

Attendance and Collection

8th June Attendance 253 Collection £245.00
15th June Attendance 72 Collection £190.00
22nd June Attendance 63 Collection £167.30

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.

Feast Days

Mon – St.Camillus of Lellis
Tues – St. Bonaventure
Wed – Our Lady of Mount carmel
Sat – St. John Plessington, St. John Wall & Companions - Martyrs of Lancashire

Childrens Liturgy

It has been lovely to see so many children in the school hall at Sunday mass. Now we are 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.

Save the date - Friday 24th October – ‘The Valley Singers’ will be performing in church.



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Sunday 13th July 2025
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sea Sunday

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 Longton and Shorrock Families

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially

Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

We remember Father Joseph Leo Hothersall & Father Micheal Lakeland whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Tea and Coffee will be served after Sunday Mass

Our Confirmation Celebration

Congratulations to our twenty four pupils from St Francis Hill Chapel and St Mary's Claughton parish who were confirmed by Bishop Paul Swarbrick on Tuesday here at St Francis, Hill Chapel. It was a very special service.. Many thanks to the sacristans, the musicians, the tea makers, the cake bakers, the welcomers, the catechists and all who helped make the event such a success.

St Francis, Hill Chapel Open Day on Saturday 19th July from 10 a.m.to 4 p.m.

After seven years of fundraising for a new roof, we are proud to show you our newly refurbished historic church. We are holding an Open Day for our local community to come and see the changes that have occurred. See the hidden mural, look at our photos, our memorabilia and share your memories.

Delicious refreshments, Vintage cars, Raffle and Displays. If you would be able to help to bake cakes or bring in photos to display and come and share your memories of Hill Chapel – that would be gratefully appreciated. Please see Maria or Bernadette for further details.

From the Archives

Last week marked the 433rd anniversary of the martyrdom of Blessed George Beesley, who was born in 1562 in the house which is now our presbytery. George lived at a time when Catholic worship was forbidden by the state and, to be identified and arrested as a priest, meant almost certain execution. Regardless of these horrendous restrictions, the catholic families of Lancashire were determined to continue to practice their faith and to attend mass whenever a priest was in the area.

In the 17th century the pack horse trails which crossed the Lancashire fells, were widely used by undercover priests as these were not

monitored by local officials seeking to capture them. The travelling priest often adopted the disguise of a pedlar, selling ribbons, threads, and pins, arriving at the back door of Catholic houses, awaiting the invitation to enter the house safely and celebrate the much-needed sacraments. The rural areas around Preston remained particularly Catholic and a number of local country estates including Samlesbury Hall and Myerscough Hall, were owned by strong Catholic families.

In 1886, by which time Salmesbury Hall had passed out of Catholic hands, a pony skin covered trunk, which had been walled up in the Southworth family home, was discovered during building work at the hall. The trunk contained several silk vestments and a travelling mass kit used by priests, including St John Southworth and St Edmund Arrowsmith, working on the Lancashire mission during the 16th and 17th century. Unfortunately, the family did not recognise the Catholic origins of the trunk and put it up for auction as 'fancy dress'. However, the significance of the trunk, was recognised by the Catholic Myerscough family who bought the lot and established it as a shrine at Myerscough. In the early 20th century John Myerscough joined the Jesuit Order and donated the trunk and its contents to Stonyhurst College. As a young boy John was employed to show visitors around the shrine, and he later claimed that this experience had been instrumental in his vocation as a priest.

The vestments, of French dress material, were probably made by the ladies of the Southworth family. This was the usual means of making vestments at the time by women who would either order dress material from abroad or would turn their own best dresses into vestments. Many of the original Catholic vestments were destroyed or turned into wall tapestries during the reformation.

The Salmesbury vestments are still owned by Stonyhurst College and are very similar in age and style to the two Hill Chapel chasubles displayed in the college museum. During the summer holidays, the museum will be open to the public on several occasions; - further details can be found on the college website. Mike Bryan

