

Feast Days This Week:**Monday:** St Perpetua and Felicity**Tuesday:** St John of God**Wednesday:** St Francis of Rome

The Cycle of Prayer (Lent): candidates for the sacraments; Women's World Day of Prayer (4 March); the needy and the hungry of the world (Fast Day 11 March); penitents and wanderers.

Attendance and Collection:**20 February:** Attendance 58 | Collection £90.00

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 Opening Daily: Church will be open Monday to Friday throughout February (during term time; roughly school hours) for people to call in during the day to say a prayer. It will also be open all day on Saturday, and on Sunday afternoons.

Stainer's Crucifixion

Preston Orpheus Choir are organising a 'come and sing' Stainer's 'Crucifixion' on Saturday 19 March at St Leonard's church, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9JA. An afternoon workshop from 2.30 to 5.30pm, followed by an evening performance at 7.00pm. Singers £10, audience £5. More details (including a singer's registration form) on the website: www.prestonorpheuschoir.org.

First Communion Preparation

We have fourteen children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. They will be making their First Confession during Lent and receive First Holy Communion on the feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday 19 June. The display in the Children's Corner introduces this very special group to the parish. Please remember them in your prayers.



St Francis Hill Chapel

Parish Newsletter

The Hill, Horns Lane

Goosnargh, Preston PR3 2FJ

Telephone: 01772 865229

Clergy: Father Sony Joseph Kadamthodu

www.stfrancisgoosnargh.org.uk

Email (for newsletter items only):

news@stfrancisgoosnargh.org.uk

In case of emergency (and unable to contact Father Sony) please ring Father Dutton on 01772 782641 or Canon Doyle on 01772 782244

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**6 March 2022 (Readings: Year C)*****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 Kieran Levis.

Every Tuesday at 9.30 am there will be mass at Hill Chapel.

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

Safety Rules For Mass

Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and we do want everyone to be kept safe and Covid-free while attending Hill Chapel.

- * Please sanitise your hands on entry.
- * **Please wear a mask when entering and leaving church and when receiving Holy Communion. Masks can be removed while sitting in your bench.**

Many thanks for your co-operation.

A Message From Father Sony

Lenten Greetings from Your Pastor

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. We observe the lent together with the Universal Church.

At the beginning of Lent, which represents an intense path of spiritual training, the liturgy proposes three penitential practices that are precious to the biblical and Christian tradition – prayer, almsgiving and fasting – in order to prepare oneself to celebrate Easter more properly and thus to have the experience of the power of God who “triumphs over evil, washes away our sins, restores innocence to sinners, joy to the afflicted, extinguishes hatred, brings us peace and humbles the proud in the world” (Easter Proclamation). Lent recalls to us the forty days of fasting that the Lord underwent in the desert, prior to commencing his public mission. The Holy Scriptures and the entire Christian tradition teach that fasting is a great help to avoid sin and everything that leads to it. That is why, in the history of salvation, the invitation to fast recurs time after time. The faithful practice of fasting contributes to the unification of the human person, body and soul, by helping one to avoid sin and to grow in intimacy with the Lord.

I invite you all to prepare ourselves with fasting, penance and alms giving in this Lenten season asking pardon for our failures and sanctifying our souls by means of a sincere confession for welcoming the risen Lord in our lives. It is a time to get rid of some evil tendencies that are accumulated in our lives and to mend our ways as the Prodigal Son did.

I wish you all a fruitful Lent 2022.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world. Amen.

Ukraine Appeal

The people of Ukraine desperately need our help.

There will be a special collection at Mass today for the people of Ukraine.

In addition, if any parishioners wish to donate items such as clothes and toiletries they can be left at the back of church and will be taken to the collection point in Garstang.

Thank you.