

Franciscan of the Week: Blessed Agnellus of Pisa

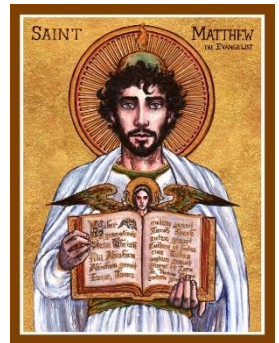
On Tuesday 10th September 1224 a group of nine Franciscan friars landed at Dover. These were the first Franciscans to set foot in England, and came under the leadership of Agnellus of Pisa, who had been appointed by St Francis himself to lead the group. Within seven weeks they had established friaries in Canterbury, London and Oxford, and within thirty years there were nearly 50 friaries with over 1,200 friars. This rapid growth is



evidence of the wise and faithful leadership of Blessed Agnellus, who was appointed the first Provincial Minister of the friars in England. In 1260 a friary was established here in Preston. Agnellus died at Oxford in 1236 and was buried in the city. He was beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1882.

FOCUS ON... St Matthew's Gospel

Matthew's Gospel is the first book of the New Testament, and includes some famous stories we don't find recorded elsewhere, such as the visit of the wise men after Jesus' birth. The Gospel was probably written for Christians who had converted from Judaism, and often points out how Jesus fulfils the prophecies of the Old Testament. Matthew also strongly emphasises the importance of the Church, the role of forgiveness in communities, and the ongoing presence of Jesus, who is "God with us" (Mt. 1:23). His Gospel ends with the risen Lord's command to baptise and teach all nations. St Matthew's feast day is celebrated next Saturday, with Mass at 10am.



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Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 24

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 14 th Sept	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 15 th Sept	9:30am		Ints Christine Troger	
	6pm		Fr Michael Lakeland RIP	
Monday	9:15am		Sts Cornelius and Cyprian	George Oldcorn RIP
Tuesday	7pm			Holy Souls
Wednesday	9:15am		For exam success (JB)	
Thursday	9:15am		Lilian Culshaw RIP	
Friday	12noon	The Korean Martyrs	Holy Souls	
Saturday	10am	St Matthew	James & Mary Morgan RIP	
Saturday 21 st Sept	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 22 nd Sept	9:30am		Frank Madden RIP	
	6pm		Fr Michael Lakeland RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Robert George Thomson**, whose Requiem took place here earlier this weekend, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am, Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: September wall box donations are for local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Frederick Wilson, Lena Bernie, Veronica Greenhalgh, Susan Sharples, Lilian Woodward, James Pye, Clare Smith, Rosalinda Lawlor, Bob Holden.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the worlds seas and oceans.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: There is a brief information meeting for parents immediately after 9:30am Mass this Sunday. The preparation programme begins in two weeks' time. Any outstanding registration forms should be returned to the presbytery as soon as possible.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note, there is no hospital Mass this Monday.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Our 'Journey in Faith' group begins again in October. If you're interested in becoming Catholic or just curious about our faith, this is for you. Contact the parish office or speak to Fr Andrew for details.

FOOD BANK: Collection this weekend. Please leave items in the house porchway.

CTS BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be on Sunday 13th October. The booklet is on the great 16th century Carmelite saint, Teresa of Avila. Teresa is one of the Church's greatest teachers of prayer. Copies now available from the sacristy.

CORPUS CHRISTI OPEN EVENING: Please note, **the date of the opening evening has changed to Wednesday 25th September**, 6pm-8:30pm. In February the school received a 'Good' rating from Ofsted. Come along and see for yourself the excellent work being done at Corpus Christi. Thank you for supporting our Catholic schools.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS: Friday 4th October, 7pm at Lancaster Cathedral. The Bishop will celebrate this annual Mass for anyone involved in Catholic education, in schools or parishes. Teachers, school governors, catechists and anyone who assists in faith formation is very welcome to attend.

DAY OF RENEWAL: 'Inner Healing', led by lay preacher John Hesketh on Saturday 12th October, 10am-4pm (beginning with Mass at 10am).

CARE OF CREATION: During this 'Season of Creation', which lasts until St Francis' feast day (4th October), please continue to consider how you can help to look after our common home. At St Clare's we will give thanks to God for His creation at the school harvest service, taking place in church on Friday 11th October at 2pm.

BLACKPOOL LIGHTS TRIP: This filled up very quickly, and there is a waiting list. If you signed up for the trip but will not be able to take your place, please inform the parish office so that somebody from the reserve list can use the seat(s).

JOB VACANCY – DIOCESAN SCHOOLS COMMISSIONER: This important role involves managing the Diocesan Education Service. Details on poster in the narthex. The deadline for applications for this post is 12noon this Wednesday (18th).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This Sunday (14th/15th) for Home Mission Sunday; next Sunday (21st/22nd) for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 472; Collection: £888.09; Catholic Education Fund: £254.95. Thank you for your generosity.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House porch
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	After 9:30am Mass	First Confession and First Communion: Parents' information meeting	Chapel
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:45pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall

Diary Dates

Friday 4th October: Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Mass at 12noon

Friday 4th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Friday 11th October: School Harvest service, 2pm

Friday 11th October: Blackpool Lights Trip (only for those already booked)

Saturday 19th October: ACN prayer day at Ladyewell (afternoon)

Saturday 26th October: Messy Church, 1:30-3pm

Retreats and conferences at Stonyhurst

The following upcoming events take place at the new Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst (BB7 9PT). More information: www.christianheritagecentre.com

Catholicism in Post-Modernity: Challenges and Opportunities (a talk by Michael Dopp). Cost £5; students free. Tuesday 1st October, 7:30pm

Witness and Challenge: Evangelisation Today (a day conference led by Michael Dopp). Cost £20. Wednesday 2nd October, 10am-5pm.

Kerygma Bible Retreat. £50 (non-residential) £75 (sharing) £90 (single room); Led by Barbara Mason. Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October. Meals included.