

**Parish Christmas Meal** - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at The Cross Keys, Whitechapel at 12 noon. 2 courses - £19.50, 3 courses - £23.95. If you would like to attend please let Bernadette or Maria know. There will be a menu in church. Numbers and menu choices need to be in by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Rosary Service at St Mary's Fernyhalgh – 2pm – 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**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 follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

**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.

**Attendance and Collection**

October 9<sup>th</sup> : Attendance - 54 Collection £477.00

October 16<sup>th</sup> : Attendance – 43 Collection £97.00

**Special Collection today for Sick & Retired Priests` Fund**

**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 ALL SAINTS DAY  
Wed ALL SOULS  
Fri St Charles Borromeo  
Sat The Blessed Virgin Mary



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

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**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**30th 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.*

We also pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Ellen Woods, Bill Bamber and Lawrence Ibison. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We remember Angela Mary Jones, Pat Turner, Thomas Wilding, Bridget Mary Piner & Barbara Gornall

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Holy Day of Obligation - All Saints Day**  
**School Mass at 10.00 am – All Welcome**

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

**Please note our new website address at the top of the page**

### **.Cafod Family Fast Day - Final Plea**

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. **Please return your envelopes to the basket at the back of church. There are more envelopes there if needed. Many thanks for your support.**

From the Archives

This week my focus is upon the fourth evangelist, St. John. Christian teaching tells us that St John was John the Apostle, one of the original twelve apostles. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome and was born on the banks of the Sea of Galilee, his older brother was St. James. The two brothers were followers of John the Baptist and were said to have been with him when he preached repentance in the wilderness. They were also present when John the Baptist saw Jesus walking by and proclaimed, “Behold the Lamb of God”. They followed Jesus and stayed with him all day and so began their devotion to Our Blessed Lord.

St. Mark tells us that John followed his new Master to Galilee and was with him at the marriage feast of Cana; he journeyed with him to Capernaum. John along with James, and Peter, were among Our Lord's closest friends, and these three remained with him when all the rest of the apostles were kept at a distance. Peter, James, and John were with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane; it was St. John whom Jesus gave the highest of privileges to, the care of his mother.

John and Peter were the first to receive the news from Mary Magdalene of the Resurrection, [John 20:2],

“..and they hastened at once to the sepulchre and there when Peter was restrained by awe, John impetuously, ran and reached the tomb first”.

In the interval between the Resurrection and the Ascension, John and Peter were together on the Sea of Galilee, having returned to their old familiar haunts, when Jesus appeared early in the morning on the shore of the Galilee, John was the first to recognise him.

John probably remained in Jerusalem until the assumption of Our Lady, though tradition, which is questioned by many theologians, states that he took Mary to Ephesus. However, it is certain that St. John was living in Ephesus in his old age. The precise date of his death is uncertain, but it is known that he lived to a very advanced age. St. John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors. He is often depicted in art as the author of the Gospel with an eagle, symbolising "the height he rose to in his gospel." In other icons, he is shown looking up into heaven dictating his Gospel to his disciple, which was published after John's death. His Feast Day is 27th December. The prologue of St. John's gospel is one of the most significant theological passages in the New Testament. The first two verses will be very familiar to you:

‘In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through Him’.

Mike Bryan