

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

Attendance and Collection

4th June, Attendance 70 Collection £148

11th June, Attendance 142 Collection £313.70

Special Collection next week - Peter's Pence

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

Human Work especially on the Day of Life, third Sunday in June - 8th June.
Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights especially on St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More - 22nd June

Feast Days

Mon-St. Romuald

Tues – St. Alban

Wed – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Thurs – ST. JOHN FISHER & ST. THOMAS MORE – Prayer for these who are Persecuted

Fri – St. Etheldreda

A red silhouette of St. Francis of Assisi standing with arms raised, holding a cross. Above him is a banner with 'ST. FRANCIS' and below him is 'THE HILL'.

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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Day for Life
18th 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 Tom and Rosaline Bolton

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially
Lawrence Ibison, Monica Gornall, Shirley Walker,
Constance Mary Barber, Birdie Platt and Magi Clabrough.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Frank O'Donnell

On Tuesday 20th June 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass.

School News - June 23

We are now in the final half term of the school year and we have lots of exciting activities planned for the end of term.

We continue to have our weekly Class Masses, The whole school will be celebrating St Peter and Paul's Feast Day in Church at 10.30am on Thursday 29th June.

Sixteen of our Year Four pupils received their First Communion last Sunday at the 10.30a.m. mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi. It was a very special occasion and grateful thanks to all our parishoners who helped behind the scenes – in the sacristy, with the music, as altar servers and eucharistic ministers and preparing and giving out refreshments. You all contributed to making this an event that our First Communicants will remember, please do keep them in your prayers.

We are busy planning and rehearsing for our **Music Showcase on Friday 14th July at St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Claughton at 1.30pm**. This will be a celebration of band, choir and musical theatre performances featuring over eighty children from both schools. Schools will be performing separately and together and you are warmly invited to attend.

This half-term we are having a visit from Olive who will update us on progress with our twinned school – the Shalom Academy in Kenya and talk about the progress that has been made since her last visit.

In Religious education we are looking at the impact that Jesus made when on earth. Pendle Class are looking at stories from the Bible that tell about Jesus' love and care for other people. Parlick Class are finding out more about parables and how Jesus used these stories to teach people about his Father in Heaven. Fairsnape Class are looking at the Church – what happens there and the roles that different members of Hill Chapel play in helping Hill Chapel to be a lively welcoming parish. They are also focusing on the importance of the Eucharist. Beacon Class are learning about Confirmation and how the Holy Spirit works within us.

All our classrooms are alive and colourful with beautiful displays showing lots of examples of the childrens work.

Pendle Class is alive at the Seaside. They are looking at story books that take you to the seaside: Gruffalo Park, Sharing a Shell, The Odd Fish and Mister Seahorse to name but a few. They are studying 'It's Up to Us: A Children's Terra Carta for Nature, People and Planet' which has a powerful message about what we need to do to slow down climate change and create a better future for everyone..

Parlick Class are also at the seaside and taking themselves to the resort of Blackpool and seeing how it has changed over the years and making comparisons between past and present days. . Both Key Stage One classes are planning a trip to Fairhaven and returning via Blackpool.

Fairsnape Class are finding out what the Romans did for us. They are starting with the Celts and are enjoying learning about Boudicca. They are also finding out about the impact that the Romans had on our society when in England.

Beacon Class like to be 'Beside the Seaside'.too. In Science they are having a focus on electricity and are creating their own mini illuminations tableaux. They are busy preparing for their end of year Leavers concert – Pirates of the Curry Bean. This will be held on 12th July at 2pm and 6pm.

All Classes are preparing for 'St Francis Art Week' which will take place between 26th – 30th June. – We will keep you updated of when the Art exhibition will take place.

Diary Dates	
Wednesday, 12 th July	Pirates of the Curry Bean – in school – 2pm / 6pm
Friday, 14 th July	Music Showcase at Claughton - 1.30pm
Monday, 17 th July	Pre-School Leavers Assembly in school
Thursday, 20 th July	Leavers Mass at 10.30 am in Church

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>