

### **Attendance and Collection**

30<sup>th</sup> March Attendance 69. Collection £167.00  
6<sup>rd</sup> April, Attendance 81. Collection £177.00

### **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 Childrens 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 Childrens Liturgy or find out more - p[lease do see Mary, Maria or Bernadette for more information.



## **St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter**

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**EASTER 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 People of the Parish**

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially

Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

We remember: Terrence Gillow and John Frederick Holden, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Tea and Coffee will be served after Sunday Mass

**HAPPY EASTER**  
**SENDING SPECIAL**  
**EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL**

MAY YOU FEEL CHRIT'S LOVE IN YOUR HEART  
AND BE FILLED WITH HIS PEACE AND JOY THIS  
EASTER DAY AND ALWAYS.

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

Our Church will be re-opening on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> will be our last mass in school.

**The Resurrection**

**Night**

Hope is broken. Friends are gone. Sadness fills our hearts. Death is at the door. We don't know where to turn. We have lost our way and cannot trust anyone, even God. We feel like we are surrounded by darkness full of shadows. We do not dare to look for the way out. It is night! *For Jesus' friends, it was night.*

**Day**

There is a little sliver of light on the horizon. So small! Little more than a glimmer of light. So fragile. But night has broken. Slowly the light grows stronger and advances, chasing the shadows away. Finally the light is all around, it lights up faces and hearts. Day is broken! *For the disciples that morning there was the possibility of hope.*

**Risen**

God raised Jesus from the tomb. He is risen. All the forces that had gathered against him – hate, exclusion, lies and hate – are defeated. Jesus' love and trust in God conquered them all. Even death lost its power. Jesus crossed the barrier between death and life – opening the way between the two. This opening will never close. The risen Jesus walks ahead of us, removing obstacles that stand in the way. From now on, hope is found in death. When we follow in Jesus' footsteps we go to the other side of death – we go to life eternal.

**Easter Sunday**

Thanks to Jesus who rose from the dead - Easter is the first day of a new world where life triumphs. Today we celebrate. Every Sunday is like an Easter celebration that helps us enter, little by little, into the joy of the risen Christ. We marvel at everything Jesus did through his life and death. Believing in the risen Christ means chasing the darkness and night in the world away and spreading daylight by living according to Jesus' gospel.

