

Day	Time	Place	Intention
16 th September	10.30	Church	Martin Wells

No Monday morning Masses until further notice.

Sunday readings: year B.

Feasts of the Week: Monday - St. Robert Bellarmine
 Wednesday - St. Theodore of Canterbury
 Thursday - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
 Friday - St. Matthew

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Elizabeth Holden, Catherina Leonard, Helena Roberts, Mary Crook and Monica Melling.

Attendance & Collection:

Attendance - 63 Collection - 242.60
 Collection for Catholic Education Services - £28.10

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
16th 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 Martin Wells

Today is Home Mission Day and there will be a Special Collection.

Next Sunday there will be a Special Collection for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

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; 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 27-35 8:34 – *let him deny himself.*

WHAT SEEMS HARD, LOVE MAKES EASY: How hard and painful does this appear! The Lord has required that “whoever will come after him must deny himself.” But what he commands is neither hard nor painful when he himself helps us in such a way so that the very thing he requires may be accomplished. For whatever seems hard in what is enjoined, love makes easy (ST. AUGUSTINE, SERMONS ON NEW TESTAMENT LESSON).

SUFFERING MOMENTARILY: Turn, rather, to these teachings, my very dear friend: take up your cross and follow the lord. For when I noticed that you were being slowed down in your divine purpose by your preoccupation with domestic cares, I felt that you were being carried and dragged along by your cross rather than that you were carrying it. What else does the cross mean than the mortality of this flesh? This is our very own cross which the lord commands us to carry that we may be as well armed as possible in following him, we suffer momentarily until death is swallowed up in victory. Then this cross itself will be crucified. The cross will be nailed to the fear of God. We would hardly be able to carry it now if it forever resisted us with free and unfettered limbs. There is no other way for you to follow the lord except by carrying it, for how can you follow him if you are not his? (ST. AUGUSTINE)

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: Staying with the theme of my previous bulletin article, I look back again this week to the opening of our parish school.

In 1880, Fr. Brierley, O.S.B., managed to obtain enough money to build a small school which opened on 16th August. The school Log Book from the period shows that the school was simply called ‘The Hill School, Goosnargh’, and the teacher was Mrs. Margaret Daly; just one teacher at first who was ‘professionally qualified’. Twenty-six scholars, boys and girls, aged 5 to 12 years, attended on the first day, none of whom had been to school before. Mrs. Daly comments that “They were all backward in their subjects”. There was no teacher cover or food provided at lunchtime and all the children were sent home to return at 1.30pm. The log book lists a very small number of teaching aids purchased; these included Nelson Royal Readers, two boards and easels, slates, chalk, alphabet letters and a map of the English Lakes. No sign of an iPad or computer!

The numbers increased slightly during the first term, but attendance was irregular with many scholars staying at home during periods of bad weather, sickness or the demands of farm duties. Fr. Brierley was a regular visitor and the school was inspected shortly after it was opened by a government inspector. As the year progressed standards improved and the numbers grew.

The school log books provide a fascinating insight into school life in the late 19th century and throughout the 20th century. Sadly, it is no longer a requirement for head teachers to maintain a school log and much of the splendid work carried on today will not be recorded. I doubt however, that any teacher would record that a child was ‘backward in all subjects!’.

Mike Bryan.

Gardeners' World: Congratulations to Dorothy Eastham, one of our church gardeners, who featured on Gardeners' World, Thursday, 30th August.

Dorothy showed her beautiful garden and exotic greenhouse plants, particularly her pineapples. She has been successfully growing pineapples for the last ten years and had a bumper crop this year, quite an achievement in this part of the world! If you missed the programme it's well worth watching it on Catch Up BBC2. M. Barron.

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

Notices:

Goosnargh & Whittingham Heritage Group: It is time for our annual AGM; we would love you to come along this Monday, 17th September, at 7.30pm. Please note the change of venue to St. Mary's Church, Goosnargh, PR3 2BN. Refreshments will be served, everyone welcome, (non-members £2, refundable if you become a member).

We are having a guest speaker from *Whittingham Lives*

shared histories, hidden lives; the people of Whittingham Asylum, Preston.

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