

### **Attendance and Collection**

20th July Attendance 67 Collection £234.35

27th July Attendance 56 Collection £210.00 including baptism

3rd August Attendance 75 Collection £280.30 including baptism

### **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**

Tues – St. John Eudes

Wed – St. Bernard

Thurs – St. Pius X

Fri – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat – St Rose of Lima

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

**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.



## **St Francis Hill Chapel**

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**Sunday 17th August 2025**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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 Mary Moss who died recently**

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially

Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

We remember Morland Cowell, Winifred Sarah Moore, Elizabeth Louise Jones, Margaret Agnes Parker, James Wilfrid Bolton, Teresa Clare Southworth & Bernard Dewhurst whose anniversaries occurs at this time.

We welcome into our church family **Daisy Baines** who will be baptised today after mass. May God's light shine on her always

### **Pilgrimage to St Mary's Cleator CA23 3AB Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

The Pilgrimage is held every year and In this centenary year of the Diocese of Lancaster, the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes will be a significant one.

The communities of Cleator and Cleator Moor were dependent on the mining and iron industries, and during the Great Depression of the 1920s and 1930s, times were very difficult for many. Fr. Clayton (priest in Cleator from 1904 to 1954) placed an appeal in the national Catholic press, and generous support was received from around the country. To provide employment for some of the parishioners Fr. Clayton bought some land adjoining the church's site and asked for volunteers to help construct a replica of the Grotto at Lourdes. These volunteers were rewarded with vouchers for food and clothing. The Grotto was opened on the 30th October 1927, and rapidly became a focus for pilgrimage from all parts of the diocese.

The theme for the Pilgrimage this year is 'Mary, Mother of the Church. People are asked to meet outside St Mary's Church in Cleator at 2.40pm and (weather permitting) process to the Grotto. The bishop will say mass there at 3pm and bless the sick. Tea and coffee will be provided.

### **Papal Curiosities**

#### **How did sixteenth century sailor earn a papal reward?**

The great Egyptian obelisk-which is one of Rome's landmarks, although it stands neither in Rome nor in Italy but just about ten yards over the Italian border-is entirely surrounded by the State of Vatican City. Back in 1586, when the obelisk was being drawn into St. Peter's Square by hundreds of horses and thousands of workers struggling

with beams, ropes, and scaffolding, the death penalty was ordered for any spectator who uttered even one word. No noise should distract the lifting of the unwieldy 75-foot giant! Soon the friction began to burn the ropes, and it was certain that the obelisk would eventually fall. Suddenly a sailor, aware of what was happening and expert as to what needed to be done, disobeyed the order of silence at the risk of his life, shouting, "Throw water on the ropes! Throw water on the ropes!" This was immediately done, and the workers finished the job without a mishap. As for the sailor, instead of being executed, he earned a papal reward-the right to supply St. Peter's Basilica with palms on Palm Sunday. His heirs still have the concession today.

#### **Which century had the greatest number of popes?**

The most popes ever to be crowned during the course of a single hundred-year stretch was between the years 867 and 965, when a total of 28 popes came into being.

#### **What happens to the thousands of gifts the pope receives from admirers?**

Except for art objects, which go into one of the Vatican museums, nearly all the gifts are distributed to families of limited economic means.