

Feast Days this Week:

Monday: St Albert the Great

Tuesday: St Margaret of Scotland

Wednesday: St Hilda

Thursday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Cycle of Prayer for the Autumn of Ordinary Time: We pray for: the harvest and care of creation; students and teachers; the spreading of the Gospel; justice and peace; prisoners and dependants; victims of war on Remembrance Day; and young people on Christ the King (21 Nov).

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 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 31 October: Attendance 51 | Collection £146.00

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7 December Infant Nativity in Church 2pm and 7pm

Sunday 12 December Family Mass 10.30am and Christmas Fair in school after mass

Tuesday 14 December School Carol Concert (KS2 Juniors) in church 6pm

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES

From next week – and until the end of January – we will resume our collection for the food bank in Ingol, Preston. If you do wish to donate any food items, tins or packets – please leave in the marked box at the back of church. Your support really does help to make a difference to nearby struggling families.



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Remembrance Sunday)

14 November 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 departed members of the Shorrock and Wilkinson families.

The Mass for Deceased Deanery Clergy is on Tuesday 16 November. All are invited to attend the cathedral mass at 12.15pm. There is **NO 9.30am mass at Hill Chapel on Tuesday 16 November.**

On Tuesday 16 November there will be a Requiem Mass (Canon Doyle) at 11am for **Barbara Anne Gornall** who died on 2 November. *Eternal rest give unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

There will be a Requiem Mass for **Margaret (Bunt) Banks** on Thursday 18 November at 11am. *Eternal rest give unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Audrey Joan Agnes Iddon, Ged Griffiths, Reginald Johnson, Jean Mawson and Mary Gladys Gornall and Pat Turner. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

The **November envelopes** are now available at the back of church if anyone would like a deceased friend or relative remembered during November. If you would like to enrol a loved one on the Parish November Mass List, they will have Mass offered for them. If you are not currently attending Mass, there will be mass offering envelopes in a plastic folder in the grotto to the right of the church door, which can then be put through the presbytery letterbox.

SAFETY RULES FOR MASS

- * **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 newsletter on entry and **take it away when you leave**.
- * **Please wear a mask** as you go up the aisle to communion and remove the mask before you 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

Each year on Remembrance Sunday I focus on one of the servicemen whose names appear on our parish war memorial. This year it is Richard Holden who was born into a farming family at Higher Syke House Farm, Goosnargh, in 1879.

His parents, George and Elizabeth, had ten children, nine boys and a girl. Richard was the third youngest boy, born just twelve months before his sister Margaret. The family would have worshiped at St Francis', Hill Chapel. In 1901 Richard was still living with the family and working as a farm hand at their new home, Bought (or Boot) Farm, Alston. By this time Richard,

along with many other local men, had joined the Territorial Force, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, his service number was 6078.

The next ten years would see a major change in Richard's life. He married Mary Hannah, eight years his junior, from Carnforth near Lancaster in 1906, and took up an appointment as an attendant at the Royal Albert Institution for Feeble-minded Persons in Lancaster, a sister hospital to the Whittingham Institution. The family had four children, Mary Elizabeth (16.07.1907), Margaret (29.01.1909), Winifred (23.10.1912) and Richard John (06.04.1914). It is likely, that Richard would have spent some time working at Whittingham hospital prior to the war.

In 1914, life for the Holden family was to be torn apart as Richard was called up the day after war was declared in August. He joined the 2nd Battalion the Scots Guards as Private, 2599. His attestation papers show that he was 5'8" tall with a fresh complexion, grey eyes, fair hair, and a scar above his right eye. He was to serve with the British Expeditionary Force in France and Belgium; he would not be home for Christmas. He was killed just 3 months later in the 1st battle of Ypres on 25 November 1914 aged 35. His youngest child, Richard was just seven months old. Richard has no known grave but is remembered with honour on the Ploegsteert Memorial Belgium.

The war initially named as the 'War to end all Wars', claimed 41 million casualties and involved 21 countries. Approximately 11 million military personnel were killed along with a civilian death toll of circa 8 million. Six million additional deaths were due to war related famine and disease. Many others suffered major life changing physical or mental illnesses.

Pope Francis implores us all to pray that those in a position of power and authority throughout the world will strive for peace, tolerance and understanding amongst all nations. As a tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in both world wars, we too must work for peace in our homes, community, and society.

Mike Bryan

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The names of all those Hill Chapel former parishioners, killed in two World Wars, are now on display in the new Remembrance Cabinet at the back of church.

If you would like the name of a deceased parishioner to be included in the Remembrance Book in future months, please write their name, date of death and a brief biography on a slip of paper and place in a sealed envelope, marked 'Book of Remembrance', in the box at the back of church.

Our thanks go to Frank Ashton for converting an original school desk into this splendid display cabinet.