

Parish Christmas Meal - Sunday 27th November at The Cross Keys, Whitechapel at 12 noon. 2 courses - £19.50, 3 courses - £23.95. If you would like to attend please let Bernadette or Maria know. There will be a menu in church. Numbers and menu choices need to be in by November 7th.

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 9th : Attendance - 54 Collection £477.00

October 16th : Attendance – 43 Collection £97.00

Special Collection today for World Mission Sunday

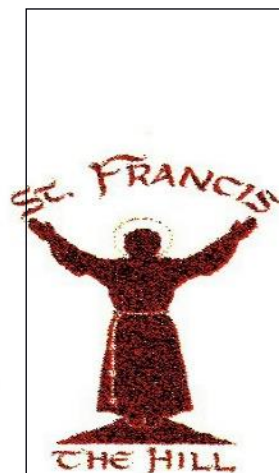
Parishioners Who are Unwell

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.

Cycle of Prayer during October

Prisoners and their Families

Feast Days – Mon St Anthony Mary Claret
Fri Sts Simon & Jude
Sat The Blessed Virgin Mary



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Mission Sunday

23rd October – 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.

We also pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Ellen Woods, Bill Bamber and Lawrence Ibison. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We remember Margaret `Bunty` Banks,, David Micheal Dune & Monica Gornall

**There will be no mass next Tuesday – October 23rd.
Nov 1st – Holy Day of Obligation - All Saints Day
School Mass at 10.00 am – All Welcome**

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and greet new parishioners and to catch up with familiar faces too.

Please note our new website address at the top of the page

Cafod Family Fast Day

Throughout the month of October we are asking for your help for CAFOD Family Fast Day Harvest – World Food Crisis Appeal. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. This Harvest, up to twenty million people across Kenya, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia are fighting for survival in the face of the most devastating food crisis in decades. **Please return your envelopes to the basket at the back of church. There are more envelopes there if needed. Many thanks for your support.**

School News

As we break up for Half-term this week, we look back on a very action packed term so far.

We have had: our weekly Class Masses, St. Francis' Creation Mass, a fantastic Harvest Celebration Day in church (where the work of many kind and dedicated parishioners created beautiful displays to celebrate harvest and all of the natural gifts from God), a Family Mass and the Season of Creation Work in all classes.

In Religious Education - the theme of the Season is 'Listen to the Voice of Creation'. The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. As we celebrate this Season of Creation, the symbol of the burning bush remind us to listen for the voice of creation, and be filled with hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of God's healing love that sustains our common home.

Each class has looked at different aspects of creation. Pendle Class (Reception) have been looking at kind handwork and the beauty of our world. Parlick Class (Y1 & Y2) have looked at the Creation Wheel and how to look after God's beautiful world.

Fairsnape Class (Y3 & Y4) studied the story of the burning bush and focused on the main events and the interaction between God and Moses. Beacon Class (Y5 & Y6) have had a big focus on parables, discussing 'What is the Kingdom of God?' and asking the questions – Is everyone welcome in God's kingdom? and Who do we think actually goes into God's kingdom? All classes have been looking at their patron saint – St Francis in this month of his feast day. They have been finding out more about his life and his devotion to creation and to his faith.

All our classrooms are alive with beautiful displays showing some of the work covered this term. Our Pre-School children have been finding out more about themselves and have created some stunning (very original) Pop Art. Pendle Class have also looked at 'All About Me' and have also enjoyed listening to some of the many books written by Julia Donaldson – *The Gruffalo* and *Room on the Broom* and *Monkey Puzzle* to name but a few! Parlick Class have had fun finding out about 'Great Goosnargh', looking at the local area and developing their mapping skills. Fairsnape Class have studied 'Sparks might Fly' experimenting with circuits. They have used *The Firework-Makers Daughter* by Phillip Pullman as a stimulus for writing. Beacon Class have looked at 'A Kingdom United' where the focus is all about the United Kingdom with links to Black History month and the Windrush Generation. They have asked another thought provoking question – Is the United Kingdom really united?

As a whole school we have enjoyed: Roald Dahl, Day, Cafod National Awareness Assembly, Space Week and held a Music Concert for Macmillan Coffee Morning Appeal with our choir and our school band all taking part. We also invited a special guest into school - Beverley Jones, a paralympian Olympic and Commonwealth games winner. We organised a sponsored run, linked to Beverley's visit raising £700 for Sport for Champions.

We look forward to another very busy half-term leading up to Christmas!

Preparation for First Communion and First Confession

Fifteen of our Year Four pupils started preparation this week to receive their First Confession in December and their First Communion in June. Children attended the sessions with their parents supported by Father and the catechist. Please do remember them in your prayers.