

Attendance and Collection

5th March Attendance 69 Collection £127.00

12th March Attendance 58 Collection £175.50 including baptism.

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

Mon – ST JOSEPH

Sat – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Cycle Of Prayer

Please pray for the Candidates for the Sacraments especially on the Sundays in Lent.

For Local Parishes:

Fr. Philip Newbold, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, who has retired to Freckleton and has helped with supply work in Parishes in the area. He has decided to use his time during Lent 2023 to support 'Aid to the Church in Need' (Emergency Aid for Ukraine). This provides food, clothing and shelter for those caught up in the war. He will walk 10,000 paces per day for the 40 days of Lent.

If you wish to support him you can sponsor him online at:

www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-167?

OR sign a sponsor form to be found in the church porch and Fr. Philip will arrange collection after Easter. Thank you.

St Francis PTFA

Friday March 24th An Easter Egg Bingo at Longridge Golf Club at 5.30pm
You can purchase tickets on the door - £6 Including food.



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - Laetare Sunday

Family Mass and Mother's Day

19TH March - 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 the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Bill Bamber, Lawrence Ibison, Monica Gornall, Shirley Walker & Constance Mary Barber

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Dominic Flynn, June Gornall, John Richardson, Mary Josephine Clarkson & Joseph Gornall

On Tuesday 21st March 9.00am -Way of the cross .9.30am Mass

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass
Please note our new website address at the top of the page

School News

We are now in our fourth half-term of the school year and as we approach Easter, we have a very busy schedule planned with lots of exciting events to look forward to.

We have celebrated World Book Day with children (and staff too) dressing up as a character from a book of their choice. Children's Author – Taffy Thomas visited school and told exciting tales to all classes. National Careers Week, British and Shakespeare Week have also taken place this month. We have welcomed parents into school to discuss careers. We are currently preparing to take part in 'The Last Choir Singing' competition next week at St George's Hall in Blackburn.

We are having a big focus on Science this month. Beacon and Fairsnape classes are going to Manchester Science Museum and Parlick and Pendle Classes are going to explore Cobble Hey Gardens. Parlick Class are having a full forest school day with Lisa from 'Roots to Branches'. Fairsnape Class are working in partnership with The River Trust. They have a trout tank in the classroom, which is currently monitored by the children. The trout are now swimming happily in their tank and they are feeding from the surface. When the trout are old enough, the children will be releasing them into a local river-super active learning!

We continue to have our weekly Class Masses, The whole school came to church to celebrate the beginning of Lent and are also taking part in a Special Mother's Day Mass today!

We are now focusing on Lent, the events of Holy Week and the Joy of Easter. The children are all busy making their Lenten promise, which are on display in all classes. Pendle Class are looking at The Last Supper and the importance of that special meal. They are planning to act out the story to the rest of the

school. Parlick Class are looking at Our Church and finding out more about the parts of the mass.

Fairsnape Class are finding more about all that took place in Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to Good Friday. Beacon class are looking at Jesus, the Son of God and why he is known by that name. This involves finding out more about some of his miracles.

All our classrooms are alive with beautiful displays showing some of the work covered this term. Pendle Class have looked at 'The Wonderful World of the Farmer' and have also enjoyed listening to some of the food related stories written by Jan Fearnley. The Farm Shop is open in Parlick Class. They are looking at healthy eating and the importance of having fruit and vegetables in our diet, They are creating their own 'Healthy Eat' plate.. Fairsnape Class are studying 'Passport to Europe' looking at map skills and learning about the physical and cultural aspects of different countries within Europe. Beacon Class are focusing on at 'Inventions and Inventors'. This involves looking at the Islamic Golden Age from 622AD to 1258 and making comparisons with the dark ages that were occurring in Britain at that time.

Science week begins on Monday. To celebrate our theme – 'Connection with Nature', we will be holding a special assembly tomorrow (Monday 20th March at 9.15.). The assembly will be a Whole School Presentation led by our Science Ambassadors and you are warmly invited to attend.

Eighteen of our Year Four pupils are preparing to receive their First Communion in June. Please do remember them in your prayers.

