

Attendance and Collection:

20 March: Attendance 50 | Collection £97.00

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.

Easter Mass Times

Palm Sunday: 10.30am at Hill Chapel | 9am and 6.30pm at Cloughton

Maundy Thursday: 6.30pm at Cloughton

Good Friday: 3pm at Hill Chapel

Easter Vigil: 7pm at Cloughton

Easter Sunday: 10.30am at Hill Chapel | 9am Cloughton

Lent Series 2022 – For the Greater Glory of God

A series of events have been planned during Lent to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. The evenings will be a mixture of talks, videos, prayer and reflection and will be held at St Wilfrid's Church in Preston. Further details on the noticeboard at the back of church.

BVCT Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk

The BVCT Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk is on 15 April, gathering at 9.15am at the Village Hall, Bleasdale, PR3 1UY for a prompt 9.30am start. It is about 4–5 miles, will require wellies or boots for some sections and clothing appropriate to the weather. It will end with a Jacob's Join lunch in the Hall afterwards. Everyone from BVCT is welcome. This is always a very friendly and enjoyable event for adults and children and a great opportunity to meet informally members of the other Brock Valley Church communities. The walk and lunch will be finished in good time to attend the 3pm Good Friday service at Hill Chapel.

Church Opening: church will be closed for private prayer from Monday 4 April until school reopens on Tuesday 19 April. If anyone could assist with opening and during the holidays, please contact a member of the parish council.

Newsletter Co-ordinator: we are looking for someone to update the newsletter weekly. If you could help please see a member of the Parish Council.



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

3 April 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 Mass is for the people of the parish.

There will be mass on Tuesday at 9.30am at Hill Chapel. All are welcome.

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Ted Eastham. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

Safety Rules For Mass

Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and we do want everyone to be kept safe and Covid-free while attending Hill Chapel. Many thanks for your co-operation.

* Please sanitise your hands on entry.

*** Please wear a mask when entering and leaving church and when receiving Holy Communion. Masks can be removed while sitting in your bench.**

A Big Thank you!

To everyone who helped make the Mother's Day family Mass such a lovely occasion, and to all those who attended. A special thanks to Marie Wilkinson for the beautiful posies of flowers, which were much appreciated.

Another Thank you!

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

Walk Against Hunger – Father Philip Newbold

Fr Philip is completing daily steps over Lent for CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger. Fylde Deanery & Fr Philip also walked in solidarity on Saturday 26 March, with other parishes around England and Wales, as no one in our world should go hungry. Please visit CAFOD's website for details of the 500 aid projects that Catholic parishioners fund, in 40 countries. Together we can and do make a difference to the lives of our brothers & sisters overseas...

If you would like to donate to CAFOD via our JustGiving Page, here is the link:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fylde-deanery-walk-with-Fr-Philip> to help communities around our world overcome poverty & hunger and to provide aid in Ukraine.

From the Archives

As we move into the fifth week of Lent, I wonder how many of us are still keeping to our Lenten promises? We are blessed in that we have the freedom to choose how we prepare for Holy Week and Christ's glorious

resurrection on Easter Sunday. By contrast, this year, the Christian population in Ukraine have no such freedom. Mariupol, the city dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, has almost been totally destroyed and hundreds of ordinary men, women and children have had their lives turned into a living nightmare. As we witness the terrible atrocities that are happening in the country, we can't fail to be impressed by the tremendous faith that is displayed by those who have lost everything. The Orthodox religion is obviously extremely important to the Ukrainian people and must give them tremendous hope as they face a most uncertain future.

The Russian Orthodox Church is the main religion of Ukraine. It is a self-governing Orthodox body that is represented by one of five great patriarchates in the Orthodox Church. Russian Orthodox bishops preside over distinct geographic areas, with each responsible for leading the church in his region. The Russian Patriarch is, therefore, one among equals with the other patriarchs, with none having ecclesiastical authority over the other. Whilst our Roman Catholic Church has a similar hierarchical structure to the Russian Orthodox Church, in contrast, the Holy Father has authority over the entire Church. Other Christian denominations in the west have a variety of models from a hierarchy, with bishops, to the fundamental independent Baptist Church that does not recognise any central authority whatsoever.

There are many similarities between Christians in both the East and the West. Both share a common belief in the Trinity, the resurrection, and the divinity of Christ. They recognise a common baptism and communion; both have the same seven sacraments, although in the Orthodox Church confirmation is called 'chrismation'. While there are some slight differences in ritual and meaning between Orthodox and Catholics, these sacraments are essentially compatible.

There are, however, differences in the religious calendar between Russian Orthodox and Western Christians. Christmas and Easter are both celebrated at different times in Russian Orthodox churches than they are in Western churches. The Russian Orthodox Church uses the old Julian calendar, whereas the Roman Catholic Church switched to the Gregorian calendar in the 16th century. This year Easter Sunday in Ukraine will be on 24 April. Like many countries in Eastern Europe, Ukrainians normally celebrate Easter with decorated eggs, special foods, and customs. Throughout the day people exchange Easter eggs, kiss each other on the cheek three times, and often say 'Christ is risen!' to each other, responding with 'He is truly risen!' A lovely tradition that we pray will continue this year.

Mike Bryan