

# St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

## Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday August 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	Private Intention
<b>Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	People of the Parish
	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Dehllia & John Flood
Monday August 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<i>The Feast of: Transfiguration of the Lord</i> <b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	-
		<i>Feast of the Martyrs of Lancaster</i>	
Tuesday August 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Tea and good biscuits after Mass in house	-
	2.00pm	"Catholicism" Video & sharing	(Presbytery)
Wednesday August 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am*	<i>Feast of St Dominic</i> <b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	-
Thursday August 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<i>Feast: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> <b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	-
Friday August 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<i>Feast of St Laurence</i> <b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	-
		<i>Feast of St Clare</i>	
	9.30am	<b>Morning Mass</b> – St John's	Donald Taylor
	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday August 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	1.00pm	Wedding: Jena Matthews & Jaimie Hill	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
	6.00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	Kryisia Clews
<b>Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	James Faulkner
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	People of the Parish

(Sundays of Ordinary Time: Year B; Weekdays of Ordinary Time: Year 2)

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

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** 15 minutes before weekday Mass

**Reconciliation: (Normally)** Confessions from 10am to 11am on Saturday and by request.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (normally):** Saturday from 10am to 11am

**Please pray 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,, Joyce Bachman, Celia Schofield, Fr John Walsh, Veronica McNeil, John Brownwood, Beryl Whiteley, Paul Bradley, Jim Brown, Ann Marie Cooke and all those who are sick.

**Anniversaries at this time: August:** Winnie Beatty, 6<sup>th</sup> Agnes Chaloner, 11<sup>th</sup> Mary & Michael Tighe, 12<sup>th</sup> Frank Craven, 17<sup>th</sup> Pat Taylor, 23<sup>rd</sup> Eileen Cassidy, 25<sup>th</sup> Josephine Fusco (O'Hagan)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

18<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time



## "Catholicism"

By Bishop Robert Barron

Episode 7 – **The Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven:**

The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist

This Tuesday at 2pm in the Presbytery

The recently ordained auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Los Angeles produced this series of very lavish one-hour programmes on various aspects of the Faith. He is the key speaker at the coming Eucharistic Congress at Liverpool.



## The Eucharistic Congress 2018

Liverpool 7-9<sup>th</sup> September

As we prepare to send our parish delegates to this event with our support we can reflect on the meaning of Eucharist:

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the middle of them" (Mtt 18:20)

"I will be with you always, even to the end of time" (Matt 28:20)

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it." (1Cor 12:27)

*The Christian Community remained faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:46)*

There are many ways that Jesus is really present in our lives: in the written and proclaimed Word of God in Scripture; in the Sacraments of the Church; in the authority of the Councils of the Church; in the prayer of the Church, in the suffering of Christians, in the consecrated wine at Mass. But the core which holds all these together is that Christ's first presence is in his people – especially when they are gathered together in his name. In continuation of the Old Testament story of God gathering his people in a covenant, "You be my people and I will be your God", the New Covenant is made of Christ's people. As we spend some time reflecting on the importance of the Eucharist we must begin by knowing that, as Church, we are Christ's Eucharistic people – Sacraments, Scripture, doctrine, authority all find their importance in being the "Tradition of the Church".



To gain a further insight into the meaning of "Eucharist" we have to continually return to the origins and meaning of the Church of which we are part. The first name the Church gave itself was "The body of Christ".

The first response the new-born Church had was to "Thank the Father" for all that God had given in what Jesus' death and resurrection has achieved for his people. The word for this action was "Eucharist" – Greek for "Thanksgiving". Thanksgiving is an action and so the Church searched for ways of acting out, showing each other and others, its thanks.

**So, what can we do over the next few weeks?**

Listen to the present Sunday Gospels.

Ask yourself "What is the Church for?"

How do we thank those people we are grateful to?

How could I / do I thank God the Father for what his Son has done for us - and continues to do?

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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Peter J Sharrock  
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**This week we pray for those living in:** The Lilacs, Lime Grove, Lindsay Ave, Little Poulton Gardens, Lowcross Road, Lower Green, Lowick Drive

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August:** That any far-reaching decisions of economists & politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> August & Tues 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
at 7pm at the presbytery  
Please take a leaflet from church.

**Foodbank.** Please continue to donate dried or tinned foods, (not clothing at the moment, thank you) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**Please, Please, Please:** Can readers and Eucharistic Ministers take and read the sheet about how to approach their ministry in church liturgy after our parish meetings. Please.

**Electronic Bulletin?** If anyone, you or others, would like to receive a copy of this bulletin by regular email please let us know.

**Baptismal Preparation** – If you have family who wish to have their child Baptised could you please direct them to the leaflet available at the back of church and the dates of the next two preparation dates on this bulletin so that they know how to progress. The next parents' preparation evenings are on 28<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks.

**Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported me to enable me to go on the 2018 Pilgrimage. I am, once again, overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness shown by both St. Martins and St. John's parishioners. I hope to say a few words after each mass on my return about my journey. Henry.

**St Martin & ST Hilda's 20 year celebrations:** On 11<sup>th</sup> September it will be 20 years since St John's and St Chad's entered the agreement to share the chapel in Carleton. On this date this year one this night there will be a prayerful celebration of this sign of Christian collaboration. Please come along. The two new bishops of Lancaster have been invited: Bishop Jill Duff will be attending, but sadly, Bishop Paul Swarbrick has sent apologies as he has been called to Rome that week for a course on how to be a Bishop! More later.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** – Our team of Catechists are keen to hear from other parishioners who can help us provide a regular liturgy of the Word for our primary school children. Children's Liturgy is exactly that – it is not a play group or creche, but an opportunity for children to develop their faith through sharing the Gospel each week as we adults do (It also allows parents

to listen to the scriptures at Mass without distraction!) My experience has been that adults are amazed at how they grow in faith by praying and sharing scripture with children. Don't be worried if you haven't done this before – we will train and support leaders – very few Children's Liturgists I have known have been teachers! Please speak to Fr Peter or existing Liturgists.

*If you wish to look further there are guidelines and other resources on our bishops' liturgy office site: <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/LOWC/index.shtml>*

**Parish Confirmation** – I mentioned to the Bishop that we would like to Celebrate this sacrament next year with those who wish to be Confirmed in their Faith in Jesus – we do have to find twelve candidates to have our own liturgy, though, or we will have to share with another parish – or they share with us If you have a young person who is in year 7 or above after the summer (who has not been confirmed) please speak to them about what celebrating this Sacrament means. If you wish to begin the preparation could you write (on paper) to me before the new term starts – you might like to say something about your own faith in Jesus and what you expect celebrating the Sacrament to do for you?

We hope to meet once a month for the year surrounding the Confirmation date – more details later.

**Parish 330 Club** – the winners in the latest 330 Club Draw are:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – 25.00 – No. 121 Margaret Hodgkinson  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 100.00 – No 158 Mary Holmes

Numbers drawn by Mrs G Hodgson, Head teacher, St John's School

**Parish Luncheon Club** – Is resting during July & August, though the annual trip this year is to Bury Market

**The Divine Mercy Prayer Group is now meeting again at St John's** every Friday at 2:00 pm

**Now is your opportunity to join our happy team** in counting, recording or banking the weekly parish collections on any day of your choice. For a small investment of your time, you will receive infinite blessings from Above & the eternal grateful thanks of your fellow parishioners. Please

come & join us. The more the merrier. Many hands make light work! Don't delay – speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Bill today.

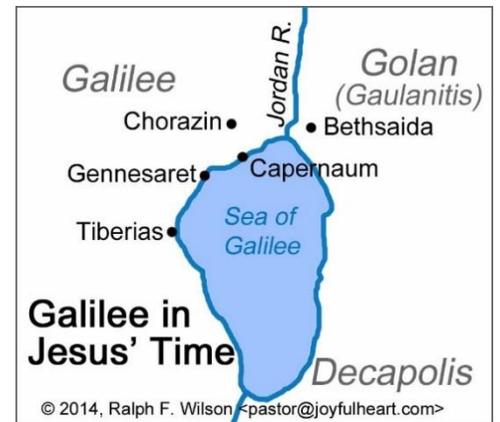
Thanks to those who have offered help – we need a few more to make a proper team.

### **LOCAL & DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** August 2018. £650 for shared room. Contact Rev Bernard Loveland 01539 563391 (See notice board.)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO CLEATOR:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September with Mass and Blessing of the Sick at 3pm. Tea and coffee is available afterwards in the Parish Room. For further details please contact St Mary's Priory, Cleator on 01946810324 or email stmadstj@gmail.com

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - NEW DATES!** – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 led by the bishop £280. Contact 01946 834834



#### **Some Diary Dates:**

7 <sup>th</sup> August	Catholicism VII
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Assumption of Our Lady: Holiday of Obligation
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Baptism Preparation I
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Baptism Preparation II
4 <sup>th</sup> September	School Opens to children
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Parishes Exposition for:
7-9 September	Eucharistic Congress, Lpl
11 <sup>th</sup> September	St Hilda & St Martin's