

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 (23 July) and St Teresa Benedicta (9Aug).

Attendance and Collection Sunday 18 July – attendance: 42 | collection: £121 (Good Shepherd Fund £20.00)

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/>

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS (INCLUDING GREAT GRANDPARENTS) AND THE ELDERLY

The first World Day is part of Pope Francis' larger idea for the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year which runs from 19 March 2021 – June 2022. The year highlights the importance of pastoral care of the elderly within the Christian community, encouraging us to spend time with one another and engage in intergenerational conversations.

While instituting the World Day at the Sunday Angelus on January 31, Pope Francis announced that it would take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The Lord and the Church are close to the elderly

“On this First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we give thanks to God for each of you and the many gifts He grants to us through you.”

The Holy Father wishes to remind the whole world that the voice of the elderly is precious, because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.” *By Benedict Mayaki, SJ*



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 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 the people of the parish.

Please remember in your prayers the Foy family, whose son Finlay will be baptised today. 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 William Hilary Gornall, Edith Margaret Charnley and Constance Veronica Dewhurst. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

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.

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.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England on 19 July: the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship. We are mindful of

the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021.

For more reading visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

WHO'S WHO IN SAFEGUARDING?

“Being loved and kept safe go to the very heart of the Church’s ministry to children and vulnerable adults.” (Cumberledge)

Parish representative for St Francis, Hill Chapel is **Maria Peel**. For anyone who does not know me, I can often be found at the back of church welcoming you into mass on a Sunday. My photo is also on the board at the back of church along with the rest of the parish council. My role in the parish is to: help maintain a safeguarding awareness at all times; promote safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults within the parish, group or congregation; link with Fr Sony and the leaders of specific ministries within the parish; be the link between the parish and the safeguarding office. **Every member of the Catholic community is in the team! We must all look out for the more vulnerable members of our church community.**

If you are concerned about anyone please contact Maria on 01772 785584
Or Fr Sony 01772 865229 Or the safeguarding office 01524 841190

Feast Days this Week:

Monday: St Eusebius of Vercelli

Wednesday: St John Vianney

Friday: the Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday: St Edmund Arrowsmith, St Ambrose Barlow & comps Lancaster Martyrs

READINGS

First reading

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The Lord sends manna from heaven

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."'

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

Second reading

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Put aside your old self and put on the new

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the

new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven; I am the bread of life

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,

you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs

but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,

but work for food that endures to eternal life,

the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,

for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?'

Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.'

So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture

says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,

it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,

it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,

the true bread;

the bread of God

is that which comes down from heaven

and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;

he who believes in me will never thirst.'