

### Longridge Community Foodbank

We are continuing to collect for the Ribble Valley Foodbank throughout the winter season. If you have any items for the foodbank – please add to the box at the back of church

### Attendance and Collection

21st Dec Attendance 74 Collection £299.30

25th Dec Attendance 179 Collection £505.00

28thDec Attendance 51 Collection £176.02

**People who are Unwell** If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for

### Feast Day

Mon – St. Aelred of Rievaulx

Tues – St. Kentigern

Sat – St. Anthony



## St Francis Hill Chapel

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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**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.*

Today's Mass 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 Mary Ethelreda Gillow, Ellen Gornall & Terence Micheal Ryan  
whose anniversaries occurs around this time .

We welcome into our church family **Edith & Maisie Robinson** who will be baptised today @ 12pm. May God's light shine on them always.

Tea and Coffee will be served at the back of church after Mass on  
Sunday

## **From the Archives**

A very Happy New Year! I hope and trust that 2026 will be another successful and happy year for our growing parish community.

Although our church is now structurally sound and in beautiful condition, there are still one or two projects for the property group to complete. During the next few weeks and in order to comply with health and safety requirements, access to the church loft area will be improved. The balcony will be closed for a short period whilst the work is undertaken. Later in the year, the property group hopes to commission work to renovate the external aspect of the church bell tower. A few minor issues were identified whilst work was being carried out inside the building but, as the work needed wasn't urgent, it was decided to postpone until this coming year. I will keep you informed of developments.

On a separate note, you may recall that towards the end of last year parishioners were invited to recall happy memories of Hill Chapel. During Christmas week I received an email from Fr. Pat McMahon detailing his favourite memory, which I share with you here:

"In the 90s, on Christmas Eve among the people on the balcony was a shy little girl. Towards the end of Mass, from her mother's arms, she looked down on the scene. The lights had been switched off; the people's candles lit; the Christmas Tree was on the right, the crib in front of the altar; the Advent Wreath and Jesse Tree to the left. After candle-lit carols, everyone stood and sang '*Happy Birthday Dear Jesus*' seemingly to a

man dressed in white robes at the front . As the people left the church the little girl leaned over from her mother's arms and whispered to the man in white, 'Happy Birthday'. I know this is true; I was that man." (Patrick McMahon)

Many thanks to Fr Pat for sharing this lovely story with us. My thanks also go to those who sent me their favourite Christmas cracker jokes. Here are some of them to bring a smile to your face:

Why can't you tell a joke to an egg? Because it might crack up!

Why did an old man fall in a well? Because he couldn't see that well!

Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!

What do you get when you cross kittens with a ball of wool?  
Mittens!

Finally, How does the man in the moon cut his hair? He Eclipse it!

Happy New Year! Mike Bryan