

PLEASE REMEMBER MALACHY CONLON IN YOUR PRAYERS

He sadly died on 4 June. He was a true gentleman who has given so much to our Parish community over the years. He was an initial member of the church Property group where his great knowledge and experience were put to good use. Our thoughts are with Mary and all the family. May he rest in peace.

FIRST COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS

This year our First Communion Celebration will take place on Sunday 4 July at 11.30 a.m, following the 10.30 a.m. mass. This mass will be especially for the First Communicants and their families. Nine children will be receiving the sacrament. Please remember them in your prayers.

REQUEST FOR READERS

We are looking for more people to read the readings and bidding prayers at Sunday mass. If you would be willing to help – please contact Mary Doran or Joe Naylor.

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 017722 865689.

Attendance and Collection

Sunday 30 May – attendance: 39 | collection: £128.00

Feast Days this Week:

Wednesday: St Columba St Richard of Chichester

Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary



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Father Dutton on 01772 782641 or Canon Doyle on 01772 782244**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 June 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. Some seats are reserved for the family. Please stay in your seats at communion and Father and the Eucharistic Ministers will bring communion to you.

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Joan Sumner, Elizabeth Rosaline Bolton, Joseph Jason Nugent and Brendan Thomas Dewhurst.

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/>

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** as specified by the government. **Please follow these guidelines once entering church:**

- * **Sanitise hands** on entry.
- * 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 mass sheet & newsletter on entry and **take them 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

Over the years our parish has lost many hard-working, committed volunteers, who were always willing to take on various tasks to ensure our lovely church and grounds were maintained to the highest standard. None asked for anything in return and were just happy to do whatever was asked of them without praise or favour. They are no doubt remembered fondly by their families and present parishioners, but a proposal will shortly be put to the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) to acknowledge their contributions in a more lasting and meaningful way.

Today, Sunday 13 June, is the first anniversary of the late Bob Barron. Bob gave freely of his time and professional skills over a lengthy period for the benefit of our parish and school. It has been decided, therefore, after consultation with Fr Sony, members of the PPC and the Property Group, that Bob will be the first to be formally recognised in this way. It was felt that the most appropriate way to do this is to name the new tarmacked drive and walkway running down to the church entrance, which Bob designed and managed shortly before his death, with a suitable commemorative name plate. This will be unveiled and blessed by Fr Sony after Sunday mass today, all are invited to join Bob's family for this special commemorative event.

Whilst writing this newsletter article, I have heard the very sad news of Malachy Conlon's death. Malachy was another parishioner who did so much

for the benefit of Hill Chapel. He worked for many years together with Bob Barron, and the late Terry Ryan, as a key member of the Property Group. The trio was responsible for several major projects to improve and maintain the church building and gardens and brought a wealth of professional skills to the group. Deepest sympathy goes out to Mary and the family, Malachy will be sadly missed.

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace.

Mike Bryan

CAFOD Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide

READINGS

First reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in

the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.