

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.

Garden Collection

Many thanks to all who contributed towards the Garden Collection.

Attendance and Collection

25th September : Attendance - 53 Collection £108.00

2nd October : Attendance - 101 Collection £88.10

Pakistan Appeal £264.30

First Communion Preparation is starting in October for Year four pupils.

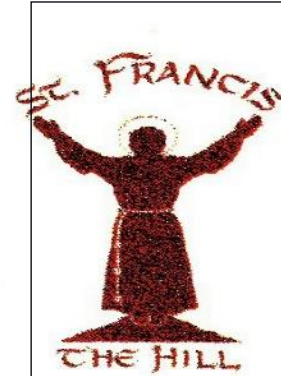
If your child is not at St Francis School but would like to take part in the programme - please contact Mary Doran on mfdoran@btinternet.com.

Cycle of Prayer during October

Prisoners and their Families

<u>Feast Days</u> – Mon	St Paulinus of York
Tues	St John XXII
Wed	St Wilfrid
Thurs	St Edward the Confessor
Fri	St Callistus
Sat	St Teresa of Avila

Diary Dates – School Concert Friday 14th October



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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Prayer for Prisoners & their Families

9th October – 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 Rev. Joseph D'Ambroso

He is seriously ill and is at present in hospital.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We remember Bernard Melling, Margarita Josephine Ibbott, James Gornall & George Ibison

On Tuesday 11th October 9am -Exposition of the Sacrament 9.30am -Mass

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and greet new parishioners and to catch up with familiar faces too.

Synod Feedback meeting – after mass today In January and February we held three Synod gatherings meetings after mass. All catholic churches in Lancashire were asked to take part in a Diocesan survey which corresponded with the Synod questions provided by the Vatican. The gatherings were well attended and an action plan was created as a result of items discussed. We are holding a follow up meeting after the 10.30a.m. mass to look at the progress we have made so far and discuss future plans. We are hoping as many people as possible will be able to attend the meeting.

Our **Harvest Celebration** Many thanks to all who helped with our Harvest Celebration last Saturday. It was lovely to see all the different exhibits on display depicting the harvest of the land and how we can play our part in helping all those who do have enough food to put on their table.

Grateful thanks to all who contributed in anyway - creating displays, arranging flowers, fetching and carrying, baking cakes and making brews. Thanks especially to all who brought food for the celebration. All the perishable food items have gone to Ribble Food Bank who help local people in crisis. The fresh vegetables and fruit that we received has been taken to 'Luv Preston' who run a weekly 'Homeless Drop ' at St Wilfrid's Community Centre in Preston City centre. Every week a hot nutritious and wholesome meal is served to all who attend and they were very grateful for all the food that they received from your generous donations which will be certainly put to good use.

There are photos of the event on the Parish WhatsApp page and on the board at the back of church. There is a great amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. Special thanks to Maria Peel and Bernadette Coulthurst for their hard work and effort in organising the Celebration.

Cafod Family Fast Day Throughout the month of October we are asking for your help for CAFOD Family Fast Day Harvest – World Food Crisis Appeal. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. This Harvest, up to twenty million people across Kenya, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia are fighting for survival in the face of the most devastating food crisis in decades.

What is causing the food crisis in East Africa

- The climate crisis has made rain unreliable. Four years of rainy seasons have created an unprecedented drought.
- Livestock have died in vast numbers. Crops have failed and water is difficult to come by.
- Food costs have risen at an alarming rate as a result of inflation caused by the war in Ukraine and the lasting effects of the global Covid pandemic.

Communities are doing everything they can to adapt to the crisis but they cannot do this unaided. Local experts from our Church network are working hard to deliver emergency food and water to help people survive. The sad truth is that the crisis is the result of man-made climate change. It will not be fixed overnight.

Your support can help to give children the future they deserve. By getting an education, children can learn skills and get opportunities to help their community adapt to the climate change. The drought is making it harder for parents to keep their children in school as money that families used to pay for their child's education is now used to buy water. No-one should have to choose between education and water. Your support could help deliver nutritious food to schools struggling to feed their students. In exchange, these schools will allow children from some of the poorest families to study free of charge. You could help a child get the chance to learn and enable families to have more money to meet their essential needs.

Family Fast Envelopes are at the back of church Please help families around the world survive TODAY and have food for all their TOMORROWS.

Cafod Harvest Prayer God of abundance, you entrust to our care your gift of creation, our common home. Open our ears to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. God of justice, you show us how to live in gratitude and solidarity. Open our mouths to speak out, challenging greed and inequality and standing up for all among us in desperate need of food. God of hope, you share with us your vision of a world renewed. Open our hearts to compassion as we hold before you the people of East Africa. May we reach out in love. Amen