see after mass. Unfortunately, I will not be displaying any gold!

Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Mike Bryan



**Next Gardening & Cleaning Day:** Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Notices:

**Sale of Religious Items:** The Carmelite Convent on St. Vincent's Road, Fulwood, and the Repository at Ladywell, 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 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 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**