

Attendance and Collection

19th Mar Attendance 94 Collection £110.73

26th Mar Attendance 49 Collection £106.50

FROM EASTER SUNDAY , we will be resuming collections during the mass. We are asking for volunteers to collect - please contact Maria or Bernadette if interested.

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.

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

Please pray for New Members of the Church

James Hancock

The burial of James Hancock ,died 31st March at 16 The Croft, Goosnargh aged 44 years will take place at St Francis The Hill Chapel on Wednesday 12th April at approximately 12.30.

Fr Tony from St. Wilfrids will attend the burial.

Parish Council Minutes

Parish Council minutes are available on the parish notice board at the back of church.

Easter Egg Hunt

After Mass all children are invited to search for Easter eggs in the grounds between the car park and the church. Look out for the signs!



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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EASTER SUNDAY

9th April - Readings - Year A

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 members of the Parish

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

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Barrie Cook

On Tuesday 11th April @ 9.00am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass.
Please note our new website address at the top of the page

Dale House Gardens

Off Church Lane Goosnargh are opening their gardens for charity on Sat, 15th April / Sunday 16th April from 10am - 4pm.. Adults - £3.50, children free.

Refreshments available.

From the Archives

A Very Happy Easter! Today is the most important Feast in the whole Christian calendar. Marking the end of the forty days of Lent and bringing hope and joy in reminding us that Jesus is alive, and in our midst, as He welcomes us in a new life with him. Perhaps more than ever this year, whilst war is yet again raging in Europe, the true meaning of Easter brings deep significance to our lives as Catholics. Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and all the dates and celebrations of the liturgical year, including all the Christian movable feasts, are arranged around it. The Church always marks Easter on the first Sunday that follows the first full moon of the Spring Equinox. The date therefore changes each year and falls on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. The season of Easter begins after Easter Sunday and lasts for seven weeks, ending with Pentecost. Easter Sunday next year will fall on 31st March.

There are so many different personal traditions that Catholic families follow during Easter. Brightly painted eggs have become synonymous with Easter, but because Easter eggs have been widely secularised, we sometimes forget the Resurrection symbolism of the egg. Traditional Easter food includes lamb, cakes, breads, eggs, all of which symbolise the resurrection through either shape, form, or the act of rising (yeast). Since it marks the end of Lent, many Easter recipes use extra eggs, meat or rich food formally forbidden during the fasting period. One of the oldest Easter traditions in our own city of Preston is the annual egg rolling event in Avenham Park which first began in 1867.

At this point the park was still under completion and wasn't officially open, however, its potential as the ideal egg rolling spot was clearly recognised by the people of Preston as they flocked to the park, painted hard-boiled eggs in hand. Around the world there are many different and often strange traditions to celebrate the Easter season. On the Greek island of Corfu, old ceramic cooking pots and plant pots are thrown out of the windows on to the streets as an Easter Saturday tradition. In the Ukraine, people throw water over each other in the streets on Easter Monday. This also happens in parts of

Poland where it is said the tradition relates to the baptism of a Polish prince hundreds of years ago. In a small village in the south of France people gather every Easter Monday to share a huge omelette. Around 15,000 eggs are used, and it is big enough to feed hundreds of people!

In Malta, where ninety-five percent of the population is Catholic, Easter Sunday is a time for great celebrations. In each village, church doors are swung open, bells rung and elaborate processions led by the statue of the Risen Christ travel through every street. As the procession nears its climax, the way is cleared and the statue-bearers make a run back to the church as the Risen Christ triumphs over sin and death!

Rejoice, Christ is Risen!

Mike Bryan

*Wishing Everyone A Very
Happy Easter*

