

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Saturday Apr 14 th	6:00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday April 15 th	9:30am* 11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	<i>Francis Foulds</i> <i>Margaret & Anthony Metcalf</i>
Monday April 16 th	9.30am	<i>Feast of St Bernadette Soubirous</i> Morning Prayer of the Church	
Tuesday April 17 th	9.30am	<i>Tuesday of Third Week of Easter</i> Morning Mass Tea, biscuits and chat after prayer.	<i>Denis Murphy</i>
Wednesday April 18 th	9.30am*	<i>Wednesday of Third Week of Easter</i> Morning Mass – (St Martin's Chapel)	<i>Paul Driscoll</i>
Thursday April 19 th	9.30am	<i>Thursday of Second Week of Easter</i> Morning Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Friday April 20 th	9.30am	<i>Friday of Third Week of Easter</i> Morning Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
	9.30am	<i>Feast of St Anselm</i> Morning Mass	Private Intention
	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday April 21 st		Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>World day of prayer for Vocations</i>	
	6.00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday April 22 nd	9.30am* 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	<i>Vickie DiCiurcio</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

*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, Joyce Bachman, Celia Schofield Fr John Walsh, Veronica McNeil, Don Taylor and all those who are sick.

Lately Dead:

Anniversaries at this time: March: 3rd Gerry Carr, 6th Richard Brown, 7th Kathleen Watmough, John Cooke, 10th Anita Monteiro 12th–15th Krysia Clews, Francis Foulds, Linda Gallagher, Peggy Whitworth, 17th Leonard Porter, 19th Christopher Wren-Hilton, 20th Edith Hodgkinson, Eileen Kelly. Margery Rose, John Doherty

Sunday 15th April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Reflection on the Episcopal Ordination

I think I speak for all our representatives from St John's in saying that we felt privileged to attend this wonderful event: aware of our responsibility to represent all of you within our parish. At the heart of it all was a human being – small in physical stature but exuding a sense of calm & inner strength – being called to high office within the Church. The Mass celebrated was the Solemnity of the Annunciation and Mary's response to God in the Gospel reflected what was about to happen: "Let it be done unto me according to your Word"

Fr Paul was then questioned publicly on his willingness to:

- Proclaim the Gospel of Christ
- Build up the Church in Lancaster as the Body of Christ
- Be faithful in obedience to Pope Francis, the successor of St Peter
- Sustain & guide the people of God
- Show kindness & compassion to the poor, the stranger & those in need
- Be a good shepherd, seek out those who stray & gather them into the fold of Christ
- Pray for the people of God & carry out the duties of one who has the fullness of the priesthood.

The Book of the Gospels was held over his head to remind us all of the priestly duty to preach the Gospel, he was anointed with oil, the prayer of consecration was said & he was presented with his own mitre and crozier (shepherd's crook). He was then led to the Bishop's chair (cathedra) and spontaneous and warm applause broke out.

Pray for
Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick
consecrated seventh
Bishop of Lancaster
at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster
on 9th April 2018
Solemnity of the Annunciation

*'God of all truth
grant every good gift
to the College of Bishops.
Preserve in the Faith of the Apostles
the people you have entrusted to them.'*



Please speak to our parishioners about their experience at the ordination on Monday. There are prayer cards available at the back of church. Bishop Paul's address is on YouTube – have a look

There was a sense of real joy and hope for the future – a sense of a new beginning. At the end of a long and impressive ceremony, Bishop Paul Swarbrick spoke with dignity respect & humour of his parents, his education & those who had helped him along the way. He thanked everyone present for their attendance, & invited us all no matter who we were – of high office or none - and no matter what was going on in our lives, that "Jesus Christ is risen and is with you NOW".

A truly momentous occasion for the Diocese of Lancaster and a real sign of hope for the future.

Elaine B.

Annual Parish Lunch –

This Sunday – Singleton Lodge

Now that we have celebrated the beginnings of Easter with our fellow parishioners it is fitting to eat together. If you haven't got a ticket then we'll let you know what a good dinner and occasion it was! (Thanks to the organisers!)



*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:
Falcon Drive /The Lapwings, Farnham Way,
First Avenue, Fleetwood Rd, Fleetwood Rd
South, Fouldrey Ave, Foxglove Dell.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April: That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion & know how to open new paths.

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

Tuesday 10th April & Tuesday 17th April
at 7pm at the presbytery
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.

The Wednesday Word is available to take away and pray 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 886219 or email elainebrownwood@hotmail.com)

COMING PARISH EVENTS **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thanks from Fr Peter: Thanks to the Hall Fund Raising Committee who have donated the takings from the St Patrick's Dance to the refugees in addition to those already donated. This will help me organise a meeting with the Catholic Iraqi refugees in Jordan in a few months so that We can distribute personally your gifts and bring back news. This means we have over £1000 from St John's Parish – plus that raised by our other local parishes of St John Vianney & St Monica, and Keswick and Cockermouth – more later.

Planned Giving Envelopes – sorry you have not had these earlier but we received wrongly printed ones and had to await reprint! They should be with you soon. If you have not had them before please give the clergy, or Peter Nutter, your details and we can get some. Thanks to all.

Parish Lunch This Sunday – The Parish Lunch takes place this Sunday. Those who have booked are requested to meet at Singleton Lodge at 2:15 pm for 2:30 pm Any problems, please phone Anne on 890763.

300 Club: Last chance to join the 300 club. The Spring Draw will be made in the next 2 weeks. Forms still available at the back of Church.

Luncheon Club – Change of Plan It has been decided to hold the next luncheon club on Monday 30th April at 12:30 in the Hall.

The parish Centre Rebirth: The fruits of the Parish Centre Planning Group have been sent to the Architect who is now beginning his assessment of the fabric of the building, look at parish needs as expressed and, hopefully come back to us with his plans and questions. Please feel free to speak to any of the members of the group whose names are on the notice board. More information in a couple of weeks.

Deanery Easter Masses: As is traditional in our deanery there is Mass in various churches on the Wednesdays of Eastertide at 7.00pm. Come and look what happens there!
18th April English Martyrs, Poulton
25th April St John Southworth, Cleveleys
2nd May St Edmund's, Fleetwood
16th May Cardinal Allen High School

Christian Aid Week: 13th – 20th May
Ecumenical Service at St Martin & St Hilda's on Sunday 13th at 3pm to launch the week. Tea and scones afterwards.

Parish Quiz Night – has been organised by the Hall Fund Raising Committee for Friday 22nd June. Start swotting now!

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NOTICES

"Rosary on the Coast" - a national event due to take place on Sunday 29th April – when it is hoped that as many Catholics as possible will join together around the British coastline to pray the Rosary for the renewal of the Christian Faith here in Britain. Our nearest venue is Sacred Heart, Blackpool – meet in Church at 3:00 pm.

"Learn to be Mindful" – A taster session at St Andrew's Church, Cleveleys, with Meg Whitlam (Qualified Mindfulness teacher and registered UK). 10th and 17th April 12.30 to 2.30pm (See notice)

Short Time of Reflection: John Pridmore (ex criminal turned Catholic evangelist) will speak at the weekend Masses on 19th and 20th May at St Edmunds and St Wulstan's and at a Special Mission Mass in the mornings of Monday to Wednesday. On Mission Nights the talks will start at 7pm and last for about 1 hour. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the hour.
21st May -Monday's theme is God's Love
22nd May - Tuesday's theme is God's Mercy
23rd May - Wednesday's theme is God's Healing

Cardinal Allen High School Newsletter: is available at the back of church

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - NEW DATES! – 2nd to 5th October 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

Day of Recollection on The Blessed Sacrament & The Eucharistic Congress - with Fr. Raphael S.S.S. (re-arranged from March) Saturday April 28th from 10am in St John Vianney parish centre including Holy Mass at 12 noon. Contact 01253 692562 for details



Have
you
anything
here
to
eat?

Pope Francis' new letter to the Church

"REJOICE AND BE GLAD": Pope Francis speaks to us of the need to discover the call, from God, to Holiness. He speaks of sharing the Resurrection

58. *"Not infrequently, contrary to the promptings of the Spirit, the life of the Church can become a museum piece or the possession of a select few. This can occur when some groups of Christians give excessive importance to certain rules, customs or ways of acting. The Gospel then tends to be reduced and constricted, deprived of its simplicity, allure and savour. This may well be a subtle form of pelagianism, (An ancient & present heresy) for it appears to subject the life of grace to certain human structures. It can affect groups, movements and communities, and it explains why so often they begin with an intense life in the Spirit, only to end up fossilized... or corrupt.*

59. *"Once we believe that everything depends on human effort as channelled by ecclesial rules and structures, we unconsciously complicate the Gospel and become enslaved to a blueprint that leaves few openings for the working of grace. Saint Thomas Aquinas reminded us that the precepts added to the Gospel by the Church should be imposed with moderation "lest the conduct of the faithful become burdensome", for then our religion would become a form of servitude."*

Some Diary Dates:

14th April	Communion Preparation 4
18th April	Deanery Easter Mass at English Martyrs', Poulton
15th April	Annual Parish Dinner
21st April	Communion Preparation 5
25th April	Deanery Easter Mass St John Southworth, Cleveleys
28th April	Communion Preparation 6
2nd May	Deanery Mass St Edmund's, Fleetwood
5th May	Communion Practice
13th May	Christian Aid Week (to 20 th)
16th May	Deanery Easter Mass Cardinal Allen High School, Fleetwood

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
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