

From the Archives

Palm Sunday marks the start of the most important and holiest week in the Christian calendar, ending with the glorious resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. Easter is closely linked to the Jewish Feast of Passover.

Passover is one of the most important religious festivals in the Jewish calendar. Jews celebrate the Feast of Passover (*Pesach* in Hebrew) to commemorate the liberation of the Children of Israel who were led out of Egypt by Moses. This year the Jewish Passover begins at sundown on Good Friday, 15th April and ends on Saturday evening, 23rd April. The name derives from the story of God's angel of death 'passing over' the homes of Hebrews when God sent the tenth plague upon the Egyptians, the killing of the first born children. Passover is marked by several carefully structured rituals enacted over the eight days of the celebrations. Conservative Jews follow these rituals very carefully, though more progressive or reform Jews may practice a more relaxed observance. Before celebrations can begin the house must be cleaned from top to bottom to remove any traces of *chametz* (leaven) from the home. This commemorates the Jews leaving Egypt who did not have anytime to let their bread rise but also symbolizes removing 'puffiness' (arrogance, pride) from their souls. The day before Passover begins there is a ritual search for *chametz* in every home. The children usually join in with great enthusiasm. The most important rituals- the Passover meal, also known as the Seder and is always observed on the first night of Passover and follows a carefully prescribed series of 15 steps including a dinner of highly symbolic foods. The telling of the Passover story is the highlight of the Seder and begins with the youngest person in the room asking four ceremonial questions and concludes with a blessing recited over wine after the story is told.

Some Christian groups now observe a shortened version of the Jewish Seder dinner after Holy Mass on Maundy Thursday – Perhaps something we could consider in the future?

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

10th April, 2022 Readings – Year C

Parish Mission Statement

*Our Parish, guided by the example of St Francis,
seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community, by
living, sharing and growing in faith*

Today's Mass is for the People of The Parish.

There will be Mass on Tuesday at Hill Chapel – all are welcome.

We pray for Mary Wells who has recently died, May she rest in peace.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Barrie Cook and Thomas Bernard Gornall. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

Tea and Cakes available after Mass. All donations received go to the Ukrainian Appeal. We have sent £600 to Cafod so far – Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Safety Rules For Mass

Many thanks for your co-operation. 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
- Please wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.

Easter Mass Times

Maundy Thursday: 6.30pm at Claughton – **There will be washing of feet at this Mass and Father is asking for volunteers for the washing of feet.**

Good Friday: 3pm at Hill Chapel

Easter Vigil: 7pm at Claughton

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

BVCT Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk

The BVCT Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk is on 15th April, gathering at 9.15am at the Village hall, Bleasedale PR31UY for a prompt 9.30am start. It is about 4 – 5 miles. Wellies / boots will be required for some sections of the walk and clothes appropriate to the weather. It will end with a Jacob's Join lunch in the Hall afterwards. Everyone from BVCT (Brock Valley Churches Together) 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.

Dale House Gardens – Open for Charity – 16th, 17th April.

Dale House Gardens on Church Lane, Goosnargh PR32BE are open to the public on Saturday, 16th April and Sunday 17th April from 10am – 4pm. Caroline Luke, one of our parishioners opens her gardens yearly and all proceeds go to charity,

Features include a landscaped garden, alpines, koi pond and a large collection of unusual bulbs and well worth a visit. Admission is £3.50 for adults and children are free.

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. we can and do make a difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters overseas. & sisters overseas.

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

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fylde-deanery-walk-with-Fr-Philip>

Attendance and Collection:

27 March: Attendance 141 | Collection £114.00

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.

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.

New s l e t t e r Co-ordinator : we are looking for someone to update the newsletter weekly. If you could help please see a member of the Parish Council.

