

Attendance and Collection

11th Feb Attendance 60 Collection £224.70

18th Feb Attendance 59 Collection £189.00

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

Fri – ST. DAVID, Feast, Women`s World Day of Prayer

Cycle of Prayer

Women`s World Day of Prayer, First Friday in March, Friday 1st March 2024

HOLY WEEK – Father Sony will take out Holy Communion and Sacrament of the Sick to the sick and housebound. Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available if you let Fr. Sony know.

Thursday 28th March – HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord`s Supper. Mass in Claughton at 6.30pm followed by watching at the altar of repose until 9pm.

Friday 29th March at 3.00pm – GOOD FRIDAY – Celebration of the Lord`s Passion – at St Francis. Collection for The Holy Places

Saturday 30th March at 7.00pm – THE EASTER VIGIL at Claughton

Sunday 31st March at 9.00am – EASTER SUNDAY- Mass at Claughton followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the garden for the children and 10.30am Easter Mass at Hill Chapel



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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Sunday 25th February 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent

Readings - Year B

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.*

Mass intention is for the deceased members of the Morris, Lambert and Molyneux families

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially
Lawrence Ibison, Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris.

On Tuesdays in Lent - Stations of the Cross @ 9.00am
before Mass @ 9.30am.

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

10.000 Steps for Our Roof Fund Appeal

John Marshall has set himself the task of walking 10,000 steps (approx 5.5 miles) every day in February (29 days!), in sunshine, rain or possibly snow!

John will be setting up a 'Just Giving Account' for people to sponsor him online. There will also be sponsor forms at the back of church. John is starting his challenge on Thursday February 1st.

We say a heartfelt thanks to John for all his efforts and ask for your support. Please pass the word around and let family and friends know too.

Major Roof Repairs - Update Number 4 - February 2024

After a slight delay in obtaining reports from the various conservation professionals tasked with preparing detailed schemes of work, technical drawings and costings for the various aspects of the project, I am pleased to report that all preparatory work is now complete. At a recent meeting of the Property group a list of suitably qualified contractors was agreed and tender packs will be going out next week with a closing date of April for submission back to our project manager.

Whilst this work covers the structural repairs to the roof, the safe removal of the asbestos ceiling, the installation of a replacement ceiling of similar design, and the rewiring of the building, it does not include the replacement of the damaged roof slates.

Although the specification prepared in August 2009 by Cassidy & Ashton states "Welsh Heather Grey", the recent roof survey undertaken by a specialist roof contractor, reveals that the slates are Brazilian Slate. The roofer/inspector described this as the worst choice of material for this location. Recent NHBC technical

advice suggests that these slates are prone to failure and should not be used. With this in mind, a budget cost for the replacement of all the roof slates was obtained and this has now been included in the project.

The major hurdle to cross now is to obtain permission from the Diocesan Trustees and the Historic Churches Commission to begin the work. Unfortunately, their committees only meet every month or every two months and until we obtain diocesan permission, we cannot apply to the HCC. Also, all the major Foundations providing grants for work on historic churches require us to have Trustee and HCC permission before they will consider our application. We are hoping to present our case to the Trustees in March and then to the HCC in April. There is no reason why permission should not be granted.

Finally, given the extra cost of replacing all the roof slate, we need to continue our parish fund raising and would welcome any support parishioners could give. I will keep you updated on our progress.

Mike Bryan – Property Group Chair