

Attendance and Collection

14th May Attendance 52 Collection £182.20 including baptism

21st May Attendance 49 Collection £110.00

28th May Attendance 72 Collection £187.00

We are 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

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews

Feast Days

Mon- St. Boniface

Fri – St. Columba

Sat – The Blessed Virgin Mary

First Communion - Sunday, 11th June.

Next Sunday, Sixteen children will be making their First Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. mass.

Most of the benches downstairs will be reserved for the First Communicants and their families.

We hope parishioners will be able to attend too and there will be room upstairs.

If you are unable to go upstairs and would like to sit downstairs please let Mary (Doran) know beforehand.



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Solemnity 4th June - 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 Malachy Conlon

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Bill Bamber, Lawrence Ibison, Monica Gornall, Shirley Walker, Constance Mary Barber as well as Birdie Platt, Paul Bamber & Magi Clabrough.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Malachy Conlon & Thomas Anthony Coupe

On Tuesday 6th June 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

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.

Baptism

We welcome into our church family **Holly D`Ambrosio** who will be baptised today during Mass. May God`s light shine on her always.

Gardening News

As we approach Summer the gardens at Hill Chapel really do look beautiful. Grateful thanks to the gardening team for all their hard work and effort. Maintaining the church grounds is a big task and we are always on the look out for more volunteers. If you feel you would be able to help - do contact Frank or Margaret Ashton.

We do all work together, supporting, planting and planning. We are always open to new suggestions so if you have any thoughts or offers of help - please do share those with us - we would love to hear from you.
Many Thanks

The Gardening Team

Stonyhurst College Open Days

This summer's museum and library open days at Stonyhurst college are now available for booking on the Stonyhurst website <https://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/about-us/stonyhurst-college-historic-collections/exhibitions/a-summer-of-shakespeare>

Papal Curiosities

Which Pope gave an audience to an eel?

The tale of the eel that one day left its home in Lake Bracciano, some 50 miles outside Rome, and swam all the way to Vatican City to make an unscheduled "appearance" underneath the Pope's window has every earmark of a fish story-and yet it happened.

The eel apparently slithered into one of the water pipes leading to Rome and to the Vatican and ended up stuck inside one of the two famed fountains in St. Peter's Square, just below the papal chambers. Pope Pius XII glanced out the window and noticed to his bewilderment that there was no water in the fountain. At breakfast he commented to his housekeeper on how odd it was that there was water gushing from the far fountain but not from "our

fountain". Sister Pasqualina picked up the phone and called the fire department. The firemen arrived, as did a number of journalists, and when the fountain's innards were examined, the eel was found. Once the eel was removed from the tiny pipe in which it had been lodged, the fountain came to life again-and the eel was carried away in a pail.

Which recent Pope frequently talked in his sleep?

Pope John XXIII reputedly talked in his sleep a lot. Reports from the Vatican say that he often dreamed about his problems. He was once overheard murmur, while napping: " I don't know. I will have to ask the Pope".

Which Pope had a "kidnapping" in his past?

While Cardinal Roncalli (later Pope John XXIII) was the patriarch of Venice, hosted a distinguished guest from Poland, Cardinal Wyszynski, who had just been released from prison by the regime. Wyszynski's train had a 45 minutes layover at Venice (on its way to Rome), and Roncalli suggested to his visitor that they take a quick sightseeing tour of Venice by motorboat. The Polish Cardinal, thrilled by the beauty of the Grand canal, failed to notice that more than three quarters of an hour had gone by, and when he did, he groaned. "Good heavens, my train has left". Roncalli calmly told him not to worry, adding, "Do you see that man sitting at the back of our boat? He is the engineer of your train. I kidnapped him, and while he is with us, your train cannot leave the station".

Which Pope was vetoed by an emperor?

The Austrian Empire (1804 -1918) claimed many of the rights of the Holy Roman Empire – such as the right to veto the election of a Pope. In 1903 Emperor Franz Josef made use of this right. Though the most likely candidate, Cardinal

Rampolla's election was vetoed by the emperor because his people considered Rampolla to be too hostile to Austria. Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto was then elected to the papacy, and he took the name of Pius X. Immediately after his election, Pius X abolished Austria's privilege of veto once and for all.