

### **Attendance and Collection**

14th Jan Attendance 5 Collection £172.10

21st Jan Attendance 49 Collection £172.00

### **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.

### **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.

### **Feast Days**

Wed – St. John Bosco

Fri – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sat – St. Blaise

### **Cycle of Prayer**

Racial Justice - especially on the Day for Racial Justice – 28<sup>th</sup> January



## **St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter**

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## **Sunday 28th January 2024**

### **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Racial Justice Day**

### **Readings - Year B**

### **Mass 10.30am**

### ***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.*

Mass intention for the People of the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially  
Lawrence Ibison, Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris.

Your prayers are requested for Constance Barber who has died. RIP

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially  
Basil Knight, Dan Parker, Mark Lawrence Bolton, Thomas Bolton &  
Ellen Goring

There will be no Tuesday morning mass during January

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass.

## **Christmas Wreaths and Pots**

All remaining christmas wreaths and pots will be removed on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. This helps towards maintaining a tidy graveyard.

Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

Thank you. The Gardeners

**The Valley Singers** are performing 'The Best Of British' on Saturday, 10th February at 7.00pm in church. The concert is to help raise money for the new church roof here at Hill Chapel. Concert Tickets will be £10 and there will also be refreshments and a raffle.

We hope as many people as possible will be able to attend and please spread the word to family and friends.

## **From the Archives**

Earlier this month, in my update on the progress with the church roof repair project, I mentioned that we are applying for a grant from the Albert Gubay Foundation. Several parishioners have since asked me about the Foundation and in particular about the late Albert Gubay. A search on the internet revealed a fascinating account of an entrepreneur and philanthropist who was a devout Catholic.

[Albert was born on 9 April 1928 in Rhyl, Wales, to an Iraqi Jewish father and an Irish Roman Catholic mother.](#) He began his business career in North Wales selling non-sugar sweets during post-World War II confectionery rationing. [When rationing ended in the mid-1950s, the confectionery business ran into difficulties and Gubay moved into retailing via market stalls.](#) He founded his first business, 'Value Foods' on 11 May 1959 in Prestatyn. The company rented its first retail shop in Rhyl in July 1959. His aggressive price cutting resulted in some manufacturers refusing to supply him. Combined with ideas gained from the West German retailer Aldi, his business model was based on buying goods on favourable, net 60- or 90-days payment terms, distributing and selling them at or below cost before the payment fell

due, and using the interest on the resulting cash flow to fund the business.

His first major business success, however, came when he founded the first 'Kwik Save' discount branded store in Prestatyn in 1965. The store produced more sales than any of his existing Value Foods supermarkets. The second opened in Colwyn Bay, and by 1970 Kwik Save Discount had twenty-four stores. Just before it was floated on to the London Stock Exchange in November 1970, the company changed its name formally to Kwik Save Discount Group Ltd. [In 1973, Gubay sold Kwik Save for £14 million.](#) After selling Kwik Save, Albert repeated the low-price retail model in New Zealand, Ireland and the United States. He sold the stores for an undisclosed amount in 1986. Shortly afterwards whilst recovering from back injury and having by then moved into property development, he founded the fitness chain, 'Total Fitness'. He sold the chain in 2007 to the private equity arm of Legal and General for £70m.

In 1997, during an RTE television documentary he announced that he had made a "50-50" deal with God when he was young and penniless, to give half his estate to the Roman Catholic Church if he succeeded in becoming a millionaire. During the whole of his career Albert donated large sums of money to the Church. In 1998 Albert helped fund the building of a catholic church in Onchan on the Isle of Man, in memory of his mother. He has given millions to the Church and his Foundation still pays for Liverpool's archbishop and staff to fly to Lourdes every year. In March 2010, at the age of 82, he announced that he was to transfer £470 million of his £480 million personal fortune to a charitable trust to support Catholic churches and other charitable causes. The Albert Gubay Foundation was established in 2016 to continue Albert's philanthropic legacy.

On 23 February 2011, on behalf of Pope Benedict, the Archbishop of Westminster Vincent Nichols presented Albert with a Papal knighthood - the highest award a Roman Catholic lay person can receive - for his charity work. Albert Gubay died aged 87, following a short illness, at his home in Wilmslow, Cheshire, on 5 January 2016. R.I.P.

Mike Bryan