

### **Attendance and Collection**

3rd Dec Attendance 86 Collection £281.30 including baptism  
10th Dec Attendance 141 Collection £310.20

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our fundraising recently.  
Raffle at Xmas Dinner raised £179.00. Xmas craft evening raised 130.00.

### **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.

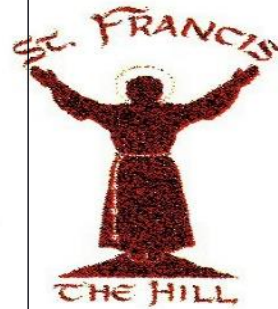
### **Feast Days**

Mon – MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Tues – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen



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



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## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

## **Feast of the Holy Family**

### **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  
Constance Mary Barber & Frank Morris.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially  
Joan Marjorie Crawley, Barbara Jean Cuff, Margaret Dorothy Akers &  
Susan Warbrick

There will be no Tuesday morning mass during January

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

## **Thank you...thank you...thank you...**

Thank you to everyone for the many generous gifts, cards, 'Christmas Cheer' and good wishes – your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. God bless you all this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes.

I hope you all have had a "Holy, Blessed & Peaceful Christmas and wish you a Prosperous New Year". We are blessed to have you all as part of our parish.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and talent to preparing the church/liturgy and helping me all in our worship of God. May Christ our Saviour bless us all during this Festive Season.

Thank you also to the cleaners, flower arrangers, the choir and the organists, all who serve on the altar, the readers and Eucharistic ministers, those who help set up and clear away before and after Mass, the greeters, the counters, the coffee servers, the liturgists, the ladies who do the laundry, the brass cleaners and everyone who has helped throughout the year. Special thanks for the Christmas carol team!

Your help is invaluable and very much appreciated. "Everything you do for the parish you do for Our Lord". God bless you all.

Fr Sony Joseph

## **New Year Prayer by Denis Blackledge SJ**

Loving Lord, Whatever the season, whatever the year, you are a God who is always on the move. There are so many signs of life, movement, freshness, newness. What a wonderful gift it is to belong to a pilgrim people led by a Pilgrim God.

Loving Lord, You are the still mover, the still point, the gentle centring factor, the provider of balm and calm. Always egging us on to greater things, to more, to better love and service of you and our sisters and brothers.

Loving Lord, You are our Good News. You are constantly making the first move and that move is always towards us, graciously inviting us to tag along and throw in our lot with you as friends and followers. Your first move is always a drawing closer to each one of us, but never as a threat.

Loving Lord, As the first mover, you are also the giver of motive power. You are the one who gives us what makes us tick. You are the gentle pressure-to-goodness that underpins and gives sense to our lives. You give us the power to feel our way to you because you are always coming to meet-and-greet each one of us.

Loving Lord, As we look back on the past year and look forward to a new year, we can rest and remember gratefully and notice all those ways in which you have moved us along closer to you and to one another, sometimes in spite of ourselves. And we can look forward eagerly to your moving us on a little more in the year ahead.

Loving Lord, Keep us always aware that you are with us every step of our pilgrim way. Keep us all moving closer to you and to one another, giving us guidance and strength to gaze outwards and forwards in our new year journey. Amen