

Day	Time	Place	Intention
2 nd September	10.30	Church	The Shorrocks family

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B.

Feasts of the Week:

Monday	-	St. Gregory the Great
Tuesday	-	St. Cuthbert
Wednesday	-	St. Herbert
Saturday	-	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Maria Jones, George Bennett, Alice Hothersall, John Edward Holden, Elizabeth Gornall, Birgetta McGrath, Anna Nelson, Hubert Sharples and Kelly Steyck.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
4 th Sept.			School re-opens



St. Francis Hill Chapel Newsletter

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2nd September, 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 the Shorrocks family.

Next Sunday is Education Day and there will be a Collection for Catholic Education Services.

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time – Autumn: The Harvest & Care of Creation on World Day for Care of Creation, 23rd Sept. or when Harvest Festivals are held; Students & Teachers-Education Day, 9th Sept; the Spread of Gospel – Home Mission Day, 16th Sept & World Mission Day, 21st Oct; Justice & Peace on Harvest Fast Day, 5th Oct; Prisoners and Dependants, 14th – 20th Oct; All Victims of War on Remembrance Day, 11th Nov; World Day of the Poor – 18th Nov; Young People – Christ the King, 25th Nov.

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 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. M. Peel.

**Biblical Interpretation by the Father of Church – St. Irenaeus
Mark 7:8 – you leave the commandment of God and hold fast to the tradition of men.**

MIXING WATER WITH WINE: The Pharisees claimed that the traditions of their elders safeguarded the law, but in fact, it contravened the law Moses had given saying: You merchants mix water with the wine. Isaiah shows that the elders mixed their watery tradition with God's strict commandment. They enjoined an adulterated law at cross-purposes with the divine law. The Lord made this clear when he asked them: Why do you transgress God's commandment for the sake of your tradition? By their transgression they not only falsified God's law, mixing water with wine, but they also set against it their own law, called to this day their pharisaic law. In this their rabbies suppress some of the commandments, add new ones and give others their own interpretation, thus making the law serve their own purposes.

From the Archives: As the children return to school after the long summer holiday I thought it appropriate to look back to 1880 when our school at Hill Chapel was first opened.

The Elementary Education Act 1870, [1] commonly known as Forster's Education Act, set the framework for compulsory schooling of all children between the ages of 5 and 12 in England and Wales. As there was no Catholic school in the Goosnargh area, the Benedictine Order asked the then Parish Priest, Fr. M. Brierley O.S.B., to raise funds to build a parish school. It is clear from the archives that Fr Brierley was concerned that the expense of such a project would put a tremendous financial burden not only on the parishioners but also on his own limited finances. On August 12th, 1880 he wrote the following letter to the Bishop of Liverpool:

"I have been ordered by my superiors to provide a school for the children of this district and, in doing so, I have incurred expenses which my ordinary income cannot meet. Will you kindly permit me to add your name to the enclosed list of subscribers to the school fund? I need not tell you, that any help you may give me will be very welcome." M Brierley

Did Fr Brierley get a donation? He did, the bishop sent £5 which was put with the £15. 4s. 4d. donated by other subscribers. To date I cannot find any record of the actual cost of building the school in 1880, but I doubt £20 would cover it!

I wish all our children and school staff a very happy and successful academic year.

Finally, and sadly, please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Parker, former school secretary, who died recently. R.I.P. M. Bryan.

Catholic Young Leaders Programme - Yoke: Programme for school leavers, Yrs 10-12. See poster at back of church. K & G Ashton.

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 29th September.

Notices

ADOREMUS – National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress: Exploring the place of Eucharistic Adoration, Saturday, 8th September – Reflecting on the Centrality of the Eucharist and Sunday 9th September – Adoremus Pilgrimage Day to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. See noticeboard for more details. It would be particularly good if some of the Eucharistic Ministers could attend, but all parishioners are welcome. Booking in advance necessary, there will be cars going from Garstang if transport required. Speak to Fr. Sony if interested.

Longridge Catenian Association

The Catenians are holding a Family Ceilidh on 14th September, at 7.30pm, in St Wilfrid's Club, Longridge. The very popular Isobel Bristow Ceilidh Trio will provide the live music and there will be a licensed bar. Tickets to include refreshments are just £15 and are available from any Catenian member after mass, or by emailing mbryan@dsl.pipex.com. Primary age children will be admitted free of charge. No ceilidh experience necessary, two left feet allowed so why not come along to enjoy a super night out. MB

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