

Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group

Next meeting Monday 19th February 2024

Talk by the Friends of Winckley Square

Edith **Rigby**

Without doubt Edith Rigby is Preston's most famous suffragette and a woman ahead of her time. She was an extremely brave woman to follow her beliefs and passions despite the social pressure of the day to conform to what was perceived 'a woman's place'.

We meet in the community room in St. Marys church, Goosnargh at 7.30pm

Everyone welcome - refreshments served. Non members £3

Attendance and Collection

28th Jan - Attendance 49 Collection £157.50

4th Feb - Attendance 57 Collection £188.72

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.

Hill Chapel Library

We have a box at the back of church with a variety of religious books belonging to parishioners which other people may like to read. If you would like to borrow any of the books or add some books of your own for other members of our parish to use - you are more than welcome. Please do fill in the form when taking and returning the books. Many thanks.

Feast Days

Thurs – THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

Fri – LENT FAST DAY

Cycle of Prayer

The Needy and Hungry of the World - Lent Fast Day - Fri 23rd Feb



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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Sunday 18th February 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

Readings - Year B

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.

Mass intention is for the deceased members of the Morris, Lambert and Molyneux families

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

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Annie Bennett & Derek Ogden

Tuesday 20th February @ 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

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

The Valley Singers Concert

A very big thank you to all those who contributed to the success of our parish musical evening in aid of the church roof repair. We were entertained by a delightful selection of music beautifully sung by the Valley Singers. It was a most enjoyable evening which raised the sum of £586 for which we are truly grateful.

A special thank you to Joan Marshall, a member of the Valley singers, who arranged the event. It was a truly memorable evening which was enjoyed by all who attended. An enjoyable event which we hope to repeat in the future. Mike Bryan.

10.000 steps for Our Roof Fund Appeal

John Marshall has set himself the task of walking 10,000 steps (approx 5.5 miles) everyday in February (29 days!), in sunshine, rain or possibly snow! John will be setting up a 'Just Giving Account' for people to sponsor him online. There will also be sponsor forms at the back of church. John is starting his challenge on Thursday February 1st.

We say a heartfelt thanks to John for all his efforts and ask for your support. Please pass the word around and let family and friends know too.

School News

As you read this we will have just broken up for half term after a very busy five weeks in school.

In preparation for the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2023-24 has been designated the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, with a particular emphasis on the **Our Father**.

Advent 2023 was the start of the Year of Prayer

The Year of Prayer is not a year about prayer, but a year for prayer. The image of Christ in the manger speaks of God who wants a personal relationship with His creation. In this Year of Prayer, Our school goals will be:

- ♥ To encourage us to deepen our own prayer life and love of God;
- ♥ To help at least one other person to pray during the Year of Prayer.

Through Lectio Divina, Visio Divina and guided meditation, we will encourage and provide opportunities for children to explore:

- ♥ What is my experience of prayer?
- ♥ How can I deepen my prayer life?
- ♥ Can I help or encourage someone else to pray?
- ♥ how can my community grow in its love and devotion in prayer?

'Prayer doesn't help our relationship with God, prayer IS our relationship with God!'

and so when we become more devoted to prayer, we are building up that Divine friendship. Being Pilgrims of Hope means that we should always be growing in our love of prayer on our journey of Faith. But the Year of Prayer also asks us to consider how we might help others to pray, so that they can experience a personal encounter with the risen Jesus. Like The Good Samaritan, we will continue our journey as disciples of Jesus and we will focus on key prayers and how to pray to deepen our relationship with God. We look forward on sharing our prayer journey with you as we move through the school year. Please do look at our display in the Children's Corner.

Our Cafod Club continue to be very busy and are in the process of organising **The Big Lent Walk**. We have 103 children in school and we aim to raise £1 per child and for each child to walk 1km during our Big Lent Walk.

Our aim is to raise awareness of worldwide poverty during this Lent and to help all those in need.

In the last week of this half term we held Children's Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme of **My Voice Matters**. We have looked at the importance of Internet Safety Online. The children have participated in Stranger Danger and Road Safety workshops. One of our parents who is a paramedic has come into school and delivered first aid workshops. We have also raised awareness of Safety in the home, Fire safety and looking after ourselves. It has been a very action packed week.

We look forward to seeing you all after half-term.

With very best wishes Ms Sarah Deakin