

### Attendance and Collection

17th Sept Attendance 40 Collection £180.70

24th Sept Attendance 68 Collection £218.10

**Next week special collection for World Mission Sunday**

### 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.

### Feast Days

Wed – ST LUKE

Sat – The Blessed Virgin Mary

### CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District.

For more information contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

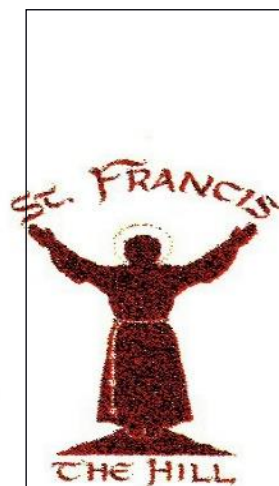
**Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group** will be meeting on **Monday 16th October 7.30 pm**

Our speaker is **Kathryn Newman** (archivist at Lancashire Archives), she will be revisiting the **Whittingham Lives Project** a two -year arts and heritage project that explored the 150 year history of **Whittingham Asylum**  
*We meet at St Mary's Church Goosnargh (community room)*  
*Refreshments served, everyone welcome*  
*Non members £3*

### Family Fast Day was on Friday October 6th.

Cafod are asking for our support for their Harvest appeal to share hope with vulnerable families by providing them with the practical help they need to thrive and survive.

There are Family Fast Day envelopes at the back of church. If you could take one home and bring back to church next weekend – your support would be very gratefully appreciated,



## **St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter**

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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
15<sup>th</sup> October - Readings - Year A**

**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.*

### **Today's Mass Intention is for the People of the Parish**

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

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially  
Teresa Bamber, Zita Ogden, Wendy Eteson & Ellen Marsh.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

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

**The Valley Singers** are performing 'The Best of British' Concert' on Saturday, 18th November at 7.00pm in church.

The concert is to help raise money for a new church roof here at Hill Chapel. Tickets will be £10 and there will also be refreshments and a raffle. We hope as many people as possible will be able to attend and please spread the word to family and friends.

Tickets will be on sale at the back of church after mass.

### **Forth Coming Parish Event**

Christmas Meal on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 12pm . Details to follow.

### **School News**

We continue to be very active in school as we move towards the end of our first half-term in the new school year. All our new Reception children have settled in happily to school life and our Beacon Class pupils are enjoying being 'Buddies' which has really helped our new starters to feel welcome, to feel safe and to feel confident in their school environment.

Our mission statement continues to be at the centre of everything we do:

LIVING, FEELING, DREAMING.

Living our life as Jesus taught us,

Feeling the Gospel Values.

As children of God we care for each other and we always try to do our best.

The new curriculum 'To Know You More Clearly' (Religious Education Directory 2023) is now in use throughout the school.

From the start of term we have been focusing on Creation and Covenant. We have looked at how God made our beautiful world and everything in it. In studying Creation and Covenant, pupils have looked at the Creation story from Genesis and God's Covenants with Abraham, Moses and throughout the Old Testament.

As a school, we have enjoyed our season of creation and the children have contributed reflective thoughts, words and actions. Our season of creation finished with our St. Francis' whole school Mass on the 4th October. The children sang the hymns so beautifully and we are very proud of how our youngest children joined in with prayers and responses. Our next whole school Mass will be All Saints Day on Wednesday, 1st November at 10.00am in church. Please do come along and join us for the first Mass of the half term - all families and friends are welcome.

Many areas around school display Art, prayers, writing and poetry, showing how God loves us all. In the Hall we have a very welcoming St Francis on display, made by our pre-school children. We also have four different prayer areas in the hall – linked to the four areas of focus in the new curriculum: the Old Testament, the New Testament, Jesus Christ incarnate – with the Crucifix at the centre and a worship area to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are some lovely books in each area with opportunities for prayer space and seating areas where our older pupils read bible stories to our younger pupils.

We continue to have strong links with Cafod. Our Cafod Club has been up and running for two years now and we were the first official Primary School Cafod Club in the UK. We have supported CAFOD develop resources for their website, and resources to send out to school – so that all other Catholic schools can start-up their own CAFOD Clubs. We look forward to continuing to support CAFOD, helping them get important messages out to more young people! We had a special Cafod Harvest Assembly on Friday led by Cafod who then worked with Key Stage Two doing social teaching workshops.

We have also had 'Little Way Week' this term where children followed the message of doing kind acts for others as first started by St Teresa of Liseaux in her diary called 'Little Ways' where she reminds us all to strive for holiness in our everyday lives.

We have had our annual Harvest collection which has been sent to Longridge Food Bank where it will be distributed to people in need in our surrounding area. This really teaches the children a valuable lesson about people who are less fortunate than themselves.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Sarah Deakin Headteacher