Rosary Service at St Mary's Fernyhalgh – 2pm – 21st November

Safety Rules for Mass:

Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and do want everyone to be kept safe:

Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

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.

Attendance and Collection

October 23rd Oct - Attendance - 56 Collection £178.00 including £50.00 from after mass refreshments October 30th Oct - Attendance – 43 Collection £84.00 **Special collection next week for Lancaster Diocesan Youth Services**

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.

Cycle of Prayer during November

All Victims of war – especially on Remembrance Sunday For the Poor - on World Day of the Poor - 13th November

<u>Feast Days</u> – Tues - St. Albert the Great Wed - St. Edmund of Abingdon Thurs - St. Hilda Fri – Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul Sat - The Blessed Virgin Mary



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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor - Remembrance Sunday

13th November - 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.

Today's Mass is for Jean Mawson RIP.

We also pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Bill Bamber and Lawrence Ibison. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time Audrey Joan Agnes Iddon, Christopher Ged Griffiths, Reginald Johnson, Jean Mawson, Mary Gladys Gornall

There will be no 9.30 mass for the next 2 weeks

On Tuesday 15th November Requiem Mass at 11am for **Wendy Eteson** On Wednesday 16th November Requiem mass at 11am for **Linda Shorrock**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen

We welcome into our church family **Rohan and Torin Heaton** who will be baptised today at 12pm. May God`s light shine on them always.

Rededication of Readers and Eucharist Ministers

A rededication of Readers and Eucharistic ministers will take place at the Christ the King Mass on Sunday November 20th. If any new people would like to become a reader or Eucharistic minister please come along.

From the Archives – Remembrance Sunday

Each year on Remembrance Sunday I focus on one of the servicemen whose names appear on our parish war memorial. This year it is Frank Shanley who was born in February 1889 in Barrowford, Nelson. Frank and his parents attended Holy Trinity RC Church Brierfield. Prior to the outbreak of WW1, Frank moved to Goosnargh and worked as an attendant at the Whittingham Asylum. His main job was to supervise the patients working on the farm, but he was also a proficient pianist and played for staff dances and other hospital functions in the ballroom. Whilst working at Whittingham he would have attended St Luke's RC Chapel served by Hill Chapel.

In addition to his musical skills. Frank was a fine footballer and played in goal, initially for Nelson but later, during the 1913/4 season, for Preston North End. On 13 December 1913 he kept goal in the match against Derby County which PNE won 2 - 0. His time at PNE ended abruptly in August 1914 when war was declared on Germany. Frank volunteered for Active Service in May 1915 with a request to serve in the Gordon Highlanders. He was a physically fit man weighing 11st 5lbs and standing 5' 8", much heavier than many of the other volunteers. He enlisted in

Aberdeen and a copy of his enlistment sheet is kept in the parish archives; his service number was Private S/10264. Frank had two younger brothers both of whom served in the army during WW1.

The Highlanders embarked for France on 9th June 1916 and Frank began active service on the front line on 22nd June. He was wounded in action on 3rd July 1917, during the battle of Aisne, as the French and British troops were attempting to push the Germans back into Belgium. He was taken to the Canadian casualty clearing station with multiple shell wounds in his back and legs; sadly, he died the day after he was wounded on 4 July 1917, aged 28 years.

The Burnley Express and Advertiser, July 14th, 1917, carried a report of his death which included a section of a letter sent to his parents by a Roman Catholic Chaplain who wrote: "It will be a comforting thought in your sorrow that the poor boy did not expire on the battlefield alone, but was here amongst friends and had the opportunity of receiving the sacraments. He was conscious to the very end and repeated the prayer that I said for him. He had the grace of a very happy death and, when sooner or later, we walk the same path may we receive the same favour. I shall assist at his burial tomorrow and bless his grave".

He is buried and remembered with honour along with 9,901 other Commonwealth servicemen at Lijssenthoek, Military Cemetery in Belgium. R.I.P.

Mike Bryan

Footnote: Frank is not the only former H.C. parishioner to play in goal for PNE. The late Peter Corbett, husband of Margaret, had a professional career as a goalkeeper including a long spell at Deepdale. R.I.P.