

Feast Days this Week:

Monday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Tuesday: St Lawrence (martyr)

Wednesday: St Clare

Thursday: St Jane Frances de Chantal

Friday: St Hippolytus (martyr)

Saturday: St Maximilian Kolbe (martyr)

Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; for human life; for those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; for Europe, St Bridget, and St Teresa Benedicta (9Aug).

10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people:

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD.

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE UNWELL If you would like the parish to pray for someone who is currently unwell, please email news@stfrancisgoosnargh.org.uk or ring Father Sony on 01772 865229. It will be then be included 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 it not to go on the parish newsletter.

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 01772 865689.

Attendance and Collection: Sunday 25 July – attendance: 33 | collection: £79.00



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Parish Newsletter

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 August 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 Bob Barron.

Please remember in your prayers the family of Ben Bulloch, who will be baptised today. We pray for Ben as we welcome him to the parish family and to the wider family of God.

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

Congratulations to Bill and Magdeline Cookson who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 26 August 2021. They were married at Hill Chapel and plan to celebrate their anniversary by coming to Mass on the Sunday.

SAFETY RULES FOR MASS

Stewards will be on duty to ensure that safety procedures are followed. Full details are on our website. Please do read them.

Face masks will need to be worn.

Please follow these guidelines once entering church:

* **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**.

* At Holy Communion (given in silence):

Please wear a mask as you go up the aisle to communion and remove their mask before they 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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In my final article related to The Society of Jesus, my focus this week is on one of the best-known Jesuit institutions in Lancashire, Stonyhurst College in the Ribble Valley. The history of Stonyhurst as a school dates to a period considerably before its foundation in Hurst Green in 1794. Stonyhurst was founded by Father Robert Parsons in 1592, at St Omer in France for English boys compelled by the penal laws of Elizabethan times to seek a Catholic education which was denied them at home. However, due to the hostility of the French parliament in Paris, the college was forced to leave St Omer in 1762 and transfer to Bruges, where it remained for eleven years under the protection of the Empress Maria Theresa. When the Jesuit Society was suppressed by Pope Clement XIV in 1773, the staff and students were again forced to reassemble to continue their collegiate life at Liège under the patronage of the prince bishop of that city. The approach of the French revolutionary armies, in 1794, yet again compelled the college to seek a new home, and this time it found one in its native land at the mansion of Stonyhurst Hall in the Ribble Valley. Stonyhurst Hall was placed at the disposal of the Jesuits by Mr Thomas Weld of Lulworth, heir of the Shireburns of Stonyhurst and himself a past student at the college in Bruges.

By a strange coincidence Stonyhurst Hall had been rebuilt by Sir Richard Shireburn in 1592, the very year of the foundation of the first Stonyhurst college at St Omer.

The college has now been established at Stonyhurst for 227 years, and during that time the character of the education given has varied with the requirements of the time. The college has always been at the forefront of innovation; in the early 1800s Stonyhurst had the first physics and chemistry labs in England, and in the 1830s it had an observatory and a weather station. Anti-Catholic legislation, even as late as 1845, barred Catholics from studying at a university, so the college arranged with the University of London to grant degrees to external candidates. This resulted in the older students at Stonyhurst, called ‘Gentlemen Philosophers’, being the first Catholics to gain a degree since the time of Elizabeth I. In 1811, a gas works was built at the college which supplied lighting across the campus and, due to the relationship Stonyhurst had with Fr (Daddy) Dunn from St Wilfrid’s in Preston, students and Jesuits became involved with the setting up of the Preston Gas Light Company, and, as I mentioned in my article last week, the town became the first outside London to be lit by gas.

Stonyhurst has educated prominent individuals in every area, from statesmen to sportsmen, and actors to archbishops. Seven alumni have been awarded the V.C. the highest award for gallantry; paintings of them adorn the walls of the Top Refectory in the school. Over the years several well-known writers have studied at Stonyhurst. Gerard Manley Hopkins, a Jesuit priest, taught there. When Arthur Conan Doyle was a pupil at the college there were two Moriarty brothers and a Sherlock in attendance. Their names can still be seen scratched onto the inside lid of an old desk kept at the college. During WW2 seminarians and their families from the English College in Rome were evacuated to Stonyhurst; amongst them was J.R.R. Tolkien’s son John. J.R.R. Tolkien wrote ‘The Lord of the Rings’ at the college and was known to have given occasional lessons whilst he was there.

In 1985, the Jesuits handed over the teaching at Stonyhurst to the laity. The Society still oversees the management of the college, and a Jesuit chaplain remains on site. In common with many other English Public Schools, Stonyhurst began to admit girls in 1999 and there are now approximately 600 students on roll; it remains the UK’s leading co-educational Catholic boarding and day school.

Mike Bryan

First reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

The angel gives Elijah food to reach the mountain of God

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-9

Second reading

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Forgive each other as readily as God forgave you

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,

and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
'I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'