

Attendance and Collection

18th June Attendance 49 Collection £158.10 including baptism
25th June Attendance 5 Collection £205.80

Special Collection next week - Stella Maris – Sea Sunday

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.

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.

Cycle of Prayer

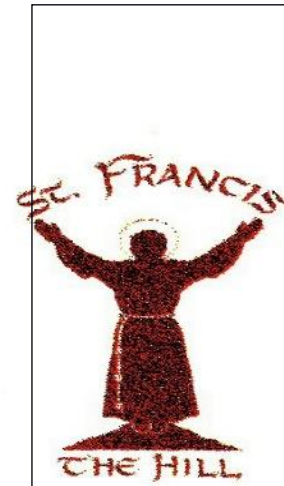
Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights.

Feast Days

Mon – ST.THOMAS
Tues – St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Thurs – St. Maria Goretti
Sat – The Blessed Virgin Mary

School Diary Dates

Wednesday, 12 th July	Pirates of the Curry Bean – in school – 2pm / 6pm
Friday, 14 th July	Music Showcase at Claughton - 1.30pm
Monday, 17 th July	Pre-School Leavers Assembly in school
Thursday, 20 th July	Leavers Mass at 10.30 am in Church



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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd July - Readings - Year A

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 Intention is for Peter Corbett

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially
Lawrence Ibison, Monica Gornall, Shirley Walker,
Constance Mary Barber, Birdie Platt and Magi Clabrough.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Peter Corbett, Veronica Anne Holden, Mary Monica Wilding, Elizabeth
Philomena Littler, Francis Anthony Gornall, Monseignor Edward Gould &
John Kenneth Crawley

. On Tuesday 4th July 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

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

Baptism

We welcome into our church family **Clementine Rose Morris** who will be baptised today at 12pm. May God's light shine on her always.

Stonyhurst College Open Days

This summer's *museum and library open days at Stonyhurst college are now available for booking on the Stonyhurst website:*

<https://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/about-us/stonyhurst-college-historic-collections/exhibitions/a-summer-of-shakespeare>

Papal Curiosities

Why did John Paul II refuse an inheritance?

In 1981 John Paul II refused to be the beneficiary to a will that left him £2 million when an elderly clairvoyant in Piacenza – known throughout central Italy as “Mamma Rosa” – died and left her estate to him. Rosa Buzzini Quattrini, who for 17 years collected money from people who went to her to have their fortunes told, claimed she had seen the Madonna in a vision. The Vatican had studied her case and concluded she had not had the vision and had forbidden Catholics to seek her services as an intermediary to the Virgin Mary.

Did John Paul II have any American relatives?

The Polish pope had one direct relative in the United States – a cousin in Detroit, John E. Wojtyla- who sent a Christmas card each year. The Pope himself, though more concerned with the spiritual side of Christmas, did give presents to some friends (he had no immediate family in Poland) and to everyone who worked in the Vatican, from the lowliest street sweepers to the most distinguished cardinal- a bottle of sparkling spumante wine and a panettone (a golden yeast cake studded with raisins and citron), which is the traditional loaf in Italy.

How did the Pope become a promoter of women's millinery?

In the spring of 1958, the Vatican became the victim of a “hat trick” carried out by an aggressive man, Guido Orlando, who had been hired by the

Millinery Institute of America to promote the sale of women's hats. He accomplished this by involving Pope Pius XII.

Knowing that Vatican rules required women to cover their heads at church, Orlando got the Pope to make an official declaration stating that hats were a proper part of women's dress. On a phony letter head (titled Religious Research Institute), Orlando told the Pope a falsehood: that a survey showed that over 20 million women in North America attended mass every week without their heads covered. Boldly, Orlando suggested in his letter several sentences that could be used by the Pope: “Of the various pieces of apparel worn by women today, hats do the most to enhance the dignity and decorum of womanhood. It is traditional for hats to be worn by women in church and other religious occasions and I commended hats as a right and proper part of women's dress.

Shortly after receiving Orlando's letter, Pope Pius incorporated these very words into a general recommendation that women wear hats, and it was published by L'Osservatore Romano and picked up by the wire services. Within a month there was a sharp upturn in the sale of women's hats.

Has there ever been a playwright Pope?

John Paul II was the author of four books and over 500 articles and essays. In 1960, his play *The Jeweller's Shop*, a trilogy about marriage, was published under the pseudonym of Andrzej Jawien. In subsequent years the play had been broadcast over the radio in many countries, presented in London on the stage, and done as a TV movie with Burt Lancaster.

Which Popes held down lay jobs before entering the priesthood?

Pope Eusebius (A.D.310) was a medical doctor and a professional historian. Pope Boniface VIII (1294 – 1303) was a practicing lawyer. Pope Pius II (1458-1464) was a novelist and a poet laureate. Pope Innocent X (1644 – 1655) was a presiding Judge, and Pope Innocent XI (1676 – 1689) was a banker.