

Attendance and Collection

13th April - Attendance 73 Collection £206.80
Easter Sunday - Attendance 80 Collection £260.50
27th April - Attendance 53 Collection £167.80

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.

Childrens Liturgy

It has been lovely to see so many children in the school hall at Sunday mass. When back in church, we would love to restart Children liturgy. This is where the children have their own special liturgy focused at their level of understanding. They leave church at the beginning of mass and go to the presbytery with Children's liturgists, where they talk and share thoughts and ideas on the gospel pf the day – with planned activities to enthuse and inspire children to respond and to enjoy themselves too. They then return to mass in church at the Offertory.

If you would like to be involved in Children's Liturgy or find out more - please do see Mary, Maria or Bernadette for more information.



St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter

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Sunday 4TH May 2025

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Readings – Year C
Mass 10.30am**

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.

Mass intention is for the People of the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially

Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

We remember Dorothy Walton, Mary Josephine Wood & William Raymond Shorrock whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Tea and Coffee will be served after Sunday Mass

The Re-dedication of St Francis, Hill Chapel - New Date.

Our Church will be re-opening on Sunday May 25th for 10.30 a.m. Mass. Bishop Paul Swarbrick will be saying mass and rededicating Hill Chapel so we are ready to worship God in our beautiful church again following all the work that has taken place there.

To celebrate the occasion, we would like as many of our parishioners as possible to attend the Mass. There will be refreshments after Mass. Any donations of cakes would be very gratefully received.

Sending very grateful thanks to Mike Bryan for all his hard work in organising the project.

We will continue to celebrate weekly Sunday mass in school until then. Sunday May 18th will be our last mass in school.

Papal Curiosities

How much mail does the Vatican get per day?

About 800 pounds of mail- or the equivalent of 25 bags-move into the State of Vatican City every day. Nearly twice as much, however, leaves the Vatican City daily, mostly from tourists sending somebody a letter or card from one of the four mailboxes of the city-state.

What is the reputation of Vatican Radio?

There is favourite story that gets told in Rome every now and then about the time that one of the Kremlin aides went into Leonid Brezhnev's office with needle and thread in hand to sew on the top button of Brezhnev's trousers. Totally surprised, the

Soviet chief asked how the aide knew about the missing button, to which the aide replied: "I just heard it on Vatican Radio."

All humour aside, the anecdote points out the worldwide reputation Vatican Radio has earned for itself in its more than a half century of operation. Broadcasting 225 hours a week by FM, shortwave and mediumwave, Vatican Radio has a listenership of some 80 million people.

Are there any supermarkets in Vatican City?

Vatican City has one supermarket, but no one may enter or buy anything unless he or she can produce an identification card. Prices are usually lower than in the rest of Rome and Italy, especially on alcohol which carries no custom tax. Half the shoppers in the market are laypeople whose families are historically close to the church. The remainder of the shoppers are the clerics-who are permitted to nudge their way up the line to the cash register without having to wait their turn.

What was Bernini's ambition for the design of St. Peter's?

Bernini wanted to convey the idea that St. Peter's and Catholicism were embracing any and all who come. His idea was to depict the dome of Michelangelo as St. Peter's head and two semicircles of colonnades as outstretched arms that were gathering the faithful while they moved toward the basilica. Made up of 284 Tuscan pillars and 88 pilasters, the Bernini colonnades took from 1656 to 1667 to be completed. The 140 statues of saints above the columns were carved by Bernini's students, and each one of the works received his personal attention.