

PROTECT OUR COMMON HOME – FAMILY FAST DAY

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Feast Days this Week:

Monday: St Luke

Tuesday: St Paul of the Cross

Friday: St John Paul II

Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Cycle of Prayer for the Autumn of Ordinary Time: We pray for: the harvest and care of creation; students and teachers on Education Day; the spreading of the Gospel on Home Mission Day and World Mission Day (24 Oct); justice and peace on Harvest Fast Day; prisoners and dependants; victims of war on Remembrance Day (14 Nov); and young people on Christ the King (21 Nov).

Parishioners Who Are Unwell: If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please email news@stfrancisgoosnargh.org.uk or ring Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the newsletter. We have an area in church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang it up if you prefer.

Church Donations: With many people still unable to attend church we still need to maintain an income for maintenance. There are several ways you can still make your contributions including by cheque or direct debit. For details please go to the church website or contact Tom Smyth on 017722 865689.



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

17 October 2021 (Readings: Year B)

Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, 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 today is for Teresa Bamber.

Please remember in your prayers the family of **Lucas and Connie**, who will be baptised today. We pray for Lucas and Connie as we welcome them to the parish family and to the wider family of God.

Every Tuesday there will be a mass at Hill Chapel at 9.30am.

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Teresa Bamber, Zita Ogden and Ellen Marsh. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

SAFETY RULES FOR MASS

- * **Sanitise hands** on entry.
- * A hymn book and mass book will be given to you on entry. Singing is now permitted.
- * Please do **keep your distance** – use the high visibility tape on floor as a guide.
- * Place your collection on the collection plate **as you enter**.
- * Please take a newsletter on entry and **take it away when you leave**.
- * **Please wear a mask** as you go up the aisle to communion and remove the mask before you receive the sacrament.
- * **People from upstairs** will go first down the right-hand side and return down the opposite aisle to maintain social distancing.
- * **People on the right-hand side** will then receive Holy Communion, followed by people on the left-hand side – guided by the stewards.

OUTLINE OF THE HILL CHAPEL ROOF PROBLEM as at 12.10.21

We are all aware of the problem with the roof of our church; we have the constant reminder of the temporary prop!

It is clear from the independent engineer's investigations that this problem stems from the roof refurbishment project in 2009, but the fault did not come to light until 2019.

As you may know we are making a legal claim against the consultants, Cassidy and Ashton (C&A), who, together with engineers John Davis, supervised the 2009 work. When the structural movement occurred in 2019 we contacted C&A; they assisted in the installation of the prop to keep the building safe and usable, but they did not pay for it – this was paid for by the parish.

An independent structural engineer was appointed and asked to produce a report on the faulty roof. The first draft of his report was received at the end of 2019. The report cited serious oversights in the design of the 2009 roof refurbishment work and it was sent to C&A and dialogue was opened with them in early 2020 to try and reach an out-of-court agreement.

Discussions were delayed in the first half of 2020 due to the pandemic and the sad death of Bob Barron. The man dealing with this at C&A also died.

By the middle of 2020 it became clear that C&A were not progressing the claim and we would need to go to the expense of appointing a solicitor. A solicitor was appointed in August 2020.

Following further dialogue with C&A a further specialist engineer's report was needed to establish the extent and cost of the remedial work. This would obviously incur more up-front costs. We decided to instruct the engineer in March this year. By July all reports and costs were assembled and sent to C&A with the threat of legal action.

Time has been given to C&A and their sub-consultant, John Davis, to consider their position and hopefully agree to meet and settle the matter without resort to legal proceedings. There has been a further delay due to the illness of Mr Davis but it is now becoming increasingly clear that we will probably need to take the serious and costly decision to issue legal proceedings. The legal proceedings must be issued before year-end due to legal time limitations on claims of this nature; issue of proceedings cannot be taken lightly since it is costly, involving the appointment of a barrister.

We believe we have a sound, winnable case but there is always risk in taking court action. However, legal proceedings will be issued in the next few weeks unless an eleventh-hour offer to settle is forthcoming.

REOPENING OF CHURCH FOR DAILY PRAYER

We are hoping to reopen church daily so people can call in for private prayer. We do need volunteers to open and close daily. If you would be able to open or close church – any day from Monday to Saturday – please do let a member of the parish council know and we will draw up a rota. Many thanks.

Sunday Obligation: Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England on 19 July: We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. It is our continuing judgement that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday. **For more reading visit** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

Daily Mass: live at 9.30am from St Clare's in Preston can be accessed on their YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch/>