

Attendance and Collection

19th Mar Attendance 94 Collection £110.73

26th Mar Attendance 49 Collection £106.50

FROM EASTER SUNDAY, we will be resuming collections during the mass.

We are asking for volunteers to collect - please contact Maria or Bernadette if interested.

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.

Cycle Of Prayer

Please pray for the Candidates for the Sacraments especially on the Sundays in Lent.

Easter Time at Hill Chapel

Palm Sunday 10.30am

Maundy Thursday (Claughton) 6.30pm

Good Friday 3 pm

Holy Saturday (Claughton) 7pm

Easter Sunday 10.30am

Feast Days

Thurs Holy Thursday

Fri Good Friday - Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Sat Holy Saturday



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2nd April 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 is for the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Bill Bamber, Lawrence Ibison, Monica Gornall, Shirley Walker & Constance Mary Barber

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Ted Eastham & Mary Wells

On Tuesday 4TH April 9.00am -Way of the Cross .9.30am Mass

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass
Please note our new website address at the top of the page

Dale House Gardens

Off Church Lane Goosnargh are opening their gardens for charity on Sat, 15th April / Sunday 16th April from 10am - 4pm.. Adults - £3.50, children free.

Refreshments available.

For Local Parishes:

Fr. Philip Newbold, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, who has retired to Freckleton and has helped with supply work in Parishes in the area. He has decided to use his time during Lent 2023 to support `Aid to the Church in Need` (Emergency Aid for Ukraine). This provides food, clothing and shelter for those caught up in the war. He will walk 10,000 paces per day for the 40 days of Lent.

If you wish to support him you can sponsor him online at:

[www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?](http://www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?ref=167)

OR sign a sponsor form to be found in the church porch and Fr. Philip will arrange collection after Easter. Thank you.

Where did John Paul II swim?

Pope John Paul II had a glass-and -concrete swimming pool at his disposal inside the palace grounds. The Pope's watery playpen was more than just a swimming pool, for it included a sauna, solarium, and gymnasium. Because the pool itself was Olympic size (182 feet long), John Paul gave himself a good workout during a swim. John Paul's desire to take a dip was not to practice his natatory navigation so much as it was to obey his doctor's orders to do so. Though he did not show it, he suffered from a spinal ailment (known as ankylosing spondylitis), which made him tend to be round-shouldered, and the recommended therapy was to swim on his back .

Why was there a papal palace in France?

The mammoth palace of the popes in Avignon, a one hour train ride north of Marseille, is a soaring fortress that served as a home and refuge for seven pontiffs and as the seat of the "second Vatican" during the fourteenth

century, when rival factions tore the city of Rome apart and forced the pontiffs to seek refuge in a more hospitable land, the south of France. With the exception of one very brief interval, the popes lived in the lofty structure from 1309 to 1376, when they finally ended their self – imposed exile and returned to Rome.

Avignon was a convenient place for the Church hierarchy to live, especially after Pope Benedict XII had built the massive palace that still dominates the town. A seat of Luxury and magnificence, the Avignon Palace fell into decay as a result of the French Revolution, so that today the building is almost denuded of its murals and ornaments. Some former elegance can be seen with professional guides in the so-called Wardrobe Tower and the Papal Bedchamber (with painted birdcages and blue-and -yellow birds), miraculously rescued from the fury of the mobs.

What are some of the Pope's other titles?

The papal office is not without its array of titles- official and unofficial. Officially, the pope is the Bishop of Rome, Successor of the Prince of the Universal Church, Servant of the Servants of God, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, and Sovereign of the State of Vatican City. Unofficially, he is often called Rector of the World upon Earth, Father of Princes and Kings, Pontifex Maximus. The last name is usually seen in abbreviated form, as Pont.Max.

How did Queen Victoria address the Pope?

The Vatican Archives contain a letter from Queen Victoria that shows that she did not want to acknowledge any of the papal titles. Her letter to the Pope began with "Most Eminent Sir" instead of the usual "Your Holiness". In his reply, however, Pope Leo XIII addressed Victoria as "The Most Serene and Powerful Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and other Regions, Illustrious Empress of India".