

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Saturday Feb 10 th	6:00pm	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time VIGIL MASS - St John's	Joan Rodgers
Sunday Feb 11 th	9:30*am 11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Francesa Smith & Teresa Hewitt People of the Parish
Monday Feb 12 th	9:30am	Morning Prayer & Liturgy of the Word	
Tuesday Feb 13 th	9.30am 7.00pm	Morning Mass Tea, biscuits & chat after Mass CAFOD evening in the Hall	James Lawless
Wednesday Feb 14 th	9:30am* 7.00pm	- ASH WEDNESDAY – Fasting & Abstinence Morning Mass – with Ashes Evening Mass – with Ashes	Anastasia Booth Robin Fishwick
Thursday Feb 15 th	Note Time: 8.15am	Thursday after Ash Wednesday Morning Mass	Mark Holden
Friday Feb 16 th	9:30am	Friday after Ash Wednesday Morning Mass	Private Intention
Saturday Feb 17 th	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Morning Mass Reconciliation Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	Clare McGovern
Sunday Feb 18 th	6.00pm 9.30am* 11.00am	First Sunday of Lent SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	James Faulkner Margaret & Patricia Hall People of the Parish

*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

Reconciliation: Confessions from 10am to 11am on Saturday and by request.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday from 10am to 11am

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, Stephen Booth and all those who are sick.

Lately Dead: Helena Taberner, Francis Stewart

Anniversaries at this time: February: 13th Peter John McCarthy, 14th Anastasia Booth, Robin Fishwick, 16th Agnes Bradley, 17th Clare McGovern, Francisca Smith, 18th Anna Baran, 27th Lawrence Cassidy, 28th Winifred Young

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 11^h February 2018

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)



We Host
Important Deanery Event

All the way from Harare to St John's to speak about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe On this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the parish hall, we will have the rare privilege of hearing Livison Chipatiso, CAFOD's Programme Officer in Harare talk about how CAFOD partners are responding to malnutrition & how our parishes can be involved the coming Lent Fast Day. Please come along to this special event. It's free! Refreshments will be provided. Further information on notice board.



"Of course I want to!"

LENT 2018



Some Things for Lent:

Ash Wednesday: Mass with ashes:
9.30am at St Martin & St Hilda's
7.00pm at St John's.

During Lent:

Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays:
12.00noon at St Martin & St Hilda's Chapel
7.00pm at St John's

Lenten Sharing Course Churches Together:
either Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays
(Please see details inside)

Thursday Early Mass:
Morning Mass on the Thursdays of Lent will be at 8.15am at St John's. School has asked so that their staff, children and parents could celebrate – can you call in on the way to work?

Iraqi Refugees in Jordan: Thanks to a number of parishioners who have asked me about this charity work I have been involved in for the past couple of years. I have cleared the evening of Tuesday 20th February to invite anyone who wishes to know more to the presbytery at 7pm – there may be a glass of wine!. Please have a look at the photographs on the board at the back of St John's – it is interesting stuff!. (Please could you sign the notice so that I can provide catering – thanks)

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*

Parish Priest: Fr Peter J Sharrock
Parish Deacon: Rev Bill Milton

Presbytery: 98 Breck Road, FY6 7HT
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Parish School: St John's Primary School:
Telephone: 01253 883690
www.poulton-st-johns.lancs.sch.uk

This week we pray for those living in:
Carleton Way, Carr Close, Carr Head Lane,
Castle Ave, Castle Gardens Crescent, Cedar
Ave, Chapel St/ Alexander Court

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February:
that Christians & other religious minorities in
Asian countries may be able to practise their
faith in full freedom.

Baptism Preparation: Our next gatherings
for parents wishing to prepare for their
child's Baptism will be organised soon:
Please take a leaflet from church.

Foodbank. Please continue to donate dried
or tinned foods, warm clothing & blankets to
the foodbank. They are much appreciated in
this cold weather.

The Wednesday Word is available to take
away and spy next week's Sunday scripture.

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. Please
come along and join us.

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

Parish Bulletin News: If you have any items
for the bulletin please contact Elaine
([Tel:886219](tel:886219) or email at
elainebrownwood@hotmail.com)

COMING PARISH EVENTS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Aid Ceilidh

Thank you to all who attended the Ceilidh on Fri 2nd
February. It raised £560.30p for Christian Aid. A great
evening & a great result.

**All the way from Harare to St John's to speak about
CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe** On Tuesday 13th February
(Shrove Tuesday) at 7:30 pm in the parish hall, we will have
the rare privilege of hearing Livison Chipatiso, CAFOD's
Programme Officer in Harare talk about how CAFOD
partners are responding to malnutrition & how our parish
can be involved this Lent Fast Day (23/02/18). Please come
along to this special event. It's free! Refreshments will be
provided. Further information on notice board.

Lenten Charity – Traditionally the three pillars of action for
Lent have been "Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving". Thanks
to St Martin's Congregation for offering to collect for the
"Parishes for Peace" refugee work (see front) – and for a
member offering to double the amount given.

"On the Third Day" Ecumenical Lenten Study Course –
starts week of 18th February "On the Third Day" will run for
5 weeks during Lent – a simple gathering of Christians once
a week based on a set programme to explore the
Resurrection. Very enjoyable. There is a choice of venue:

Wednesdays – 1.30pm at St Martin & St Hilda's

Wednesday – 7.30pm at St Chad's Vicarage

Thursday – 7.30pm at Bridget & John Gildert's House

For further information see Application form at back of
church or speak to Bill.

First Holy Communion Preparation: Has re-started for
those who have been commissioned before Christmas this
weekend. Please keep an eye on the dates and pray for our
children and their families. (please not, contrary to what I
reported to parents: After Easter year 3 from school will
come to Thursday morning Mass each week in preparation
for their First Communion. It would be good if parents
came with them.

Advance Notice –Parish Dinner The Annual Parish Dinner
will take place on Sunday 15th April (2:15 for 2:30 pm) at
Singleton Lodge. Menu & further information available in
the next few weeks.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NOTICES

National Eucharistic Congress – 7th – 9th September 2018
*The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National
Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year.*

*Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy,
religious and laity which promote an awareness of
the central place of the Eucharist in the life and
mission of the Church. The last International
Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908
when permission for a public procession of the
Blessed Sacrament was refused.*

*Participants will engage in a series of sessions
focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and
the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament.*

*On the first day of the Congress, there will be a
Theological Symposium, with workshops for parish
catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy
Communion programs), RE teachers, Hospital and
Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and
Extraordinary Ministers.*

The sessions will focus on:

Scripture; Ecclesiology;

Eucharistic Language and Catechesis;

Rites and Music for Eucharistic Adoration

*The Echo Arena in Liverpool - which can
accommodate 10,000 pilgrims - will be the home to
a six-hour stage programme on the second day of the
Congress, which will include a Congress Mass,
keynote speakers and a drama highlighting the
beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will
conclude with Adoration.*

*On the final day of the Pilgrimage and Congress,
Sunday, there will be pilgrimage Masses and a street
procession - open to all.*

You will find further information in the present
edition of the Diocesan Voice newspaper – free. **The
bishop is encouraging two representatives from
each parish in the country to attend this event,**
prepare us for it and report back afterwards – if you
are interested in this please speak to Fr Peter or
Deacon Bill.

The Voice – Collection & Delivery After 30 years
collecting & delivering The Voice – our Diocesan
Newspaper – Keith Earnshaw is looking for someone
to take over this role. It entails once a month
collecting the papers from St Kentigern's, Blackpool
& delivering them to our Churches in Cleveleys,
Poulton & Fleetwood. If anyone is willing to take on
this job once a month, please contact Keith
Earnshaw on 773481 or see him after 10:00am Mass
at St Wulstan's

School Chaplain: Cardinal Allen High School is
looking to employ a Chaplain from May 2018. If you
know people who may be interested and suitable
please see the notice at the back of church for details
or check with the school website

CAFOD's "Step Into the Gap" Programme CAFOD is
currently recruiting for a new team of volunteer for
its "Step Into the Gap Programme 2018. This is an
opportunity for young people to volunteer in the UK,
gain experience, develop leadership skills, visit
CAFOD Partners & the communities they work with.
If you are aged between 18-30 & want to make a real
difference, why not "step into the Gasp"?
Application deadline is 19th February so you need to
act quickly. The Programme will start in September
2018.

Community Centre for the over 60's Poulton
Community centre for the over 60's, on Queensway,
has recently been refurbished. Would you like to
join one of the teams who volunteer at the centre on
a rota basis serving teas & coffee? If so, please
telephone Colette on 01253 884709 or
07714280231 for more details.

**Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Walsingham – Mon
11th – Fri 15th June** Bed, breakfast & Evening Meal –
basic single rooms. Doubles available if required.
£265 per person – includes a full day out and a half
day out. For more information and booking forms,
contact Neville Booth on 884325.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 25th to 28th
September 2018 led by the bishop £280. Contact
01946 834834 or guildshop@yahoo.co.uk

Oberammergau Passion Play 2020– Fr Hayes, from
St Wulstan is asking if anyone would be interested in
a trip to the passion play – Please contact him on:
01253 873607

Some Diary Dates:

13 th February	CAFOD Evening in Centre
14 th February	Ash Wednesday & Lent
20 th February	Iraqi Refugees Evening. Pres.
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
15 th April	Annual Parish Dinner
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

7-9 September Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool