

**-Parish Collection including via bank: £ 639.36**

**We joyfully welcome our newest little parishioner.**

Last Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we celebrated the baptism of **Louie James Roskell**, son of; Paul James and Rebecca Clare Roskell. May God bless Stanley and his family as they continue to grow in faith and love within our parish community.



**-Stations of the Cross-**

The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Throughout this sacred season, we will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 8:30 a.m., remembering the Lord's Passion with devotion. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in this time of prayer.

**CAFOD** - This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions - such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope, donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/virtual-envelope> or see John Woods for the CAFOD contactless option.

**Special Rosary Service** to celebrate The Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary at St. Mary's Fernyhalgh (Preston, PR25RR) on Thursday 19 March 2026 starting at 2.00pm

**Parish Centre Events**

**Wednesday 4 March** – Parish Centre Lunch, 12 noon Sausage & mash with peas and gravy, muffin, drink from the bar, tea/coffee. Raffle (prize donations welcome). £10 in support of church maintenance. Reserve with Emma by Sun 1 Mar: 07890 220249 • [e\\_mcgrath@live.co.uk](mailto:e_mcgrath@live.co.uk)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - The 2026 World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Trinity Methodist Church in Goosnargh on Friday 6th March at 2pm. This year's special service has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria. You are all invited to come and join in prayer with our friends from neighbouring churches. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Our Little Church children are invited to take part in a Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday. If you would like your child to be involved, please let us know. The service is expected to take place at around 11.00am. If you have any questions, please speak to Lizi Hickson (07866 635399) or Mandy McFarlane (07854 816698).

**PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS** in the Parish Centre  
-Tuesday: 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March 10:00am – 12:00pm  
-Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> March after 8.45 Mass  
Come along for conversation, company and coffee/tea  
Join us for refreshments and good company.

**Katie Jones** is our Parish Safeguarding Representative.  
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**Robert (Bob) Bamber RIP**

Bob Bamber, our Organist for many years, had a graveside burial service at Hill Road Cemetery, Penwortham, at 2.30pm on Thursday 26th February 2026. The service was conducted by Deacon James (Jim) Maguire assisted by Kevin Gilchrist.

**A Memorial will be celebrated on Friday 6th March at 9am Mass** followed by a gathering in the Parish Centre including light refreshments.

Please remember Bob in your prayers.

Our condolences to the bereaved family of Maureen Blundell. May her soul rest in Peace.

**-Funeral Mass** on 10th March at 10:30am at Our Lady & St. Edward Parish.

Please note that on this day there will be no Holy Hour at 3:00pm and no 4:00pm Mass.

Altar Servers Needed - Altar serving is a vital ministry in our parish—practically assisting at Mass and, in a special way, serving Jesus who came to serve. We welcome anyone who has made their First Holy Communion: Year 3 children, older young people, and adults. If you're interested, please speak to Father, Sister, or John Woods, or email [olseservers@gmail.com](mailto:olseservers@gmail.com).

**Our Parish Garden** – The Parish Centre Committee continues its work to enhance our parish garden. A raised bed for a children's vegetable plot is already in place, and in March the Scouts will be planting a mini-orchard. Plans are now being developed for a Peace Garden, along with other ideas such as a wildflower area. As diocesan environment lead, Stephen Garsed is advising the Committee, and all parishioners are warmly invited to take part in shaping the future of our garden. A parish meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday 15 March to share ideas and gather feedback. In the meantime, please take a look at the garden and reflect on what you would love to see there. Comments or offers of help can be sent to [Stephen\(stephen.garsed@gmail.com\)](mailto:stephen.garsed@gmail.com) or Frank McGrath([fjmccg@outlook.com](mailto:fjmccg@outlook.com).)

**Castlerigg Manor – Catholic Family Retreat · 27–29 March**

Castlerigg Manor is bringing back its much-loved family retreat for the first time since Covid. The weekend includes age-specific sessions, activities for all, evening Mass, and time to enjoy Keswick.

More information: [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) → Events  
May Half-Term B&B Stays

During May half-term, Castlerigg Manor will once again offer affordable B&B stays for families, friends, and individuals. Guests can enjoy Keswick with Mass available on site.

More information: [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) → Stay with Us

**Card Reader Facility in the Church Porch** -The card reader is just below the choir stairs. You can make Offertory Donations as well as pay for Greetings Cards and Votive Candles. When you have made an Offertory Donation you will be given the option to Gift Aid. Offertory donations can also be made using URL <https://donate.myдона.com/our-lady-preston> or the QR code.

