

Wedding Annoucement

The Marriage ceremony of **Emma Louise Coupe** and **Jonathon Scott Baker** will take place on Saturday 20th May @12pm here at Hill Chapel. We wish them much love and happiness and please keep them in your prayers.

May Procession

On Tuesday May 23rd there will be a May Procession to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary. . We are asking parishioners to meet in the school hall at 9.30 a.m.. We will process to church led by the children, some of whom will be carrying the statue of Mary. There will then be a special celebration in church to which you all are warmly invited to attend.

Attendance and Collection

30th April Attendance 62 Collection £184.00

7th May Attendance 58 Collection £168.00

Special Collection next week for - **World Communications Day**

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.

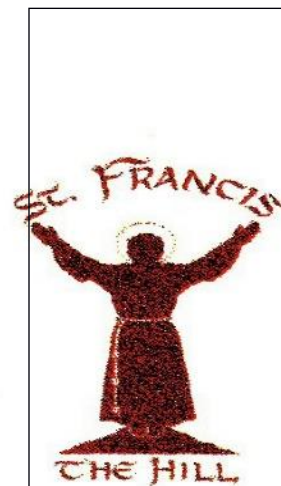
Parishioners Who are Unwell If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang up if you prefer.

Feast Days

Thurs – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Fri – St. Dunstan

Sat – St. Bernardine of Siena



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 14th May - 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 Marthese Micallet.

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 Kathleen Mary Cook, Tom Wareing, Doreen Ellen March & Katherine Cook

There will be no Mass on Tuesday, May 16th.

On Ascension Thursday, May 18th – Mass will be at 10.30 am

Goodbye to Father Nithin Joseph Elanjimattom.



After three months of service in both parishes at St Francis Hill Chapel and St Thomas', Claughton, Fr Nithin will be leaving us and moving to Barrow-in-Furness this week. He will assist Canon Manni Gribben there. We express our gratitude to him for his service as a priest and for his friendship over the last three months.

God bless you Fr Nithin as you care for the spiritual needs of the faithful in a fruitful manner in your new parish.

Church Garden

People have commented on how the garden is looking lovely, smart and peaceful. In order to maintain this image, we will continue with the garden but would appreciate more help especially from the young to protect the future. For health and safety reasons we need to refrain from using ceramic/glass on graves as with frost damage they can be very sharp. Please limit grave decorations to the head stone base, as extending the area means difficulty for the mowers or areas near the graves will have to be missed.

Maintenance of the decorations by the owners would be appreciated; failing that dead or faded silk flowers will be removed to avoid becoming unsightly.

The Gardeners

Papal Curiosities

Which Pope wore a hairshirt under his ceremonial dress? Pope Paul VI, who had the build of a professional wrestler, wore a hairshirt studded with metal points that scratched the skin on his chest during much of his adult life. He began wearing the odd garment from time to time as a young priest, and after being elected to the papacy in 1963, he wore the hairshirt underneath his rich robes on every important occasion, despite the fact that the metal points pressed hard against his flesh and sometimes drew blood.

Which Pope was a wine connoisseur ?

Believing Pope that wine was not only good for digestion but also important for one's health as a medicine, Pope Pius XII drank at least one glass of wine every day he was in office; on trips he carried a personal flask under his papal robes.

Has a Pope ever been murdered?

At least one Pope – John XII- was murdered. He was elected Pope on December 16, 955, at the age of 18. He was murdered on December 4, 963.

What is the Pope's salary?

When a ranking cardinal wins an election to the Seat of Saint Peter, he earns, in effect, a promotion- but with a reduction in pay to zero. Incredible but true: The Holy Father receives not a penny in pay. Also astonishing: The Pope does not have a bank account.

Which Pope gave his name to a popular egg dish?

Eggs Benedict got its name from Pope Benedict XIII, who favored this dish for breakfast during the years he reigned(1724- 1730).

Which Pope was solicitous of insects?

Pope Pius XII did not like the idea of stepping on any kind of insect. And so, during the walks he took in the papal gardens on almost every afternoon of his pontificate, the gardeners- unknown to the Pope-kept his path clear by spraying insecticide ahead of time. Had he known of this stratagem, Pius XII would have been miffed.

Which Pope's remains were disturbed by grave robbers?

After lying unmolested for more than 450 years, the remains of St. Celestine V(the only Pope to resign his office) were stolen from an urn in a church in Aquila, Italy, in April 1988. After a day and a half they were found by the police in a cemetery in the village of Amatrice, not very far away.

What is the legend about Pope Saint Gregory as an author?

Pope Saint Gregory the Great (590-604) dictated all his books to a scribe from behind a curtain. Inside the Vatican there is a fresco of Pope Gregory that depicts a legend about him: At one time when the Pope was doing his dictation , a secretary pulled the curtain aside and saw the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove close to his ear, whispering to him what to say in his new book.

Father Sony