

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

20th Nov Attendance 45 Collection £239.00 including baptism

27th Nov Attendance 60 Collection £160.00

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – 4.30 pm , Carols at 4.00pm *Claughton – 6.30pm*

Christmas Day – 10.30am. *Claughton – 9am*

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 November

Migrants and Refugees

Feast Days – Tues – St Nicholas
Wed – St Ambrose
Thurs – The Immaculate Conception
Sat – Our Lady of Loreto



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Second Sunday of Advent

4th December- 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 Margaret Penchion

We also pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Bill Bamber, Lawrence Ibison and Monica Gornall. We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We remember Margaret Penchion.

On Tuesday 6th December there will be at
9am -Exposition of the Sacrament
9.30am -Mass

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

Preparation for First Communion and First Confession

Sixteen of our Year Four pupils will be making their First Confession this week. Please remember them in your prayers.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held after the family mass on **Sunday 11th December in school**. Any donations for the tombola stall would be very gratefully appreciated. – any new items (chocolates, bottles, toiletries, crafts) . There is a box at the back of church for tombola items.

We will also be having a cake stall so any offers of cakes will be very gratefully received. If you are able to help – please drop your cakes off at school before next Sunday's mass.

ChristmasEvents

Infant Nativity – Thurs 8th December - 2pm, 6pm – in church
Family Mass followed by **Christmas Fair** – Sunday, 11th December
Nursery - **Carols around the tree** – Mon 12th December, 2pm – in church
Key Stage Two Advent Service – Tues 13th December, 6pm – in church.

We would like to invite the Parish to any of the above events. We really would love to see you there.

Papal Curiosities

How long can the cardinals take to elect a Pope?

There is no time – limit rule governing the election of a new Pope at a conclave. The longest time needed in Vatican history to come up with a new Pope came when the reign of Pope Clement IV ended in the year 1268. It took the assembled cardinals 2years, 9 months and 2 days – and on September 1, 1271, one Teobaldo Visconti became Pope Gregory X.

Which Pope died on an island and in exile?

Pope Saint Silverius, who reigned from June 536 to November 537, is the only pontiff to have died on an island. Having been installed by the Goths, he was violently unseated by the militant Byzantine Empress Theodora and banished to the island of Ponza off Italy's Mediterranean coast. Today he is the patron saint of the isle, and there is a feast in his honor every year during the month of June. It goes on for several days and gathers momentum as distant guns proclaim the approach of an illuminated vessel, attended by a flotilla of smaller lit – up boats, when they come into view around the head – land of the village of Santa Maria.

How does John Paul II keep up with news?

A team of priests assigned to the Vatican Secretariate of State prepares a daily digest of events from around the world. About 30 newspapers from Italy and other countries are read and articles are clipped, summarized and translated into Italian each morning. This digest runs about 20 pages and is presented to the Pope around 10 o'clock in the morning. Although there is a television set in an office near the pope's, John Paul does not look at television news. Since he reads English, he peruses daily copies of the International Herald Tribune and is a fan of the Art Buchwald column.