

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

4th Dec - Attendance 55 Collection £126.00

11th Dec - Attendance 89 Collection £155.00

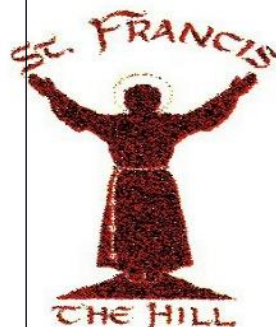
Diocesan Poor Missions - £12.35

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 Stephen
Tues – St John
Thurs - St Thomas Beckett
Fri - The Holy family



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter



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Christmas Day - The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

25th 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 the deceased members of the Bolton, Wells, Williams and Marshall 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 **Edith Morris & Mary Alice Marsh**

No mass on Tuesday 27th December

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

Thank-You, Thank-You, Thank-You!

As we celebrate Christmas here at St Francis Hill Chapel, we say a very Big Thank-You to Father Sony and to all our volunteers who give a great amount of their time to keep our church and parish alive, active, in good working order and looking so beautiful this Christmas.

We thank: Our Sacristans, Our Parish Council, Our Property group, Our Gardeners, Our Flower Ladies, Our Readers, Our Music Group, Our Stewards, Our Altar Servers, Our Eucharistic Ministers and All who help behind the scenes – *cleaning the church, serving tea and coffee, writing the newsletter, counting money and fixing all that needs mending and sorting out.* Without the help of all these special people – there would not be a parish.

We say a very Special Thank-You to Father Sony for being our Parish priest and we say a big thank-you to you - Our Lovely Parishioners, and Our Visitors, for coming to celebrate with us this Christmas.

We wish you all

A Very Happy Christmas and A Peaceful New Year.

Christmas Prayers written by some of our pupils from Beacon Class

Dear God,

I pray that this Christmas all families have warm places to sleep and that those who are less fortunate and who can't afford food, do not go hungry. I pray that everyone looks after each other and helps to take care of our beautiful world.

By Betsy

Dear God,

Thank you for encouraging us to help people that don't have anything especially at Christmas. We are very thankful for everything we have.

By Ben

Dear God,

Help us to love and care like Jesus did. Help us to be kind and show love to all like you taught us to. Help us to always show forgiveness, especially at Christmas.

By Penelope

Dear God,

Please help others to love each other just like you love us. You taught us to respect one another. Advent is a special time of year, leading up to Christmas, when we think about each other and pray for them.. You have taught us many things and when the fifth candle is lit we think about the birth of Jesus and remember that he is the light of our world and we say Thank-You.

By Ivy

Dear God,

Please take care of all the animals and help people to take care of each other this Christmas. Please help us to look after our world and not litter. Please help people who are less fortunate this advent and people affected by war in countries like Ukraine and Russia.

By Jacob

Dear God,

We pray for everyone to be happy this Christmas even if they don't get everything they want. As we look at the Advent wreath I like the fourth candle because it represents love and it makes us think of our loved ones.

By Leo

Dear God,

This Christmas please bless all families with love and care especially those who do not have all the gifts that we do. At this special time, I will try to look after the world around us. Please let everyone in the world have a lovely Christmas and all children to have presents. Help us to look after our common home.

By Tabitha