

Day	Time	Place	Intention
9 th September	10.30	Church	Bede Rogerson

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B.

Feasts of the Week:

Wednesday	-	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Thursday	-	St. John Chrysostom
Friday	-	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Saturday	-	Our Lady of Sorrows

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Bernard Henry, Elizabeth Singleton, Bede Rogerson, Reginald Francis Holden, Robert Culshaw, Kevin Webb and Richard Waring.

Attendance & Collection:

26 th August	Attendance - 84	Collection - 250.50
	Feast of the Assumption - 36.50	
	Catholic Trust Fund - 29.60	
2 nd September	Attendance - 72	Collection - 198.40

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
4 th Sept.			School re-opens
28 th Sept.		School	Harvest Celebration & MacMillan Coffee Morning Concert. All welcome
29 th Sept.		Marriot	Autumn Social. Tickets available from PTFA
19 th Oct			Half Term
29 th Oct.			Return to school
11 th Nov.		Preston Guild Hall	Armistice Day. Tickets available from School Office. All welcome.
11 th Nov.		Church	Remembrance Sunday Family Mass
13 th Dec.		Church	Carol Service
20 th Dec.		Church	Infant Nativity Play
21 st Dec.			School break up for Christmas.



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th 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 Bede Rogerson

Today 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.

Today's Gospel – Mark 7:34 The Mystery of Opening by St. Ambrose: Every Sabbath we witness the “opening up” of a mystery. It is in outline form the type of that liturgical opening when the minister once touched your ears and nostrils. What does this mean? Remember in the gospel, Our Lord Jesus Christ, when the deaf and dumb man was presented to him, touched his ears and his mouth: the ears, because he was deaf; the mouth because he was dumb. And he said: “EPHPHATHA”. In this way, the minister is now touching your ears, that your ears may be opened to this sermon and exhortation. So open your ears and enjoy the good odour of eternal life which has been breathed upon you by the grace of the sacraments. This we pointed out to you as we celebrated the mystery of the opening and said: “EPHPHATHA”, that is “be opened”, so that everyone about to come to the table of grace might know what he was asked and remember the way he once responded. Christ celebrated this mystery in the gospel as we read, when he healed the one who was deaf and dumb.

The Finger of God by Gregory the Great: The spirit is called the Finger of God. When the Lord put his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism: The Baptism of Poppy Chesworth will take place at Hill Chapel on Sunday, 16th September, at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend.. B. Chesworth.

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

War Memorial: Please note that the stonemasons will begin work to restore and repair the war memorial in our churchyard on Tuesday next, 11th September. Please avoid going near the memorial whilst this work is being carried out. Thank you. M. Bryan.

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**