

Parish Diary this Week

e 33	Time	Feast	Intention
Saturday Jan 6 th	6:00pm	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD VIGIL MASS - St John's	Pat Hoole
Sunday Jan 7 th	9:30*am 11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Kath Wainmain & Fam Catherine O'Hagan
Monday Jan 8 th	9:30am	Morning Prayer & Liturgy of the Word	
Tuesday Jan 9 th	9.30am	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Transferred from yesterday) Morning Mass Tea, biscuits & chat after Mass	Ints of Neville booth
Wednesday Jan 10 th	9:30am*	FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Yr2) Morning Prayer & Liturgy of the Word	
Thursday Jan 11 th	9:30am	Morning Prayer & Liturgy of the Word	
Friday Jan 12 th	9:30am	Morning Prayer & Liturgy of the Word	
Saturday Jan 13 th	6.00pm	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	Fr Keating
Sunday Jan 14 th	9.30am* 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Mary Wood LD Mary Cunniff

*indicates: a service at St Martin & St Hilda's Chapel

Morning Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before weekday Mass and at Liturgy or the Word

Please play for: Baby Jennifer Holmes, Megan (aged 10), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, John Ireland, Kate Lingard, Antonio Palmer, Joanne Porter, Mary Robertson, Chris Taylor, Fr Joseph Maley, John Vincent, Paul Tipping, Veronica Wilkinson and all those who are sick.

Lately Dead: Leonard Scott, Annie Morrison, Michael Glennon

Anniversaries at this time: Colin Holt, Cath Barry, Ruth Thompson, Agnes Walsh, Ted Scanlon, Elsie Haymes, Jackie Bradley, Joan Drake, William Booth

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 7th January 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord (Cycle B)



Follow the Stars God sends us -



You are my son, the beloved,
My favour rests on you

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

'Almighty God,
Eternal shepherd
and guide.
In your love for us,
grant to the
Catholic Diocese of Lancaster
a shepherd
who will lead us to be:
Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope,
and hands of justice.
Help him to fill our
minds and hearts
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments,
and the desire to build up
your holy Church.
We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen.'

St John the Evangelist

Breck Rd, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7HT

St Martin de Porres

Fleetwood Rd, Carleton FY6 7PB

*Welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Mass today
and throughout the week,*

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This week we pray for those living in:
Beverley Ave, Birchway, Bispham Rd,
Blackpool Old Rd, Blackpool Rd, Bleasdale Ave,
Bolton Ave

Epiphany Prayer: *"Radiant One, every day is an epiphany in which I, too, can pay you homage. Every day I can open the treasure chest of my life. Every day I can bring my gratitude for the gift of yourself, my desire to grow more loving, my longing to be true. Every day I can offer my trust that you are near, my hope for all you promise, my belief in what is unseen. Every day I can offer you my desire to live justly, to give generously, my struggle to be whole." (taken from "Prayers, Poems & Reflections by Joyce Rupp)*

Thanks from the Foodbank –The people at the foodbank have asked us to pass on their thanks fall the food & blankets donated before & over the Christmas period. They have been touched by People's generosity & pass on the thanks of those who have appreciated the help. Thanks also to Steve form our parish who takes our offerings to Fleetwood each week .Please continue to donate dried or tinned foods, warm clothing & blankets.

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits are served after the 11:00 am Mass every Sunday at St John's and after the 9:30 am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the month at St Martin's & St Hilda's.

Also: after the Tuesday morning Mass most weeks. Come along and meet others.

COMING PARISH EVENTS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Bulletin News: If you have any items for the bulletin please send them to Elaine at elainebrownwood@hotmail.com or Tel. 01253 886219

Luncheon Club 2018 –our first lunch will be held on Monday 7th January @ 12:30 pm in St John's Hall. Come & enjoy a good meal & a chat. Names on list at back of church, please.

Baptism Preparation: Our next gatherings for parents wishing to prepare for their child's Baptism will be:

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Wednesday 7th February 2018

Please take a leaflet from church

2018 Reader's Rota -The 2018 rota for Sacred Scripture readers is currently being prepared. If you are already a reader we will include your name unless you inform us otherwise. If you are not a reader but would like to consider being part of this important ministry please have a word with Fr Peter or Deacon Bill or ring Brigid Gildert on 10253 821779 giving your preferred Mass. Thanks to all.

St John's Ministers' Rota: is available now for you to pick up from church. Thanks to all readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day thanks: CAFOD has asked me to thank everyone for the £483.00 we sent to their projects after the fast day.

Plot of Land behind the House

As discussed at the parish meeting a few weeks ago the sale of the land behind the church has left us with a piece of land which might make a useful basis for a parish food growing group. If you have in interest (or knowledge of) growing vegetables or other edibles and you would like to

be involved in this "down to earth" idea, then please think and talk about it. Potatoes, Tomatoes, peas & carrots, Pak Choi, cabbage....or what?

The Divine Mercy Prayer Meetings: Please note these will be held on Fridays at 2pm at St Martin's Chapel until further notice.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NOTICES MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

"Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> and write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools"

From the Diocesan Education Service: Training as a teacher?

Are you thinking of applying to become a primary or secondary school teacher in September 2018? If you are (or will be) a graduate you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston / Blackpool / Lancaster area.

The CTA school direct programme is a partnership between 70 Catholic schools and the university of Cumbria working together to provide first class initial teacher training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful

completion of the course. Applications are now open – see our website for more details www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org.

Questions? Mr Gormally will be available at the Training Centre each Monday 4pm to 5pm. Telephone 01772 326931 or ctaschooldirect@olhs.lancs.sch.uk.

Anniversary Dates: Apologies – we are a bit behind with Anniversary Dates. This week's newsletter contains anniversaries up to the end of December. January anniversaries will start next weekend. If anyone wishes to add the name of someone recently deceased to our list, please let Elaine have the details.

Some Diary Dates:

9 th January	Mass for Baptism of the Lord
18 – 25 January	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.
2 nd February	Presentation of the Lord
3 rd February	Communion preparation 1
14 th February	Ash Wednesday & Lent
24 th February	Communion Preparation 2
17 th March	Communion Preparation 3
29 th March	Holy Thursday
30 th March	Good Friday
31 st March	Holy Saturday
1 st April	Easter Sunday
14 th April	Communion Preparation 4
21 st April	Communion Preparation 5
28 th April	Communion Preparation 6
5 th May	Communion Practice

First Holy Communion Day

Saturday 12th May 6.00pm Mass

First Holy Communion Celebration Supper

Saturday 19th May after 6.00pm Mass in Social Centre