

## Wedding Annoucement

The Marriage of **Charlotte Birch and Joe Battersby** took place yesterday Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July @11pm here at Hill Chapel. We wish them much love and happiness and please keep them in your prayers.

## Attendance and Collection

29th June Attendance 84 Collection £167.00

6th Jul Attendance 70 Collection £192.00

13th Jul Attendance 69 Collection £195.00

## 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.

## Feast Days

Tues – Sts. Mary, Martha & Lazarus

Wed - -St. Peter Chrysologus

Thurs – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Fri – St. Alphonsus

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> October – ‘The Valley Singers’ will be performing in church.



## **St Francis Hill Chapel**

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**17<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 the Clarkson Families**

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially

Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker & Frank Morris

We remember William Hilary Gornall whose anniversary occurs at this time

We welcome into our church family **Esme Bolton** who will be baptised today at 12pm. May God's light shine on her always.

Tea and Coffee will be served after Sunday Mass

## Memory Day

Thank you to all who came to our Memory Day last Saturday. It was so lovely to see familiar faces and new faces too – celebrating the re-opening of our beautiful church. Sending a Very Big Thank-You to all who helped in organising the event. It was so interesting and thought provoking to be able look at past photos, school year books and memorabilia and share thoughts on our special place of worship – St Francis, Hill Chapel. In next week's newsletter we will be adding some of the memories of Hill Chapel that you shared with us last week. If you have a memory of our church that you would like to share - please just email [mfdoran@btinternet.com](mailto:mfdoran@btinternet.com) and we will add to the memory booklet.

## From the Archives

To celebrate the recent visit of Bishop Paul Swarbrick to confirm twenty-five of our young parishioners; I focus this week on a brief history of the Lancaster diocese, including a summary of Bishop Paul's service as a priest.

From the time of the [English Reformation](#) in the 16th century, when Catholicism was declared illegal, there were no Catholic dioceses in England and Wales. In time, however, there came to be appointed several [apostolic vicars](#), bishops of nominal Sees governing not in their own name, as diocesan bishops do, but provisionally in the name of the [Pope](#). However, with the passing of the [Catholic Relief Act, 1829](#), legalising the practice of the Catholic faith again, [Pope Pius IX](#) re-established the Catholic Church diocesan hierarchy on 29 September 1850 by issuing the bull [Universalis Ecclesiae](#). Initially just four Catholic dioceses were created, those of Westminster, Leeds, Liverpool, and Portsmouth. The Liverpool diocese initially covered the whole of the northwest of England. The Hierarchy in Scotland was not restored until 1878.

Our own diocese of Lancaster is a relative newcomer amongst the bishoprics of England and Wales: it was brought into being as comparatively recently as 1924, and its current pastor, Bishop Paul Swarbrick, is only the seventh in succession since the inauguration of the first bishop, Bishop Pearson. The Diocese of Lancaster is unique amongst the English bishoprics, embracing as it did, the three historical counties of – Cumberland, Westmorland, and Lancashire, north of the river Ribble.

Bishop Paul was born in Garstang and has three sisters and one brother. He went to primary school in Garstang and then on to Lancaster Royal Grammar school before training for the Priesthood at Ushaw College, Co Durham. He was ordained a priest on 10 July 1982, at Ss Mary & Michael's Church, Garstang. He went on to serve as Assistant Priest at St Mary's Whitehaven, St Maria Goretti Preston, and St Cuthbert's Blackpool, where he was also Chaplain to St Mary's Catholic High School. He then volunteered to serve on the missions in the Monze Diocese, Zambia, where he stayed for fifteen years. On his return, he assisted at English Martyrs Preston, and for a few months at Mater Amabilis, in Ambleside. Shortly afterwards, he was appointed Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart, Preston and was also in charge of St Walburge's, Preston.

Immediately prior to his ordination as Bishop, he was Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Michael, Workington, where he was also the local Dean (Vicar Forane) for West Cumbria. In 2015 he was made a Canon of Lancaster Cathedral Chapter. He was announced as the seventh Bishop of Lancaster by Pope Francis on 12 February 2018 and ordained Bishop and installed as Diocesan Bishop by Bishop Michael Campbell on 9 April 2018 at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster.

Please pray for Bishop Paul as he continues his mission as pastor of our diocese.

Mike Bryan

