

Attendance and Collection

13th Aug - Attendance 55 - Collection £166.00

20th Aug - Attendance 41 - Collection £137.20

Special collection next week – Catholic Education Services

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.

Feast Days

Sun – ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, pope and doctor of the Church

Mon – St. Cuthbert

Tues – St. Herbert - hermit

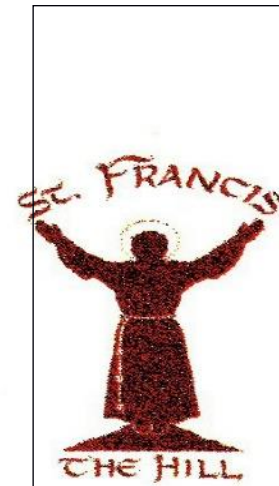
Fri – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Cycle of Prayer

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work and reverent Use of Creation

Baptism

We welcome into our church family **Sienna Hopcutt** who will be baptised today during mass. May God's light shine on her always.



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Times 3rd September - Readings - Year A

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.

Today's Mass Intention is for the People of the Parish

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

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Kelly Steyck

NO MASS ON TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

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

Papal Curiosities

What impressed people most about John Paul II?

When an Indiana diocesan newspaper sponsored an essay contest asking readers to write what impressed them most about Pope John Paul II, nearly 450 people responded. Numerically, what impressed them the most were his smile, his devotion to Mary, his fluency in foreign languages, his forgiveness of his would-be assassin, and his love for children. Many people said they liked his gesture of kissing the ground upon arriving in a country.

Are Popes made up for their TV appearances?

When he appeared on television for the very first time, Pope Pius XII (1939 – 1958) had his face “restored” with pancake makeup. Since that time, the practice of television makeup for papal faces wisely abandoned.

Which Pope announced his own election to his fellow cardinals?

In the Conclave June 1846, following the death of Pope Gregory XVI, Cardinal Giovanni Maria Mastai Ferretti had the job of calling out the votes cast for the various papal candidates. During the third ballot he found himself reading out his own name 18 times. Nervous and not sure whether he could continue, the shocked cardinal was prevailed upon to continue carrying out his duty. He went on to read his own name 36 times, which comprised the necessary two-thirds majority to elect him Pope. He took the name Pope Pius IX and served until his death 32 years later.

Which Pope had a pet named Gretchen?

Gretchen was the name of Pope Pius XII's favorite canary. Let out of her cage every morning, the bird hopped onto the Pontiff's arm (sometimes on his shoulder) and then flew over to the breakfast table to peck at whatever breadcrumbs were still there.

What was Pius XII's reaction to the liberation of Rome from the Nazis?

One of the few witty remarks attributed to Pope Pius XII came on the day American troops entered Rome during World War II for the first time, driving out the Nazi defenders to the north. When Major General E.N. Harmon offered apologies for the excruciating noises the rumbling GI tanks had

made, Pius XII said with a smile. “Anytime one liberates Rome, he has the right to make all the noise he likes”.

Which modern Pope came from an impoverished background?

Popes have had varying amounts of personal wealth, but probably no Pope has had as little as Pope John XXIII. Before he assumed the papal throne, Cardinal Roncalli managed to accumulate enough money for his family to buy back the house in which he and his brothers had been born so that the Roncalli clan could once again live under the same roof. Dr. Piero Mazzoni, the Roman physician who attended Pope John in his dying days, discovered that a fountain pen was one of John's very few personal possessions of value.

“Take this pen”. Whispered the Pontiff to his doctor on his deathbed. “it's all I have with which to repay you for your care and devotion. It's almost new, for I've hardly ever used it”. The only other possession John left behind was his pectoral cross, which he gave to Franz Cardinal Koenig, then the Archbishop of Vienna, who wore it at special events.

Which Pope was an ex-con?

Found guilty of having started a fight in church on the sabbath, a man who was later to become Pope Callistus (217-222) worked in the salt mines of Sardinia as a convict for a year.

Was there ever a bed-ridden Pope?

Two years after taking office, Pope Clement XII (1730-1740) was blinded. He also spent most of his ten years in office in bed with a severe case of gout.

Which Pope was a speed demon?

Pope Paul VI loved speed. While the archbishop of Milan, he used to speed around the country side in the fastest car that was available to him. Later, as Pope in Rome, he often sat in the back of his limousine with a stopwatch, fervently urging his chauffeur to drive still faster.