

Attendance and Collection

19th Nov Attendance 76 Collection £191.70

26th Nov Attendance 60 Collection £152.00

This week special collection is for **Diocesan Poor Missions**

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 and hang up if you prefer.

Feast Days

Thurs – St. Ambrose

Fri – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Cycle of Prayer

Migrants and Refugees especially on Migrants` day -3rd December

School Events

Infant Nativity -Thurs 7 th December - 2pm, 6pm – in church

Family Mass followed by Christmas Fair – Sunday, 10 th December

Pre-school carols around the tree – Mon 18 th December, 1.30pm – in church

Key Stage Two Advent Service – Tues 12 th December, 6pm – in church.

We would like to invite the Parish to any of the above events.

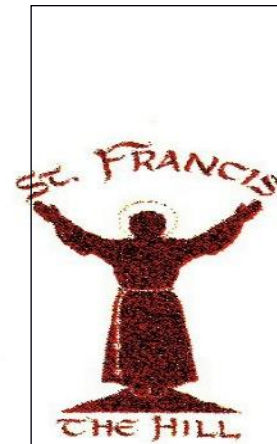
We really would love to see you there.

Christmas Masses

Saturday 23rd December - Vigil mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent @ 4pm

Sunday 24th December - No morning mass. Vigil mass for Christmas Day
4.00pm carols @ 3.30pm

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day mass 10.30am



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First Sunday of Advent – Migrants` Day

3RD December - Readings - Year B

Sunday Mass - 10.30am

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 Mass Intention is for the People of the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially
Lawrence Ibison, Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker
Constance Mary Barber & Frank Morris.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Thomas D`Arcy & Margaret Penchion

Tuesday 5th December @ 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass.

We welcome into our church family **Olivia Leach** who will be baptised during mass today. May God`s light shine on her always.

Foodbank Collection

From now until Christmas we will be collecting for **Ribble Valley Foodbank**

Our local foodbank is currently short of :

Tinned vegetables ,tinned potatoes, sponge puddings,long life milk,soap,shaving foam/razors,tooth brushes, and laundry liquid/powder/gel.

A box will be at the back of church to put items in. Many thanks for your support.

Christmas Craft Evening

On Tuesday, December 5th, we are running a Christmas Craft Evening in the Presbytery from 6.00 pm. This will be an ideal event to make some new decoration, to socialise and all money raised will be for the Church Roof Appeal. Entry will be £10 which includes refreshments. Please see Maria or Bernadette for further details.

Christmas Fair - Sun 10th Dec after mass. We are holding our annual Christmas Fair and our asking for items for the tombola stall – chocolate, toiletries, bottle would be gratefully appreciated. We are also having a cake stall if anyone would like to bake for the event. If you are able to help on the day – please contact Mary.

Papal Curiosities

Which Pope invented a calendar?

The Gregorian calendar, the one used today in most of the world, was issued in 1582. Pope Gregory XIII was annoyed over the Julian calendar, which was devised in 45 BC and was 11 days out of kilter. Almost simultaneously, he ordered the establishment of a Vatican astronomy laboratory to study the sun. The observatory was moved out of Rome late this century (away from the glare of the city lights) to the summer residence at Castle Gandolfo.

Which Pope reigned the longest?

The longest reigning Popes in history were Pope Pius IX (who reigned for 32 years), and Pope Leo XIII (who reigned for 25 year), and Pope Pius VI (who reigned for 24 years).

What was the papal attitude toward Hitler?

During World War II, there were two popes, neither of whom favored Adolf Hitler. Both Pope Pius XI and Pope Pius XII did two things that irked the German Chancellor: whenever he came to Rome for a meeting with Mussolini, (1) The Pope would always leave the eternal City for a vacation in his summer home in Castle Gandolfo, and (2) The Pope would order the Sistine Chapel closed for repairs. Consequently, Hitler never got the opportunity of seeing the Sistine Chapel, though all his life he yearned to do so.

Which Pope undertook the modernization of the Vatican?

Seeking to bring the Vatican up to modern standards, Pope Pius XI (1922 – 1939) installed the first plumbing, elevators, all-electric kitchen and a radio station.

Which Pope was a hypochondriac?

Pope Pius XII suffered from a number of imaginary illnesses. Among other idiosyncrasies, he had a complex about houseflies, which he bad-mouthed as carriers of diseases. Whenever he sought to swat a fly in his office or bedroom, he chased after it with a fly swatter that he carried at all times on a belt underneath his robe. Among his imaginary illness were a chronic toothache of mysterious origin, irregular pulse, and a suspected heart condition, bilious attacks or some other liver disorder, and anaemia. Pius did suffer from an inflamed colon and chronic gastritis, but one of his doctors considered even this to be the direct result of his hypochondria. Pope Pius XII cleaned his teeth many times during the day in a long and complicated ritual-first brushing with toothpaste made especially for him by a chemist, then washing out his mouth with a strong astringent, and finally massaging his gums with sterilized cotton swabs that he dipped in a disinfecting solution. Convinced his gums were bad and listening to none of the advice from competent Vatican doctors, Pius found a Roman dentist who prescribed a “remedy” for the Pope’s “bad gums”, which unfortunately was chromic acid – a strong preparation also used to tan hides. Not only did this cause his gums to become more and more sensitive but also it gradually, over the years, worked on him like a slow poison, causing stomach disorders, spasms ...of the diaphragm and his well-known attacks of hiccups.