

May Procession

On Tuesday May 23rd there will be a May Procession to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary. . We are asking parishoners to meet in the school hall at 9.30 a.m.. We will process to church led by the children, some of whom will be carrying the statue of Mary. There will then be a special celebration in church to which you all are warmly invited to attend.

Attendance and Collection

16th April Attendance 51 Collection £113.00
23rd April Attendance 45 Collection £159.80 including baptism
Thank-You for donations of £80 for refreshments after mass.

Special Collection – next week for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund

We are resuming collections during the mass. We are asking for volunteers to collect - please contact Maria or Bernadette if interested.

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

Vocations especially on the Day of Prayer for Vocations - 30th April
Human Work especially on the day of St. Joseph the Worker - 1st May

Feast Days

Mon – St. Joseph the Worker
Tues – St. Athanasius
Wed - STS. PHILIP & JAMES
Thurs – THE ENGLISH MARTYRS



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Vocations Day

30th April - 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 Reynold Woods

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 Francis Haywood, Micheal D'Arcy & Dorothy Walton

On Tuesday 25th April @ 9.00am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am
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

Aid to the Church in Need appeal

Fr. Philip Newbold, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, *who has retired to Freckleton and has helped with supply work here at Hill Chapel*, send a very Big Heartfelt Thank-you to our Parish. He used 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 walked 10,000 paces per day for the 40 days of Lent.

We collected £155.00 in sponsor money and passed the collection on to him this week. Thank you also to those parishoners who sponsored him online. He was extremely grateful for our generosity and will let us know the full total in due course. He sent his very best wishes to you all.

Risen and Risky

Loving Lord,
The word resurrection scares me!
Facing you fresh and risen, broken and given, is no easy matter.
I can totally understand why your first friends bolted
behind locked doors
and were frightened out of their wits by the talk of you as really risen.

Living, yes living in a resurrection world means always facing a
fuller-frontal facing of you, Lord.
You look me straight in the eye and say 'Do you love me?'
You look me straight in the eye and say 'Peace be with you'
You look me straight in the eye and say 'Follow me'
You look me straight in the eye and say 'I forgive you.'

Loving Lord, Your resurrection, livingness and lovingness is so
overpowering, too much for me to take on board.
Hear-bursting,
Mind-boggling,
I can only take a little at a time.

Why not pass me by and let the next person be your messenger?
Yes, you make demands that are demanding.
It's no penance this resurrection world.
It colours all I am and centres me on you Lord.

And the same good news is true for every man, woman and child.
Am I really fully listening to this astonishing Good News? -
That your rising makes all the difference to how I see the world
around me,
and in particular to how I see the individuals around me.

Resurrection rings new bells.
It means each of us is called to greatness.
It means each of us is meant to be an encourager.
It means a re-awakening of our very self-hood,
A gift to be ever more fully received,
and a task to be worked at more eagerly.
It means the end of complacency, the end of compromise.
It means a new start,
A new vision,
A new hope,
A new horizon,
A new world.

Risen, Loving Lord .Let me see again. Amen.

**From Loving Lord – Seasons
by Denis Blackledge SJ**