

Day	Time	Place	Intention
6 th January	10.30	Church	Members of the Ibison family & the Clarkson family

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

Feasts of the Week: Monday - St. Raymond of Penyafort
 Saturday - St. Aelred of Rievaulx

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Margarita Wilkinson, Marian Walker, Austin Bolton, Alfred Dewhurst, Frederick Turner, Richard Holden, Ellen Ibison, Sarah Smith and Frederick Young.

Attendance & Collection:

Christmas Eve Attendance.	- 206	Collection	- £825.00
Christmas Day Attendance	- 44		
30 th December Attendance	- 89	Collection	- £300.02

Dates for Your Diary

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13 th Jan.	10.30	Church	



St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6th January, 2019



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 Ibison family and the Clarkson family.

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 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.

I would like to show my gratitude to those who offer their time and talent, in any way, to support the Parish during the Christmas season. Many thanks to all who helped to prepare the parish for Christmas. With gratitude I remember all who joined in cleaning the Church and preparing decorations for the Advent and Christmas season. Special thanks to the Choir members. Thank you for your support particularly at this time of year through the Christmas Collection and for your many gifts 'thank you'. God bless you all. Fr. Sony.

Interpretation of church fathers on the gospel passage on epiphany of the lord. Mt.2:1-12

The wise men worship and bring gifts

A CRADLE THE WORLD CANNOT HOLD. ST. CHROMATIUS:

Let us now observe how glorious was the dignity that attended the king after his birth, after the magi in their journey remained obedient to the star. For immediately the magi fell to their knees and adored the one born as lord. There in his very cradle they venerated him with offerings of gifts, though Jesus was merely a whimpering infant. They perceived one thing with the eyes of their bodies but another with the eyes of the mind. The lowliness of the body he assumed was discerned, but the glory of his divinity is now made manifest. A boy he is, but it is God who is adored. How inexpressible is the mystery of his divine honour! The invisible and eternal nature did not hesitate to take on the weaknesses of the flesh on our behalf. The son of God, who is God of the universe, is born a human being in the flesh. He permits himself to be placed in a manger, and the heavens are within the manger, he is kept in a cradle, a cradle that the world cannot hold. He is heard in the voice of a crying infant. This is the same one for whose voice the whole world would tremble in the hour of his passion. Thus he is the one, the God of glory and the lord of majesty, whom as a tiny infant the magi recognize. It is he who while a child was truly God and king eternal. To him Isaiah pointed, saying, "for a boy has been born to you; a son has been given to you, a son whose empire has been forged on his shoulders."

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 6th, 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, 26th January.

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 will 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**