

Thank-you

Grateful thanks to Steve Hardacre and Paul Coupe for all their hard work in making a special feature of the George Beasley memorial stone and adding the rails that were previously used on the altar. It looks lovely.

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.

Garden Collection

A great amount of time, effort (and money) has been spent on improving the path around the graveyard and keeping the gardens looking so beautiful. Many thanks to all our volunteers. There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions are very gratefully appreciated.

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 during September

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human work and Reverent Use of Creation.
Students and Teachers – Education Day – 11th September.
The Spread of The Gospel – Home mission Sunday – 18th September

Feast Days

Mon: St Herbert
Thurs: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri: St Peter Claver



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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time **4th September – 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.

Today's Mass is for Sharon Bryan May she rest in peace

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Ellen Woods.

There will be 9.30 am mass this following Tuesday at 9.30 am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.00 am.

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,

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 sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

From the Archives

This week I continue my focus on the four evangelists with a brief biography of St. Mark.

Much of what we know about St. Mark, who was the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. According to the 'Catholic Online' website, Mark the Evangelist is believed to be the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles, which records the history of the early Church. He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas, who was a Levite and a Cypriot.

St. Mark did not personally hear Our Blessed Lord speak first hand, he did, however, have a close relationship with St. Peter, who referred to him as 'his son' in his letter addressed to several churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 5:13). Mark's close relationship with St. Peter was noted by Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus, and Papias, who all indicate that Mark was an interpreter for Peter. Like Luke, Mark was not one of the twelve apostles, but some believe that he witnessed Christ's arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, and that he was speaking of himself when he wrote this description of Jesus' arrest, "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

Mark's Gospel was probably written between 60 and 70 A.D. and was based upon the teachings of St. Peter. It is believed Mark provided both Luke and Matthew with basic sources for their Gospel's

St. Mark lived for many years in Alexandria where he was the founder of the Church of Alexandria. In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy. There they are enshrined in a beautiful cathedral dedicated to the saint, St. Mark's Basilica, in what is now St. Marks Square. St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. This is believed to be derived from his description of St. John the Baptist, as "a voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3). The wings come from Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures as the evangelists. He is often depicted as writing or holding his Gospel. He is sometimes shown as a bishop on a throne or as a man helping Venetian sailors. He is the patron saint of Venice, and his feast day is celebrated on April 25.

Mike Bryan

Remembrance Book

Mike is also responsible for organising the Book of Remembrance which is at the back of church on the left hand side near the Childrens Corner. The book has the names of all deceased parishoners and is changed each month so you can see whose anniversaries occur at that time. If you have any relatives in the book and would like to add any further information – please contact Mike.

Visit of St Bernadette's relics

The visit of the relics of St Bernadette are coming to St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster on Thursday 27th September – further details are on the noticeboard at the back of church.