

Hill Chapel Library

We have a box at the back of church with a variety of religious books belonging to parishoners 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

A great amount of time, effort (and money) has been spent on improving the path around the graveyard and keeping the gardens looking so beautiful. Many thanks to all our volunteers. There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions are very gratefully appreciated.

.Visit of St Bernadette's relics

The visit of the relics of St Bernadette are coming to St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster on Thursday 27th September – further details are on the noticeboard at the back of church.

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.

Cycle of Prayer during Summer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, Human Life, those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights. Seafarers.

Feast Days

Mon: The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues: St Rose of Lima
Wes: St Bartholomew
Sat: St
Monica



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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st August – 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 Irene Lowry and Margaret Moore

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Ellen Woods.

Please pray for Jim Gornall who has recently died. His funeral will be next Tuesday at 10.30am here at Hill Chapel.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially James Bolton, Theresa Southworth, Bernard Dewhurst and Harry Phayre.

There will no 9.30 am mass this following Tuesday..

Baptismal News

We say a big welcome to Matthew Armstrong and all his family. Matthew is to be baptised at Hill Chapel this Sunday

Safety Rules for Mass:

Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and do want everyone to be kept safe:

- Please sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

From the Archives

I focus this week on St Paul who is often considered to be one of the most important persons after Jesus in the history of the church. During his lifetime, although he was a major figure within the very small Christian movement, he had many enemies and detractors, and his contemporaries probably did not accord him as much respect as they gave Peter and James. Paul was compelled, therefore, to struggle to establish his own worth and authority. His surviving letters, however, have had enormous influence on subsequent Christianity and have secured his place as one of the greatest religious leaders of all time. Of the twenty-seven books in the New Testament, thirteen are attributed to Paul, and approximately half of the Acts of the Apostles deal with Paul's life and works. Thus, about half of the New Testament stems from Paul and the people whom he influenced.

Incredibly, given the age in which he lived, Paul travelled over 10,000 miles proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. His journeys on land and sea took him primarily through present day Israel, Syria, Turkey, and Greece. At that time, travellers took to the roads in as large a group as they could find. There was constant danger of bandits, so they would hurry to get to the next wayside inn for shelter and whatever food might be available. Travelling by sea was not comfortable, there were no cabins for travellers, and they would have to find a place on the deck exposed to sun, winds, and rain. Paul's trade as a tentmaker probably held him in good stead, as he could fashion shelter for himself and his companions on the deck.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul describes some of the dangers of travelling:

... three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day in the deep. On frequent journeys, I encountered dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own race, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, ... in toil in hardship, through many sleepless nights, through hunger and thirst, through frequent fastings, through cold and exposure.

On his longest journey Paul went overland through present day Turkey then across the Aegean Sea to Greece. This was a pastoral journey revisiting the churches he had founded to strengthen them and give them further instruction. While in Ephesus Paul heard a prophecy that should he return to Jerusalem he would be imprisoned. The churches he visited pleaded to him not to go, but Paul felt called by Christ to continue to meet whatever God willed for him. In Jerusalem Paul was arrested and accused of violating the sacred grounds of the Temple. He was saved from being beaten to death when the Roman tribune intervened and brought him to the barracks. In defending himself Paul claimed his right as a Roman citizen to appeal his case to the emperor. He was then sent to Rome to have his case resolved. St. Luke ends the Acts of the Apostles with Paul's arrival in Rome, 'from Rome the gospel would be proclaimed throughout the world!'

St. Paul was a remarkable man whose letters are testament to his strong Christian faith. Fortunately, after his death one of his followers collected some of the letters, edited them very slightly, and published them. They constitute one of history's remarkable personal contributions to religious thought and practice.

Mike Bryan

We say a Big Thank-You to Mike for his archive news which takes a great amount of time and effort to create on a weekly basis and is gratefully appreciated.

Remembrance Book

Mike is also responsible for organising the Book of Remembrance which is at the back of church on the left hand side near the Childrens Corner. The book has the names of all deceased parishoners and is changed each month so you can see whose anniversaries occur at that time. If you have any relatives in the book and would like to add any further information – please contact Mike.