

Safety Rules for Mass: Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and do want everyone to be kept safe:

- Please sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

Open Garden at Dale House (Off Church Lane) Goosnargh :19th June – 10am – 4.00pm. Home-made cakes, teas, plant sale. Admission - £3.30 / children free. Money raised for St Francis pre-school. Please do support.

Goosnargh & Whittingham Heritage Group – Farm Visit.

Monday, 20th June – Farming Changes in Our Locality. We are visiting a local farm – Edenfield Farm, Horns Lane, Goosnargh. Meet at The Grapes in Goosnargh - 6.00 p.m. Do come and join us on this working dairy farm. Ask questions and see a rotary parlour in action. Everyone welcome, non-members - £3. Please wear suitable footwear.

Feast Days this week

Wed: St John Fisher & St Thomas More

Thursday: Nativity of St John the Baptist

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Parishioners Who are Unwell

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card.

Attendance: 5th June – Attendance-52, Collection - £117.00

12th June – Attendance – 64, Collection - £121.20

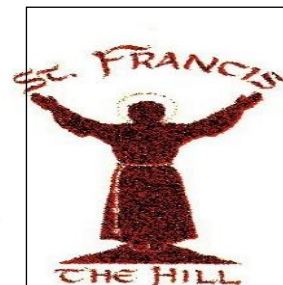
Diary Dates

3rd July – Family Mass

12th July – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7.00 p.m.

19th July – Year Six Leavers Mass – 9.30 a.m.

27th July – Parish Theatre Trip



**St Francis,
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Parish Newsletter**

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi

19th June 2022 Readings – Year C

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.

Today's 10.30 Mass is for Tom and Rosaline Bolton.

Today's 11.30 Mass is Our First Communion Mass.

We welcome our First Communicants and their Families
to St Francis, Hill Chapel.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Frank O'Donnell. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

First Holy Communion

Today, Fourteen of our children are receiving their First Holy Communion at a special mass at 11.30 a.m. Our First Communicants are: Annabel, Tabitha, James, Leo, Jacob, Jack, Jack, Otto-Knox, Thomas, Daniel, Ethan, Penelope, Andrew and Elsie. They have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist since January. Children and their parents have met monthly and parents have worked with their children, with the support of the catechist, to help them prepare for these two special sacraments. Grateful thanks to our parents for their commitment and support. Please do remember our First Communicants in your prayers.

Open Air Mass , Sunday, July 3rd 10.30 a.m. We are planning to have an Open Air Mass in the School grounds on Sunday, July 4th. This mass will also be a family mass. As we are having a separate mass today for Our First Communicants, this will be an opportunity for the parish to meet some of the Communicants. If it rains, we will hold the mass inside but we are hoping (and praying) for sunshine!

From the Property Group (PG)

The PG is currently dealing with several projects to repair and improve the church building, gardens, and graveyard.

I am sure that you will all be aware of the major problem, identified as far back as 2019, which we are experiencing with the church roof. The diocesan solicitor is currently dealing with our claim against the original architects, Cassidy, and Ashton Ltd., and I hope to be able to give you a full progress report in a few weeks' time. In July, a scheme of work will be drawn up to rewire the church and, amongst other improvements, to replace the current internal lighting with a much more modern and up-to-date system. The PG will keep you fully informed.

Over the last few weeks, a team of parish volunteers, led by Eric and Betty Crook, have worked extremely hard to create a new extended pathway in our

graveyard and to install a concrete plinth for future gravestones to be fixed to, so avoiding any future instability. Fr. Sony and the PG are very grateful for this work which has been completed at no cost to the parish. ***There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions very gratefully appreciated.***

At the last meeting of the PG, a couple of initiatives were suggested which Fr. Sony feels should be adopted straight away. The first, requested by several regular worshipers, is to allow parishioners to pre-pay for a grave prior to their death, or a death of a family member. This type of scheme is available in many parishes and, although **it does not indicate a specific grave plot**, it would afford the family peace of mind in knowing that the grave fee has been paid prior to other funeral expenses occurred at the time of death. Following death, the next available grave site would be allocated, Accurate parish records would be kept of the payment and of the personal details of those involved. The cost of the grave would be charged in accordance with the parish charging policy, currently £750, for regular worshipers. Please contact Fr. Sony or any member of the PG, if you feel that the scheme would be of interest to you.

In response to requests from other parishioners, the PG would like to create a Memorial Arboretum on a plot of land on the left-hand side of the churchyard just beyond the line of the most recent graves. The site could accommodate approximately twenty trees which will be offered at a cost of £500 each. This would include the purchase of the tree and a small memorial plaque at the base of each plant. Any tree planted would have to be an indigenous species and not be too large for the memorial area. In an age when we are all encouraged to plant trees, the scheme would not only provide a lasting growing memorial to a loved one but would also help to 'save the planet' and play a small part in averting 'global warming'. It would of course also provide much needed additional funds to maintain and preserve our lovely rural church and grounds. Please speak to Fr. Sony, or any member of the PG if interested.

Mike Bryan
Secretary Parish Property Group