

### **Attendance and Collection**

13th Aug - Attendance 55 - Collection £166.00

20th Aug - Attendance 41 - Collection £137.20

Special collection this week – Catholic Education Services

Special collection next week – Home Mission Evangelii Gaudium 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.

### **Feast Days**

Tues - The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thurs – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Fri – Our Lady of Sorrows

Sat – Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

### **Cycle of Prayer – Ordinary Time - Autumn**

Students and teachers especially on Education Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup> September

### **Baptism**

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

## **St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter**

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Education day  
10th 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 Bede Rogerson**

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  
Bede Rogerson, Harry Turner & Kevin Webb

**NO TUESDAY MASS ON 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

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

## **Church Roof Repair - Update**

During the last few weeks, a sub-committee of the parish property group has been working with the diocese to plan a programme of work to repair the church roof and to address other significant problems with the building. This will be the first of such articles with the aim of keeping you informed of developments.

Hill Chapel is an historic church building built in the eighteenth century. It is a Grade 2 listed building and is subject to several restrictions whenever changes to its structure or design are planned.

### **The Situation at Present:**

- The church building requires significant work to address the failure of a number of wooden trusses which support the roof – including replacement of some slates.
- The ceiling is badly deflected and contains some asbestos cement which needs to be removed. A new ceiling, recreating the present decorative features, is to be installed.
- The church wiring has a safety certificate valid until 2026 but many of the wires and lights need to be removed and replaced. A complete rewire is envisaged.
- Post work re decoration to be assessed.

### **How the Work will be Carried out.**

Francis Roberts Architects of Preston have been appointed as the project managers and Charles Blackett -Ord as Conservation Engineers.

There are a number of other interested parties that will be involved in the planning and delivery of the project. These include:

- Historic Churches Commission (HCC)
- Listed Buildings Authority
- Historic Churches Restoration Commission HCR
- Asbestos Professional Specialists

### **Timescale**

The project managers will now prepare measured drawings to support the production of designs and specifications to rectify the problems. Once this is done, interested parties will be consulted and tenders for the work sought. It is envisaged that this planning process will take approximately six months to complete, with a start date for the work in April 2024. At this stage, the time needed to complete the repair work is uncertain, but it will involve the closure of the church for a short period of time. Alternative accommodation for Sunday mass will be arranged close to the church.

On a positive note, once this work is completed, the future of the parish and our beautiful historic church will be assured.

Mike Bryan Property Group Secretary

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