

INGOL FOOD BANK

For many people, life this year is harder than ever. We are continuing our collections for Ingol Food bank in Preston. If you would be able to give any tins or packets of food – please leave them in a carrier bag in the box at the back of church or in the box by the presbytery if church is not open. Many thanks for supporting the needy and vulnerable during these difficult times.

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 21 March – 29: £296.00

Very grateful thanks to the kind donor of £200 on Sunday 21 March. The donation is given in memory of Harry and Pat Turner, and Margaret Rigby.

Cycle of Prayer During Easter

We pray for:

New members of the church

Vocations (25 April)

Human work (St Joseph the Worker) on 1 May

Right use of the media on Communications Day (16 May)

The Church, especially at Pentecost (23 May)

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/>



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EASTER SUNDAY

4 April 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.

**Wishing everyone in our parish a safe, peaceful,
holy and happy Easter.**

Church is now open again for Sunday mass at 10.30am. **Please only attend mass if you feel safe to do so. The dispensation for Sunday mass is still in place.**

Mass today is for the people of the parish. Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Your prayers are requested for **June Cynthia Gornall**, mother of Angela Cornell, who died on 20 March. June's funeral will take place on 8 April at 12 noon. May her soul rest in peace.

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.

BIDDING PRAYERS

As we celebrate the new life of Easter, we look upon this Easter Sunday as a day of hope, a day when there will be sunshine and gladness in our hearts again. We bring our prayers before the Risen Lord, knowing that he is walking with us as we face each new day.

We pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders and give thanks for their efforts to inspire hope and promise into the lives of everyone in their care. May they succeed in bringing the joy of Easter into the hearts of all those who are suffering and in desperate need of God's love. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are sick at this time and for their carers. We remember all those who have died and all those who mourn for the loss of their loved ones. May the Risen Lord touch their hearts and help them in their journey. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Father Sony and all members of our parish here at Hill Chapel. Even though we are not able to celebrate mass with all members of our parish, may we all stay close in spirit and reach out to all those who need our care and support this Easter. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for your never-ending presence in our lives. May your love and compassion be constantly with us as we face the week ahead, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

A Very Happy Easter! Today is the most important Feast in the whole Christian calendar, marking the end of the forty days of Lent and bringing hope and joy in reminding us that Jesus is alive, and in our midst, as He welcomes us in a new life with him. Perhaps more than ever this year, whilst we are amid a pandemic, the true meaning of Easter brings deep significance to our lives as Catholics. Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and all the dates and celebrations of the liturgical year, including all the Christian movable feasts, are arranged around it. The Church always marks Easter on the first Sunday that follows the first full moon of the Spring Equinox. The date therefore changes each year and falls on any Sunday between 22 March and 25 April. The season of Easter begins after Easter Sunday and lasts for seven weeks, ending with Pentecost.

There are so many different personal traditions that Catholic families follow during Easter. Brightly painted eggs have become synonymous with Easter, but because Easter eggs have been widely secularised, we sometimes forget the Resurrection symbolism of the egg. Traditional Easter food includes lamb, cakes, breads, eggs, all of which symbolise the resurrection through either shape, form, or the act of rising (yeast). Since it marks the end of Lent, many Easter recipes use extra eggs, meat or rich food formally forbidden during the fasting period. One of the oldest Easter traditions in our own city of Preston is the annual egg rolling event in Avenham Park which first began in 1867. At this point the park was still under completion and wasn't officially open, however, its potential as the ideal egg rolling spot was clearly recognised by the people of Preston as they flocked to the park, painted hard-boiled eggs in hand. Unfortunately, for the second year on the run, the event will not go ahead this year. Around the world there are many different and often strange traditions to celebrate the Easter season. On the Greek island of Corfu, old ceramic cooking pots and plant pots are thrown out of the windows on to the streets as an Easter Saturday tradition. In the Ukraine, people throw water over each other in the streets on Easter Monday. This also happens in parts of Poland where it is said the tradition relates to the baptism of a Polish prince hundreds of years ago. Finally, and perhaps my own favourite, in a small village in the south of France people gather every Easter Monday to share a huge omelette. Around 15,000 eggs are used, and it is big enough to feed hundreds of people!

Rejoice, Christ is Risen!

Mike Bryan

READINGS

First reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life’s own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1Cor5: 7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.