

Foodbank Collection

From now until Christmas we will be collecting for **Ribble Valley Foodbank**

Our local foodbank is currently short of :

Tinned vegetables ,tinned potatoes, sponge puddings,long life milk,soap,shaving foam/razors,tooth brushes, and laundry liquid/powder/gel.

A box will be at the back of church to put items in. Many thanks for your support.

Attendance and Collection

22nd October : Attendance 61 Collection £162.00

29th October: Attendance 50 Collection £314. 00 – including baptism.

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

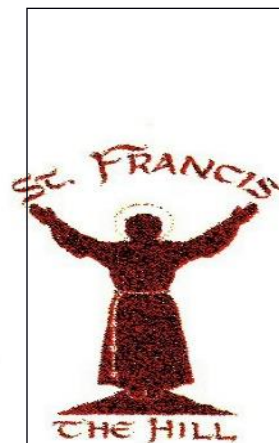
We have a box at the back of church with a variety of religious books belonging to parishioners which other people may like to read. If you would like to borrow any of the books or add some books of your own for other members of our parish to use - you are more than welcome. Please do fill in the form when taking and returning the books. Many thanks.

Feast Days

Thurs – DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Fri – St. Leo the Great

Sat – St. Martin of Tours



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November - Readings - Year A

Sunday 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 John Wilkinson

Lara and Neve Gale will be baptised during mass today.

May God's light shine upon them always

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
Mary Elizabeth Shorrock.

Tuesday 7th November @ 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

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

THE VALLEY SINGERS HAVE HAD TO CANCEL THEIR CONCERT ON SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER. They send their apologies and still want to hold the concert in the new year. We will notify you of the new date. Please see Mary to get a ticket refund.

Parish Christmas Meal

You are all warmly invited to **Our Parish Christmas Meal** at Cross Keys Whitechapel on Sunday, 26th November at 12.15. Bernadette and Maria have copies of the menu – we do need to order beforehand. The cost of the meal will be £22.50 for 2 courses / £25.95 for 3 courses. We do hope you will be able to come. **Please can menu choice and payment be given to Bernadette, Maria or Mary by Sunday, November 19th.**

Christmas Craft Evening

On Tuesday, December 5th, we are running a Christmas Craft Evening in the Presbytery from 6.00 pm. This will be an ideal event to make some new decoration, to socialise and all money raised will be for the Church Roof Appeal. Entry will be £10 which includes refreshments. Please see Maria or Bernadette for further details.

Papal Curiosities

Which Pope had a precious sense of Vocation?

Pope Benedict XV (1914 – 1922) played priest as a little boy when his grandmother gave him a toy altar for Christmas.

Which Pope almost lost his life in the Vatican Library?

Pius XI once had a narrow escape from death in the Vatican Library on December 22, 1931. Ten minutes after he had completed a business visit to the library, the roof of the room he had been in for a half hour crashed through the floor and on down to the basement. One person was killed – the priest with whom the Pope had been conferring.

How many Popes have been accomplished linguists?

The only Pope who can be truly called linguist is Pope John Paul II. Besides his mother tongue, Polish, John Paul II can converse (without the aid of a

dictionary) in Italian, French, English, German, and Spanish. His fluency in Latin is considered perfect by the Latinists inside the Vatican. John Paul also has a working knowledge of Japanese and Tagalog and is familiar with several African dialects.

How did a Pope get the better of Joseph Stalin?

During a visit with Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill attempted to convince the Soviet dictator of the advisability of having the Vatican as an ally. Stalin, the story goes, asked derisively, “How many divisions does the Pope have?” When this was related to Pope Pius, he was reported to have commented: “Mr. Stalin will meet my legions in the other world!”

Why was John XXIII's election not cheered by the Vatican tailors?

When Pope John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli) was elected, the Roman tailors who had prepared three sets of white robes (one small, one medium, and one large) had not many allowance for a man of very large girth, which the former Cardinal Roncalli was. The new Pope's first quip as pontiff was: “Everyone wants me to be Pope – except the tailors.” As he went toward the open window to give his blessing to the masses congregated below, he was heard to mutter something that referred to his constricting clothing with some words to the effect about “the shackles of the papacy.”

Which Pope had a reputation for frugality?

A penny – wise but pound-foolish administrator, Pius XII diligently watched every dime the Vatican spent. To save on electric current, for instance, he often made the rounds of the papal apartments flicking off the lights. Not infrequently, he refused to make necessary repairs because he didn't want to spend the money. “I cannot,” he said, “be extravagant with the funds of the Holy See.”

Pius XII also established the Vatican policy of reusing envelopes-intra-Vatican communications were not to be sealed in such a way that the envelop could not be used again. Pius even wrote his last will and testament on the back of an envelope that had already made the rounds.