

Hill Chapel Library

We have a box at the back of church with a variety of religious books belonging to parishoners 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.

Garden Collection

A great amount of time, effort (and money) has been spent on improving the path around the graveyard and keeping the gardens looking so beautiful. Many thanks to all our volunteers. There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions are very gratefully appreciated.

Attendance Figures.

14 th August: Attendance – 52	Collection - £166.00
21 st August: Attendance – 73	Collection - £107.00

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 during Summer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, Human Life, those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights. Seafarers.

Feast Days

Mon: The Passion of St John the Baptist
Tues: St Margaret of Clitheroe
Wes: St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne
Thurs: A Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Sat: St
Gregory



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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **28th August – Readings – Year C**

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.

Todays Mass is for the People of the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Ellen Woods.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.
We remember Mary Kathleen Johnson.

There will be 9.30 am mass this following Tuesday at 9.30 am with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.00 am.

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after
Sunday Mass. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and greet new
parishoners and to catch up with familiar faces too,

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 sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

From the Archives

Over the next four weeks I thought it might be of interest to write a short biography of each of the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. This week, I focus on St. Matthew.

Although relatively very little is known about St Matthew, according to the Gospels, he was a 1st-century Galilean, presumably born in Galilee, which was not part of Judea or the Roman Judaea province. He was the son of Alphaeus, a relatively wealthy man who ensured his son received an education enabling him to read and write in highly educated Greek and Aramaic. As such, Matthew gained employment as a tax collector working at a collection booth in Capernaum. His fellow Jews would have despised him for what was seen as collaborating with the Roman occupation force. Whilst Matthew was working in Capernaum, he met Jesus who came to him and, according to the Gospel, simply asked. 'Follow Me'; with this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. Shortly afterwards, Matthew invited Jesus for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes, and the Pharisees criticised Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword. From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that

found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

It is thought Matthew departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural, or if he was martyred. As a tax collector St. Matthew. is the patron saint of bankers, his feast day is September 21.

St. Matthew Prayer

O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven.

Mike Bryan

Remembrance Book

Mike is also responsible for organising the Book of Remembrance which is at the back of church on the left hand side near the Childrens Corner. The book has the names of all deceased parishoners and is changed each month so you can see whose anniversaries occur at that time. If you have any relatives in the book and would like to add any further information – please contact Mike.

Visit of St Bernadette's relics

The visit of the relics of St Bernadette are coming to St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster on Thursday 27th September – further details are on the noticeboard at the back of church.