

Feast Days this Week:

Monday: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang

Tuesday: St Matthew the apostle

Thursday: St Pius of Pietrelcina

Friday: Our Lady of Walsingham

Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Cycle of Prayer for the Autumn of Ordinary Time: We pray for: the harvest and care of creation (26 Sept); students and teachers on Education Day; the spreading of the Gospel on Home Mission Day (19 Sept) and World Mission Day (24 Oct); justice and peace on Harvest Fast Day (1 Oct); prisoners and dependants (10–16 Oct); victims of war on Remembrance Day (14 Nov); 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.

Attendance and Collection: 5 Sept: attendance 38 | collection £73.00

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:

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.



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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 September 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. Your prayers are also requested for Barbara Paley, who is unwell.

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

Tea and coffee after Mass will resume outside, weather permitting.

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/>

**Monday 20 September 7.30pm | St Mary the Virgin community room,
Goosnargh
Everyone welcome!**

AGM followed by a talk by Stephen Corbishley: *A Goosnargh Boy's Journey from Home to Banbury via Lisbon*. Refreshments will be served. Membership subscriptions of £15 will be collected and a free printed programme for 2021/22 will be distributed.

Stephen and his wife attend Hill Chapel and I believe this talk to be about one of his ancestors. Hope to see some of you on the 20th.

Parish Book of Remembrance – Help Needed!

We are intending to have a Book of Remembrance in church to remember all our parishioners who are sadly no longer with us, especially those who have done a great deal for the parish. We are looking for anyone with woodworking skills to make a cabinet to display the book in. Another option would be to convert an old desk into a cabinet. So any furniture offers or skills availability please contact any member of the Pastoral Council.

CREATION CELEBRATION Saturday 2 October

On **Saturday 2 October**, we are planning to hold a special celebration to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint – St Francis of Assisi.

We are inviting parishioners to bring any item linked to **God's creation** that is important to them. This could be in the form of a picture, an object, a statue, a photograph or a model – the choice is yours.

These items will be on display for people to come and look at. Church will be open from 11.00.a.m. till 3.00 p.m. for people to come and visit. There will also be refreshments.

The purpose of the celebration is:

- To celebrate our beautiful world.
- To provide the opportunity for people to socialise.
- To appreciate and look at a variety of exhibits that depict the wonderful world in which we live.
- To welcome people back to our lovely church.

We will be providing further information weekly but please do pop this date in your diary and have a think about what you could bring to the celebration.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

As our school begins a new academic year, I thought it appropriate this month to go back in the archives 82 years to September 1939; Britain had declared war on Germany and the country was in crisis. Fear that German bombing would cause civilian deaths prompted the government to evacuate children, mothers with infants, and other vulnerable adults, to the relatively safer environment of the countryside. Evacuation took place in several waves, the first came on 1 September 1939 – the day Germany invaded Poland and two days before Britain entered the war. Over the course of the next days and weeks, 1.5 million evacuees were sent to rural locations across the country. Evacuation was voluntary, but the fear of bombing, the closure of many urban schools and the organised transportation of school groups helped persuade families to send their children well away from home to live with strangers.

Evacuation was a huge logistical exercise which required thousands of volunteers. The Women's Voluntary Service provided practical assistance, looking after tired and often frightened and apprehensive children at railway stations and reception areas. Volunteer host families were also required, and several made huge sacrifices to accommodate the evacuees, many of whom had never seen farm animals or even eaten fresh vegetables. The parents of the evacuees had been issued with a list detailing what their children should take with them. These included a gas mask, a change of underclothes, night clothes, shoes, socks, toothbrush, soap, handkerchief, and a warm coat. Many families, however, struggled financially to provide their children with all the items listed and host families were faced with the task of obtaining these essential items out of their own pockets.

Thirty-seven evacuee children from St Willibrord's Catholic School in Clayton, East Manchester were evacuated to Goosnargh and were billeted with families from our own parish at Hill Chapel. The teachers and parents of St Willibrord's were particularly concerned for the safety of the children as their school was sited near to several factories including the AVRO airplane factory where the components for the Lancaster Bomber were being manufactured. Arrangements were made for the children to attend our own school at The Hill alongside the existing pupils. The school day was split so that each group of pupils could attend for a half of each day. Some of our parishioners may remember these events and may even have been a member of a family who gave them shelter and cared for them. St Willibrord's is still a thriving catholic school, and it would be interesting to compare the school's present day urban setting with our own rural school here at Hill Chapel. Details of the school can be found at www.st-willibrords.manchester.sch.uk

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