

The Parish Theatre Trip to see 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at The Opera House, Blackpool was a great success. Many thanks to Bernadette Coulthurst for all her hard work in organising the event.

Garden Collection

A great amount of time, effort (and money) has been spent on improving the path around the graveyard and keeping the gardens looking so beautiful. Many thanks to all our volunteers. There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions very gratefully appreciated.

HELP!

We are looking for **1. Volunteers to open church during the holidays.**
2. Someone to organise the weekly newsletter.
If anyone could help in anyway – please see a member of the parish council.

Attendance

17th July – Attendance -53, Collection - £118

24th July – Attendance – 65, Collection - £113

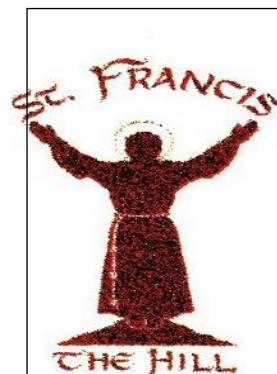
Parishioners Who are Unwell

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 Summer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, Human Life, those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights. Seafarers.

Feast Days Mon: St Alphonsus. Thurs: St John Vianney,
Sat: The Transfiguration of the Lord.



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st July – 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 the people of the parish

We pray for those who in our parish who are unwell, especially Ellen Woods and Jim Gornall.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: William Henry Gornall, Edith Margaret Charnley and Constance Veronica Dewhurst.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Baptism: We welcome Polly Dewhurst, who is to be baptised today.

Mass on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.

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 sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

From the Archives

To celebrate the recent visit of Bishop Paul Swarbrick to confirm twenty-nine of our young parishioners; I focus this week on a brief history of the Lancaster diocese, including a summary of Bishop Paul's service as a priest.

From the time of the [English Reformation](#) in the 16th century, when Catholicism was declared illegal, there were no Catholic dioceses in England and Wales. In time, however, there came to be appointed several [apostolic vicars](#), bishops of nominal Sees governing not in their own name, as diocesan bishops do, but provisionally in the name of the [Pope](#). However, with the passing of the [Catholic Relief Act, 1829](#), legalising the practice of the Catholic faith again, [Pope Pius IX](#) re-established the Catholic Church diocesan hierarchy on 29 September 1850 by issuing the Bull [Universalis Ecclesiae](#); (*a Bull is an official papal letter or document, the name is derived from the lead seal traditionally affixed to such documents*). Initially just four Catholic dioceses were created, those of Westminster, Leeds, Liverpool, and Portsmouth. The Liverpool diocese initially covered the whole of the northwest of England. The Hierarchy in Scotland was not restored until 1878.

Our own diocese of Lancaster is a relative newcomer amongst the bishoprics of England and Wales: it was brought into being as comparatively recently as 1924, and its current pastor, Bishop Paul Swarbrick, is only the seventh in succession since the inauguration of the first bishop, Bishop Pearson. The Diocese of Lancaster is unique amongst the English bishoprics, embracing as it did, the three historical counties of – Cumberland, Westmorland, and Lancashire, north of the river Ribble.

Bishop Paul was born in Garstang and has three sisters and one brother. He went to St Mary & St Michael's primary school in Garstang and then on to Lancaster Royal Grammar school before training for the Priesthood at Ushaw College, Co Durham. He was ordained a priest on 10 July 1982, at Ss Mary & Michael's Church, Garstang. He went on to serve as Assistant Priest at St Mary's Whitehaven, St Maria Goretti Preston, and St Cuthbert's Blackpool, where he was also Chaplain to St Mary's Catholic High School. He then volunteered to serve on the missions in the Monze Diocese, Zambia, where he stayed for fifteen years. On his return, he assisted at English Martyrs Preston, and for a few months at Mater Amabilis, in Ambleside. Shortly afterwards, he was appointed Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart, Preston and was also in charge of St Walburge's, Preston.

Immediately prior to his ordination as Bishop, he was Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Michael, Workington, where he was also the local Dean (Vicar Forane) for West Cumbria. In 2015 he was made a Canon of Lancaster Cathedral Chapter. He was announced as the seventh Bishop of Lancaster by Pope Francis on 12 February 2018 and ordained Bishop and installed as Diocesan Bishop by Bishop Michael Campbell on 9 April 2018 at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster.

Please pray for Bishop Paul as he continues his mission as pastor of our diocese.

Mike Bryan

Stonyhurst Museum and Historic libraries

Stonyhurst museum and libraries are open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays until August 20th – 10 a.m. till 4p.m. Adults - £7, 16 – 18 yrs -£3, Under 16 – free admission. To visit you must book an arrival time slot for the appropriate day on *Stonyhurst Enterprises* website – in *Open to the Public* section. Stonyhurst is home to the oldest museum in the English speaking world, dating back to 1609. Many of the objects in the Collections bear witness to its unique place in English history from the Middle Ages to the present day. On display in the museum you will find: the first folio of William Shakespeare, the prayer books of Mary Queen of Scots and Elizabeth of York, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's school reports and the Rose Chasuble – belonging to Hill Chapel, Well worth a visit.