

Rededication of Readers and Eucharistic ministers will take place today during Mass.

Attendance and Collection

5th November Attendance 73 Collection £214.70

12th November Attendance 106 Collection £247.00

Special collection today for **Youth services**

Next week special collection for **Diocesan Poor Missions**

Parishioners Who are Unwell

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang up if you prefer.

Feast Days

Thurs - ST ANDREW

Sat – The Blessed Virgin Mary

Cycle of Prayer

Young People – especially on Youth Day – Christ the King - 26th November

School Events

Infant Nativity -Thurs 7 th December - 2pm, 6pm – in church

Family Mass followed by Christmas Fair – Sunday, 10 th December

Pre-school carols around the tree – Mon 18 th December, 1.30pm – in church

Key Stage Two Advent Service – Tues 12 th December, 6pm – in church.

We would like to invite the Parish to any of the above events.

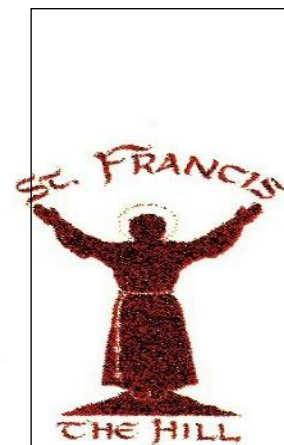
We really would love to see you there.

Christmas Masses

Saturday 23rd December - Vigil mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent @ 4pm

Sunday 24th December - No morning mass. Vigil mass for Christmas Day
4.00pm carols @ 3.30pm

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day mass 10.30am



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Youth Sunday

26th November - Readings - Year A

Sunday Mass - 10.30am

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.*

Today's Mass Intention is for the People of the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially
Lawrence Ibison, Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker
Constance Mary Barber & Frank Morris.

Tuesday 28th November @ 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass.

Foodbank Collection

From now until Christmas we will be collecting for **Ribble Valley**

Foodbank

Our local foodbank is currently short of :

Tinned vegetables ,tinned potatoes, sponge puddings,long life milk,soap,shaving foam/razors,tooth brushes, and laundry liquid/powder/gel.

A box will be at the back of church to put items in. Many thanks for your support.

Christmas Craft Evening

On Tuesday, December 5th, we are running a Christmas Craft Evening in the Presbytery from 6.00 pm. This will be an ideal event to make some new decoration, to socialise and all money raised will be for the Church Roof Appeal. Entry will be £10 which includes refreshments. Please see Maria or Bernadette for further details.

Christmas Fair - Sun 10th Dec after mass. We are holding our annual Christmas Fair and our asking for items for the tombola stall – chocolate, toiletries, bottle would be gratefully appreciated. We are also having a cake stall if anyone would like to bake for the event. If you are able to help on the day – please contact Mary.

Major Roof Repairs - Update Number 3 - November 2023

Dominic Roberts, Conservation Architect and Project Manager for our roof repair is making good progress on appointing various building professionals to prepare a detailed plan of action for the work which is due to begin on site in April 2024.

Given the nature and historical importance of the church this is a complex operation which requires careful planning and liaison with various official bodies. The following work has now been undertaken:

- A Quantity Surveyor and a Structural Engineer have been appointed.
- An Asbestos Removal Architect has prepared a budget cost for the removal of the asbestos sheet ceiling. We are currently discussing access and scaffolding requirements.
- Mr Roberts is awaiting quotes from a roofing contractor for the investigation of the high number of broken slates so that we can make proposals for repair or replacement.

- A measured survey has been completed and the property group has been provided with working drawings which will be filed in the parish records for use on this and all future projects.

- Now that the measured survey is complete, we will work with the project manager and structural engineer on the design of roof repairs and the new ceiling.

- Information has been obtained regarding the VAT reclaim scheme for Listed and Historic Churches.

- Details of various grant awards are being obtained to support the high cost of this work. Further updates will be published as and when available.

Mike Bryan Property Group Secretary.

Pre-paid Grave Fees

You may be aware that the parish is currently running a scheme for parishioners and, in some limited circumstances non-parishioners, to pre-pay the fee for a grave plot in our parish churchyard. The scheme secures a plot for two people at the current rate of payment and avoids any unnecessary stress following a death.

This type of scheme is available in many parishes and, although it does not indicate a specific grave plot, it affords the family peace of mind in knowing that the grave fee has been paid prior to other funeral expenses occurred at the time of death. Following death, the next available grave plot is allocated, Accurate parish records are kept of the payment alongside the personal details of those involved. An official parish receipt and certificate of entitlement is given to the purchaser.

The cost of the grave would be charged in accordance with the parish charging policy at the time of purchase, currently £750, for regular worshipers and £3,000 for non-parishioners. The fee for the interment of ashes is currently £200. A full list of graveyard charges is posted at the back of church and on the parish website. Please note, these charges are due to rise significantly in March next year.

With this in mind, and at a time when our parish is struggling to raise significant funding to repair the church roof, it may be mutually beneficially for you to seriously consider pre-paying for a grave plot before prices are increased.

If you feel that the scheme would be of interest to you, please email, Mike Bryan at swallow1234@icloud.com or contact any member of the Pastoral Parish Council for more information. PPC

