

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 *Cloughton – 6.30pm*

Christmas Day – 10.30am. *Cloughton – 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 – Mon – Our lady of Guadalupe
Tues – St Lucy
Wed – St John of the Cross



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Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudate Sunday

11th 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 Bridgett & Chris Gillett and the deceased members of the Ibison and Clark families

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 especially **Winifred Ibison**,

On Tuesday 13th 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

Baptism

We welcome into our church family **Charlotte and Evie Holt** who will be baptised today at 12pm. May God`s light shine on them always.

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Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair is after Sunday mass today in the school hall. Many thanks to all who have sent in items for the tombola or baked cakes. Please do come and support.

School News

We are now in the midst of Christmas activities and there is certainly a great deal happening.

We had our Infant Christmas play on Thursday and the children are to be praised for their wonderful performance. Grateful thanks to Mrs Davies and Mr McGill for all their hard work in helping to make the play - ‘The Big Little Nativity’ a very special event.

We have our family mass today followed by our Christmas Fair in school and would love to see you there.

The Nursery are holding **Carols around the tree** in church on Mon 12th December.

There will also be a **Key Stage Two Advent Service** on Tues 13th December, at 6pm in church. You are most welcome to come and join us.

Next week is certainly action packed in school. We are also having our school Christmas Dinner Day on the 14th December. On the 15th December , the whole school are going to Lowther Pavillion to watch Cinderella.

We break up on the 16th December and wish you all a Very Happy Chtistmas with grateful thanks for all your support this year.

In Religious Education we have been focusing on Advent and looking how we can prepare for Christ’s coming by the way we act and behave towards others.

Here are some very thought provoking Advent Pledges written by some of our pupils that we thought were definitely worth sharing with you.

I pledge to be kind to others by giving them kind comments to put a smile on their faces.

I pledge to always love and care for everyone, especially my family and to be a real helping hand at home.

I pledge to be kind to all of my family and say only kind words.

I pledge to make people happy and welcome if they are feeling lonely or left out.

I pledge to have kind hands so I can help people in need.

I pledge to be a real peacemaker by making sure nobody falls out with each other.

I pledge to help others during Advent by being friendly and caring because small complements can make a big difference.

I pledge to be nicer to my sister and make more time for her and help her out when she needs my help.

I pledge to show kind actions this Advent by helping my mum more, especially with jobs around the house.

I pledge to make my mum smile.

I pledge to help others and donate some of my money to charity.

I pledge to remember how lucky I am and to think of all those children who are not as lucky as me.

I pledge to pray for God’s blessing on me and all my friends this Advent.