

Day	Time	Place	Intention
13 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Church	Muriel &

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

**Feasts of the Week:** Saturday - St. Wulstan

**Anniversaries from our List:** Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Dorothea Maria Florentia Webb, Mary Ethelreda Gillow, Jacob Dewhurst, Ellen Gornall, Maria Johanna McNicholl, Terence Michael Ryan, Catherina Watson and Jacob Arrowsmith.

**Attendance & Collection:**

Attendance. - 79 Collection - £247.90

**Dates for Your Diary**

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## St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
 13<sup>th</sup> 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 M and A MacFarlane.

**Next Sunday** is Peace Day.

**Cycle of Prayer – Ordinary Time:** before Lent, for Peace on Peace Day, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, Christian Unity, especially during the Octave of Prayer, 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January, Victims of Human Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. St. Josephine Bachata. The Sick and those who care for them (Day for the Sick, Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, Racial Justice – Racial Justice Day, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. For Women – Women’s World Day of Prayer, Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> March. The Unemployed, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Sick of the Parish:** If 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 baptism of the lord, Luke3:15-16, 21-22

JESUS BAPTIZES CHRISTIANS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE.  
ST. CHRYSOSTOM:

What happened in the case of our master’s body also happens in the case of your own. Although John appeared to be holding his body by the head, it was the divine word that led his body down into the streams of Jordan and baptized him. The master’s body was baptized by the word, by the voice of his father from heaven which said, “This is my beloved son, “and by the manifestation of the Holy Spirit which descended upon him. This also happens in the case of your body. The baptism is given in the name of the father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Therefore John the Baptist told us, for our instruction, that man does not baptize us but God; “There comes after me one who is mightier than I, and I am not worthy to loose the strap of his sandal. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

For this reason, when the priest is baptizing he does not say, “I baptize so-and-so “but “so-and-so is baptized in the name of the father and of he son

and of the holy spirit. “In this way he shows that it is not he who baptizes but those whose names have been invoked, the father, the son and the holy spirit.

**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

**Brock Valley Churches Together:** Christian Unity Service will be held on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, at St. James’s Church, Whitechapel, at 3 pm. K. Ashton

**Next Gardening & Cleaning Day:** Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. **Please note change.** There will be a wedding on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

**Notices:**

**Goosnargh & Whittingham Heritage Group:** Armistice – The Great War Remembered  
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 7.30pm. St. Mary’s Church, Goosnargh. (See poster at back of church)

**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**