

Attendance and Collection

14th Sept Attendance 68 Collection £161.00
21st Sept Attendance 63 Collection £160.90
28th Sept Attendance 71 Collection £231.00 including baptism.

People 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.

Feast Days

Mon – St. Bruno
Tues – Our Lady of the Rosary
Thurs – ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
Fri - St. Paulinus of York
Sat – St. John

CAFOD's WORLD PRAYER MAP: United in Prayer for our sisters and brothers

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/world-prayer-map>

Our sisters and brothers in so many countries face immense difficulties due to conflict, violence, injustice and natural disasters. You can use the prayer map to pray for our world, in solidarity with our global family

FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Date for your Diary

The Valley Singers - 'A Season to Sing' - A Concert in aid of the Hill Chapel Roof Fund and Restoration Project . 7pm Friday 24th October.
Tickets £10 For more information email Mary - mfdoran@btinternet.com

St Francis Hill Chapel



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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 5th October 2025
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Family Mass
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 James Gornall, George Ibison & Kathleen D'Arcy
whose anniversaries occurs at this time.

The Funeral of **Ellen Woods** will take place at St. Francis Hill Chapel
on Tuesday 7th October at 11am

Coffee and tea will be served at the back of church after mass.

Please note: Important

Changes to Mass times on the weekend of 18/19th October 2025 in both Claughton and Hill Chapel Churches

Saturday 18th October: 6.30pm Mass cancelled at Claughton and Sunday 19th October 10.30 am Mass at Hill Chapel cancelled

There is only one mass for both parishes on 19th October at 10 am at Claughton

Combined Mass at St Thomas's, Claughton, for both our Parishes, St Francis, Hill Chapel, and St Thomas's, to welcome Archbishop Maury Buendía, the Papal Nuncio to Great Britain, who will preside at the Mass and deliver the Homily. Fr Sony and Fr Andrew Coy, the Nuncio's Private Secretary will be concelebrating.

The Apostolic Nuncio represents the Holy Father to the Church in the UK. The role is equivalent to that of an ambassador representing the Holy See. The current Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía was named by Pope Francis in April 2023.

The Apostolic Nuncio is the Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain and is coming to Lancaster as part of the celebration of the centenary of our Diocese in October. It is a great privilege for us to have the Pope's representative visit our Church. Having heard about its beauty and history he was keen to come and see it for himself. We very much look forward to welcoming him along with our fellow parishioners from Hill chapel to Claughton.

We are also delighted to have the school children joining us for a special musical contribution to the Mass.

Following Mass, we would like to offer our hospitality to Archbishop Maury and ask him to join us for coffee and a slice of one the cakes for which our Parishes are famous for !

Papal Curiosities

Why are there Christ relics in all of Luchino Visconti's films?

Movie director Luchino Visconti's family had centuries of close ties with the Vatican, and he himself, as a small boy, posed for a painting of the Christ Child, now on public display near Milan. Whenever Visconti was shooting a film, he would include a Christ relic in a scene, mostly to bring him good luck. In one film, for example, he exhibited from the Church of Santa Prassede a section of the pillar to which Christ was bound and whipped (the remainder of the ancient column was brought to Rome in 1222 by Cardinal Giovanni Colonna from Jerusalem), and in another film he showed a fragment from the table of the Last Supper, which is above the tympanum of an altar inside the San Giovanni in Laterano Church in Rome.

What was the origin of the Swiss Guards?

The Swiss Guards were founded by Pope Julius II, the so-called "Warrior Pope", who as a papal aide was so impressed by Swiss soldiery that in 1478 he got Pope Pius IV to sign an alliance with the Swiss cantons. When he became Pope himself, Julius II brought in 150 Swiss soldiers in January 1506, the year the first stone of the new St. Peter's Basilica was laid.

Were the Swiss Guards armed during World War II?

During World War II, Pope Pius XII made the Swiss Guards store away their firearms and patrol the frontier between the State of Vatican City and Italy with just their halberds, pikes, or poignards. This was not the first time pope "disarmed" his guards (the oldest military corps inexistence). They had to lay down their arms on the pope's order rather than face extermination when Napoleon invaded Rome and carried the pope off to France