

Garden Collection

A great amount of time, effort (and money) has been spent on improving the path around the graveyard and keeping the gardens looking so beautiful. Many thanks to all our volunteers. There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions very gratefully appreciated.

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.

Attendance – July 3rd (Outdoor Mass) – 146
Collection for the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) - £75

Cycle of Prayer during Summer

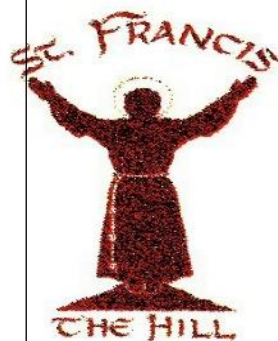
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, Human Life, those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights. Seafarers.

Feast Days this Week:

Fri: St Bonaventure
Sat: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Diary Dates

8th July – Summer Social at School – 5pm – 7pm – All Welcome
12th July – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7.00 p.m.
19th July – Year Six Leavers Mass – 9.30 a.m.
27th July – Parish Theatre Trip



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10th July – Readings – Year C

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 Dennis Ibison

Today is Seafarers Day

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time,, especially Fr Joe Hothersall who was Parish Priest here at Hill Chapel from 2003-2006. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

There will be no morning mass on the following Tuesday - July 12th
Next Tuesday's mass will be for the Year Six Leavers at 9.30 a.m.

Safety Rules for Mass:

Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and do want everyone to be kept safe:

- Please sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

Our Outdoor Mass

Last Sunday we celebrated Sunday mass outside in the school grounds. It was a very lovely celebration. We started and finished the mass in sunshine and had a little rain during the service. As one parishioner said –‘A bit of holy water sent from above!’ The great British weather did not stop proceedings at all. When we look back on this mass, I am sure we will remember that cloud outburst with a smile.

Special thanks to all who took part. It was lovely to see many children and parents at this end of year family mass. We welcomed some of our First communicants, wearing their first communion outfits and many of our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Special thanks to all who helped to make this mass such a memorable occasion especially to all who turned up very early to help set up: our sacristans, our sound technician, our musicians, our school staff and all the many people removal men, women and children who helped move chairs, hymn books, teapots and many more items too. Your help was very gratefully appreciated.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Twenty-eight children will be confirmed by Bishop Paul at a special Confirmation Service at Hill Chapel on Tuesday, July 12th at 7.00p.m. These children have finished preparing for the sacrament with the help and support of their parents. On the board at the back of church (near the Children’s corner), you can see some of their work on ‘Who is the Holy Spirit’ and ‘How can we show the Fruits of the Spirit in our own lives’. Please do have a look.

As we have so many Confirmandi, all the downstairs benches will be taken up by the candidate, their sponsor and their immediate family. The Parish are warmly invited to attend the celebration and there will be seating available upstairs and at the back of church.

In the First Preparation session, we looked at the importance of names and how they are a vital part of our lives – we are called by name in the sacraments when we are baptised. We then looked at Saints, discussing why they are special people and good examples for us to follow. We talked about how saints are people just like us - they come from all walks of life. They are people especially close to God but they also had daily struggles to cope with when they were alive. Some saints did amazing things like: die for their faith (martyrs), start orders of priests, brothers, nuns, or lived and died with the poor. Our present Pope has canonized 909 saints during his pontificate. We all have a saint quality within us – that ability to do good and really help others.

When we were baptised, our Christian name was chosen by our parents. At Confirmation we choose our own name. Our young people had to decide what saint’s name they would take for their confirmation name. They were given the task of looking into the life of a saint that inspires them and find out more about that particular saint. They have chosen a wide variety of confirmation names – some very familiar, some you may not have heard of.

Here are our Confirmation Candidates with the confirmation name they have chosen:

Annabel – **Rose**, Lucy B – **Mary**, Tabitha – **Bega**, Charlotte – **Georgia**, Thomas – **Colmcille**, Lucy C – **Claire**, Max – **Thomas**, Phoebe – **Anne**, Jacob – **Titus**, Blake – **Joseph**, Melody – **Mary**, Grace H – **Amelia**, Lucy H – **Anne**, Amelia – **Eva**, Francesca – **Georgia**, Jack – **Peter**, Maggie-Mae – **Marie**, Skye – **Catherine**, Eva – **Helena**, Frankie – **Luke**, Kitty – **Sophia**, Ryan – **Aidan**, Felix – **Notker**, Penelope – **Ada**, Bonnie – **Sophia**, Louie – **Peter**, Grace W – **Lily**, Elsie – **Frances**.

Please remember Our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers and may they continue to Walk in the Light of the Lord.

Mary Doran

