

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.

Attendance and Collection

5th Feb Attendance 65 Collection £128.00
12th Feb Attendance 68 Collection £180.20

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.

Request for Treasurer Support

We are looking for someone to help with the role of Treasurer at Hill Chapel. If you have experience of accounts and would be able to help - please see Tom Smyth for further information.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March
The Needy and Hungry of the World – Lent Fast Day - Friday 3rd March

Feast Days

Wed – ST. DAVID
Fri – Women's World Day of Prayer



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

26th February - 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 People of 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
Gerard Knight & Mary Christine Wells

On Tuesday 28th February 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 other parishioners and catch up with familiar faces too.

Please note our new website address at the top of the page

Welcome Fr Nithin Antony

The life of a priest is never stationed at a single place. His missionary work takes him to different parishes and requires of him to acquaint himself with all people around him. The success of a parish reflects the hard work that a Parish Priest has put in his missionary work.

St Francis Assisi Church is glad to offer a very warm welcome to Father Nithin Anthony as he joins our parish family. We hope your stay will be a happy one.

He belongs to Changanacherry Archdiocese, Kerala, India. As per the request of Bishop Paul Swarbrick, he reached our diocese on 14 February and will work in one of the parishes in our diocese. He will also pursue his higher studies in one of the universities in northern England together with his pastoral ministry.

Safeguarding

Many of you may know that I am the parish safeguarding representative for our church. On Saturday the 11th February I attended a day's training along with other parish reps.

My primary role is to maintain a safe church, by promoting good and safe practices in all activities, involving children, young people and adults at risk.

Please look at the poster at the back of church for contact details of the diocesan safeguarding coordinator and my contact details. Along with this poster is a Safe Spaces poster. Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the church or as a result of their relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Diocesan Safeguarding coordinator if you have any concerns. Maria Peel

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.

Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

The earthquake on the Turkish Syrian border is a major catastrophe and all the major International Aid Agencies in the U.K. are desperate for much needed funding. The quickest and most effective way of offering our parish's support is to ask anyone who wishes to donate, to do so via the 'Disasters Emergency Committee' (DEC), website. Our own Catholic Aid Agency, CAFOD, is a member of the DEC and 100% of all donations go towards providing rapid relief for those in need. The website address is:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/donate/earthquake>