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Thank-you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond urgently in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers can quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we are there in the long term and can continue to respond to crises around the world including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For more information on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website -cafod.org.uk

Thanks to all who supported Father Philip Newbold on his daily steps over Lent for his Walk Against Hunger.

If you would like to donate to CAFOD via our JustGivingPage, here is the link:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fylde-deanery-walk-with-Fr-Philip>

Praying for the Sick If you would like to pray for someone who is sick 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 if you prefer

Church Opening - Church will reopen for private prayer daily from Tuesday, April 19th. Many thanks to Jenny Rossall and Nikki Brice for opening and closing church daily during term time.

Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group - The next meeting will be on Monday, 25th April at 7.30p.m. at St Mary's Church, Goosnargh in the Community Hub The meeting will focus on Maps – change of land use and development.



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EASTER SUNDAY

17th April, 2022 Readings – Year C

***Special Easter Blessings to you all.
May the Joy of that Very First Easter stay in
your hearts and bring you peace and
happiness.***

Today's Mass is for Peter and Bob Williams.

We pray for Mary Wells who has recently died, her funeral will be at 11.00am on Tuesday, 19th April. May she rest in peace.

There will be no 9.30 am mass this Tuesday.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Vincent Joseph Wells, Annie Heslington and Terence Joseph Gillow. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

Tea and Cakes available after Mass. All donations received go to the Ukrainian Appeal. We have sent £600 to Cafod so far – Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Safety Rules For Mass

Many thanks for your co-operation. Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and do want everyone to be kept safe:

- Please sanitise your hands on entry
- Please wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.

Dale House Gardens-Easter Sunday-Open for charity

Dale House Gardens on Church Lane, Goosnargh PR32BE are open to the public on Saturday, 16th April and Sunday 17th April from 10am – 4pm. Caroline Luke, one of our parishoners opens her gardens yearly and all proceeds go to charity.

Features include a landscaped garden, alpiners, koi pond and a large collection of unusual bulbs and well worth a visit. Admission is £3.50 for adults and children are free.

Parish Trip to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat

A Parish trip is planned to see Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat at Blackpool Opera house on Wed, 27th July at 14.30pm. Numbers are needed to pre-book. If any parishoners are interested, please could you inform Bernadette Coulthurst on 07903021374.

Newsletter Co-ordinator

We are looking for someone to update the newsletter weekly. If you could help – please see a member of the Parish Council.

Attendance and Collection:

27 March: Attendance 141 | Collection £114.00

From the Archives

A Very Happy Easter! Whilst Easter Sunday is the most important day in the Christian calendar it is celebrated in many different ways around the world, ranging from the traditional religious services and rituals to the commercialised activities that have become more prevalent in recent years.

Many traditions, like the giving of Easter eggs, are symbolic of the new life given to us through Christ's glorious resurrection. Others are simply fun activities to celebrate the end of Lent and enjoy the coming of spring. If you have always celebrated Easter in the same way, it can be difficult to imagine that the holiday's traditions are different anywhere else. For example, in Bermuda celebrating Easter is a weekend affair of kite flying. People who want to celebrate go to Horseshoe Bay Beach to show off and fly their homemade kites, which are often brightly coloured with bold geometric designs. In Guatemala the streets are covered with colourful carpets made from flowers, fruits, vegetables and sand. They depict religious scenes, and many are half a mile long. A grand procession is held on Good Friday.

In 1991, rabbit free Australia launched a campaign to replace the Easter bunny with the Easter bilby, or rabbit-eared bandicoot. In Australia, rabbits are widely considered to be pests which destroy crops and land. A more dramatic tradition takes place in Florence where locals celebrate a 350-year-old Easter tradition known as Scoppio del Carro, or "explosion of the cart." An ornate cart packed with fireworks is led through the streets of the city to the 'Duomo', the cathedral of Florence. Then, during the Easter Day mass, the Archbishop of Florence lights a fuse that leads outside to the cart and sparks a lively fireworks display. Apparently, the meaning behind this custom dates back to the First Crusade, and is meant to ensure a good harvest.

For food lovers, in the southern French town of Haux on Easter Monday a giant omelette is cooked and served in the town's main square. The giant omelette uses more than 15,000 eggs and feeds up to 1,000 people. Legend has it that, when Napoleon and his army were travelling through the south of France, they stopped in a small town and ate omelettes. Napoleon liked his so much that he ordered the townspeople to gather their eggs and make a giant omelette for his army the next day.

I end with the words of Pope Francis in his Easter address last year, "Dear Brothers and Sisters, a good, happy, and peaceful Easter! Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: Jesus, who was crucified, has risen, Alleluia!"

Mike Bryan

