

Attendance and Collection

24th Aug Attendance 56 Collection - £195.10 - including baptism

31st Aug Attendance 82 Collection - £235.50

7th Sept Attendance 133 Collection - £315.00 – including baptism

Gift Aid Information

Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify Kate Whittle or Val Gardiner if you are no longer a taxpayer or you paid insufficient tax during 2024/25 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure that you have notified your parish.

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 – STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHEAL – Archangels Feast

Tues – St. Jerome

Wed – St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Thurs – The Holy Guardian Angels

Fri – Harvest Fast Day

Cycle Of Prayer

The Harvest and The Fruits of Human Work – Harvest Sunday 28th September

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

Dates for your Diary

Sun Oct 5th – Family Mass – welcoming Our new Reception pupils

The Valley Singers' Concert – Friday October 24th

St Francis Hill Chapel



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Parish Safeguarding Representative –Maria Peel

Sunday 28th September 2025

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Harvest Thanksgiving
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 Ellen Jean McClarnon & Bernard Melling whose anniversaries occurs at this time.

Patrick Gardner is speaking today on behalf of CAFOD Family Fast
He is the Community Co- Ordination Officer

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 Buendia 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

Who was really the model for the Vatican's statue of Saint Peter?

Inside the Vatican there is a seated statue, said to be a representation of St. Peter. But the head comes from the thirteenth century, the hands from the fourteenth, and the rest of the figure from the third century. Most Vatican officials believe the statue is a representation of a philosopher whose name is unknown.

What was the index Librorum Prohibitorum?

The Vatican Library also catalogs some 4,000 books that were listed in the Vatican's index of forbidden Books (Index Librorum prohibitorum). The Index was created in 1557 by order of Pope Paul IV, whose reign most embodied the inquisition.

Quite a few of the index listing of forbidden books forever baffled some Church executives, such as Alexander Dumas's The Count of Monte Cristo and The Three Musketeers, Oliver Goldsmith's History of England, and Edward Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. No reason was ever given for the anonymous bans, so one can only wonder why the index also included such innocuous documents as a 1664 treatise on the use of unguents for burns, an 1844 Swiss almanac, or a pamphlet on the museums of Italy.

Does Vatican law include the death penalty?

Even though Italy has long since abolished the death penalty, the Vatican still keeps the law on its books - a law that has not been imposed under papal regimes since the 1860s when Rome was under the direct rule of the popes. The last executions carried out under pontifical authority took place during the administration of Pope Pius IX, when two revolutionaries blew up a papal barracks and killed 25 of the pope's troops.. The duo, Giuseppe Monti, 33, and Gaetano Tognetti, 25, were beheaded on November 24, 1868. An Italian feature film on the incident, starring one of Italy's best-loved actors, Nino Manfredi, was made some years ago but received no international distribution.

