

Attendance and Collection

17th Sept Attendance 40 Collection £180.70

24th Sept Attendance 68 Collection £218.10

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

Mon – ST.JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Tues – St.Paulinus of York

Thurs – St.Wilfrid

Fri – St. Edward the Confessor

Cycle of Prayer – Ordinary Time - Autumn

Prisoners and their families especially in Prisoners week 8th -14th Oct

Baptism

We welcome into our church **Henry and Jack Hitchen** who will be baptised today at 12pm. May God's light shine on them always.

A red silhouette of St. Francis of Assisi standing with arms raised, holding a cross. Above him is a banner with 'ST. FRANCIS' and below him is a banner with 'THE HILL'.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Prayer for Prisoners and their Families 8th October - 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 & Frank Morris.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Kathleen D`Arcy

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 10th October.

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

Architect Visit - Tuesday 10th October am

The Architect and asbestos specialist is coming into church on Tuesday morning to carry out an up to date survey in preparation for the upcoming works.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Foodbank Collection

This year for Harvest we are celebrating by doing a collection for our local food bank: **Ribble Valley Foodbank**

We will collect from now until Christmas, any tins packets gratefully accepted. The 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.

From the Archives

The other week I read an extremely interesting article in the Catholic Herald regarding the beatification of an entire Polish Catholic family by Pope Francis. The beatification Mass service was held in Poland for the Ulma family murdered by the Nazis for hiding Jews during World War Two. Poland's president and more than 30,000 pilgrims attended the outdoor service, which was led by Pope Francis' envoy, Cardinal Marcello Semeraro This was a unique occasion as it was the first time

an entire family, including an unborn child, had been beatified, a great honour for the Polish people.

In late 1942, motivated by their Christian values, farmers Jozef and Wiktoria Ulma and their six young children - Stanislaw, Barbara, Maria, Wladyslaw, Franciszek and Antoni - hid eight Jews in their farmhouse in the village of Markowa. Saul Goldman, 70, was hiding with his sons Baruch, Mechel, Joachim and Mojzesz, together with Golda Grunfeld and her sister Lea Didner, and her daughter Reszla. According to Poland's state Institute of National Remembrance, unlike in Nazi-occupied western Europe, the penalty for aiding Jews in occupied Poland was summary execution. In 1944, after the family was betrayed, German gendarmes brutally shot the Jews hiding in the attic and then took the Ulma family outside, shooting Jozef and Wiktoria, who was seven months pregnant at the time, in front of their young children - the oldest was eight, the youngest 18 months; the children were then all shot dead. A Polish police officer is thought to have betrayed the family by informing the Nazis of their secret. Several months later, members of the Polish underground resistance executed him for his betrayal of the family.

Speaking at the Vatican, the Pope described the Ulmas as a "ray of light" in the darkness of the war and asked the crowd in St Peter's Square to give the family a round of applause. In an address at the end, President Andrzej Duda thanked Pope Francis for the "extraordinary" beatification of the whole family,

"Thank you for showing the historical truth about those times, about the fate of Poles under the German occupation. The death penalty was intended to instil terror," he said.

In 1995, Israel's Yad Vashem National Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, awarded Jozef and Wiktoria the title, "Righteous Among the Nations". In 1939, Poland was home to Europe's largest Jewish community and more Poles (over 7,000) have been honoured by Israel for helping Jews during the war than any other nationality. Some six million of Poland's citizens were killed during the war - half of them were Jews. Mike Bryan