

Attendance and Collection

16th July Attendance 54 Collection £137.70

23 July Attendance 55 Collection £222.90 including baptism

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. Ignatius of Loyola

Tues – St. Alphonsus

Fri – St. John Vianney

Parish Mass – Lee House Chaigley, 31 August, at 7 pm Fr Sony will celebrate mass for all our parishioners at the historic and beautiful Lee House Chapel at 7pm on 31 August. The mass will be followed by a social gathering and buffet at Ferraris Restaurant. The event is open to all parishioners, family and friends. The cost of the buffet is £16 p.p. and will include a choice of two desserts, - hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase at the licensed bar. If you would like to attend, Please fill your name in on the list at the back of church. PLEASE can monies be paid by 20th Aug. Cash or cheque to St Francis RC Church . Many thanks The PPC



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th July - Readings - Year A

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, Bridie Platt and Magi Clabrough.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
William Hilary Gornall

Tuesday 1st August @ 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

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

School News - What is a Catholic School? Catholic schools are fully Catholic because they participate in the Church's universal educational mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ is at the heart of our school. There is a lived sense of community, respect for each individual, love, joy and welcome. All staff bear witness to our Catholic character and we work together focusing on the Catholic life and mission of our school. We play a crucial role in our mission of making Christ known to all people.

The whole of our curriculum, with religious education at its core, is a coherent and compelling expression of the Catholic understanding of reality. Opportunities have been taken, across the full breadth of the curriculum, to make choices that reflect the richness of Catholic contributions to culture. Curriculum maps are constantly developed with Catholic Social Teaching opportunities to prepare children to be positive future citizens and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Key Changes in RE in Catholic Schools

The new curriculum 'To Know You More Clearly' (Religious Education Directory 2023) has been published and we will be rolling out the new RE Directory for years EYFS, 1 and 3 from September.

We have scrutinised the new CES grade descriptors for inspection and we are undertaking training for this. The website has been updated into the new areas for inspection to make this clearer for visitors to our website and evidence can be found under the three areas:

1. Catholic Life and Mission 2. Religious Education 3. Collective Worship

Standards and expectations remain high in terms of Catholic Life of our school and RE teaching. RE is seen as the most core subject in school and Monday morning assemblies reflect on the Sunday Gospel and class worship areas are well maintained.

How do we celebrate and develop our faith with the children and deepen their religious understanding?

Children attend weekly Tuesday class Masses from Reception through to Year Six. We have whole school Masses to celebrate Feast days and we have monthly Family Masses.

Children enjoy and appreciate religious education and they develop the catholic character of our school through leading one another in prayer, assemblies and wider school initiatives.

We have 84% baptised Catholic children in school and 16 children received First Holy Communion- led by Mary Doran.

Staff work hard to engage children in spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and children have debates within half termly topics due to the 'big thinking' ethical questions linked to youth social action and justice (the big questions can be found on our class topic maps).

Prayer bags are sent home for families at Advent and Lent

Prayer and liturgy 4 pack planners are in each class for independence when planning and leading class prayer and liturgy

Music group-children have folders with hymns to play to begin class prayer and liturgy and gather, setting the reverence and tone

We have strong links with Cafod and partake in charity work throughout the year including regular food donations to our local food bank.

Lectio Divina templates are used to support prayer and liturgy.

Working with other school-prayer days and opportunities to have dialogue with people in other world faiths

Leaders work hard to look after the physical and mental wellbeing of staff and we have the highest levels of pastoral care to all.

What do we do for parents as first and foremost educators Weekly Wednesday Word sent home reflecting on the Gospel

Inviting parents to Weekly Class Masses-every Tuesday.

Inviting parents to our Weekly Celebrations and Family Masses.

Half termly topic booklet outlines RE learning.

A monthly section in the parish newsletter to inform parishioners and the wider community about what is going on in school

Parents are invited to May Procession and all Holy days of obligation with children being active members of the church. Sarah Deakin Headteacher