

## Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Saturday Dec 1st	6:00pm	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	John Thomas Newton
<b>Sunday</b> Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Christopher Moore
	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Persecuted Christians
	12.30pm	Baptism of Alexander Roger	
Monday Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Feast of St Francis Xavier <b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Morning Prayer</b> of the 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Advent	-
Tuesday Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Morning Mass</b> Tea, Biscuits & gather after Mass – Faith Sharing on "Our Planet"	People of the Parish Presbytery
Wednesday Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	of the 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Advent <b>Morning Mass</b>	Chris Moor
Thursday Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	of the 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Advent <b>Morning Mass</b> (year 6 to join us) 7.00pm "Sounds of Christmas"	Lyons Family St John's Church
Friday Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Feast of St Ambrose <b>Morning Mass</b> Immaculate Conception of Mary	Rita & Eddie Forrest Private Intention
Saturday November December 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6.00pm	<b>Second Sunday of ADVENT</b> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	David Brown
<b>Sunday</b> Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	People of the Parish
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Family Advent Mass	Jojo & Family

(Sundays of Ordinary Time: Year C; Weekdays of Ordinary Time: Year 1)

\*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, Antonio Palmer, Joanne Porter, Mary Robertson, Chris Taylor, John Vincent, Paul Tipping,, Joyce Bachman, Celia Schofield, Fr John Walsh, Veronica McNeil, John Brownwood, Beryl Whiteley, Jim Brown, Ann Marie Cooke, Peter Gardener, Ruth Holland and all those who are sick.

**Anniversaries at this time: December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Jack Brownwood, Mary Wood, Bob Taylor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Austin Keane, 4<sup>th</sup> Teresa Hackman, Don O'Hagan, Elliot Goldren, 6<sup>th</sup> Jack McCarthy, 9<sup>th</sup> Colin Holt, 14<sup>th</sup> Cath Barry, 15<sup>th</sup> Ruth Thompson, 22<sup>nd</sup> Agnes Walsh, Ted Scanlon, 25<sup>th</sup> Elsie Haymes, 27<sup>th</sup> Jackie Bradley, 28<sup>th</sup> Joan Drake, 29<sup>th</sup> William Booth

Parish of

# St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

This is:

## ADVENT



People have been telling me the "Fake News" that its "nearly Christmas" for weeks – I'm surprised Mr Trump has not tweeted! Pleased don't be distracted from the lovely time of Advent – if we haven't learned from Advent we will miss the meaning of "X" (you wouldn't leave on holiday without checking: "Tickets; Passport; money" would you?!. So, a few suggestions:

- Read the scriptures, especially at Masses, as they point us to things and get our excitement raised!
- Take a copy of the "Wednesday Word" from the back of church (Yellow) to prepare for next Sunday's readings from the Word of God.
- Come to the Deanery Advent service at St Mary's (we hosted it last Advent and it was very prayerful)
- Look up good sites on the web which provide Advent reflections and pray them.
- Listen to how many people say they are fed up with "X" – let them know its actually Advent. Its amazing how many know this but it starts a sharing with them (What would you say?)
- (Booths have an Advent Calendar Cheese selection which doesn't mention "Cheeses of Nazareth"!!!!)



Thanks to all those who looked after the parish whilst I was away at the Jubilarians' time in Rome last week. The Pope waved a blessing to you all.

### Prayer at Commissioning of our First Communion Candidates

Lord Jesus, come to me.  
Lord, Jesus, give me your love.  
Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.  
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen

Even though its Advent....

### "Sounds of Christmas"

on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

from 7.00pm  
at St John's  
church

Tickets £5  
Child free  
Refreshments



Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

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Our service to our children and parents continues this Sunday at the 11am Mass at St John's. This is an opportunity to help children of school age to be part of the first part of the Mass and share the Gospel together.

Please encourage them. Thanks to our parish liturgists for their preparation. We could do with some older children to lead the younger ones.

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:** Skippool Ave, Skipton Ave, Southbourne Ave, St Chad's Close

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December: Evangelization** – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith  
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> January & Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**  
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). If you desire a regular electronic copy – let us know.

### **COMING PARISH EVENTS** **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Persecuted Christians** – Last week we held Red Wednesday – 11am Mass today is for this.

#### **Thanks for generosity**

**CAFOD** Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION. The total collection came to 867:00. There were a number of Gift-Aided donations which will enable CAFOD to recover a further 89:00 from HMRC, bringing the total raised to 956:00. Brilliant. Well done, folks!

**Iraqi Refugees in Jordan:** Thanks for £1444.00 from the Parish Quiz and a number of very generous donations has been sent to "Parishes for Peace". Parishioners have also sent Christmas cards from us to the refugees via Sr Sara. They will also gain a month's rental cost for Christmas. Thanks.

**Plans for New Parish Centre:** Don't forget to look at the plans in the baptistry – but also ponder why we might need one and what we will do with it as a Church Community together!

**Are you or a close relative going into Blackpool Victoria Hospital?** (*Note from Chaplain*): If you would like a visit from the hospital chaplain (Fr Andrew) or a member of his team, please leave a message on the chaplaincy answerphone (01253 956299) remembering to include the name the patient is known by in the hospital and which ward they are on. Urgent requests for a priest should be made via the staff on the ward, who will arrange for the on call priest to be contacted.

(Fr Peter): If you know you are going into hospital with something which makes you worried then please consider that we do have a special Sacrament (Sacrament of the Sick) which is there to help up – it is not meant for the hour of death – and don't forget that sacraments are for the living: not the dead. Why not invite your priest to celebrate the sacrament with you before you go?

**Lights over the Chasuble:** You may have noticed these have been off for a few months – but are now even brighter. I wonder how many people know about the history of this vestment and the amazing work that has gone into renewal? Do we need a talk sometime on this?

**Baptismal preparation for parents** – Please note the next meetings in the new year.

**Tuesday Faith Sharing** – This Tuesday we hope to be looking at the new video series by CAFOD on the Pope's teaching on looking after God's earth. 2.00pm in the presbytery. All welcome.

**Sounds of Christmas** – our annual Christmas Musical event will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00 pm including our orchestra & choir from St John's school & something from the parish! Ticket price is for adults, children free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets on sale after all Masses.

**Special Christmas Luncheon Club** – The next luncheon club will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12:30 pm in the Hall. It will be a special Christmas Celebration so please come along & enjoy a lovely Christmas meal with All welcome. Names on list in church, please

**What are we celebrating at Christmas?** Talk & discussion led by Martin Bennett looking at the differences (& contradictions) between Matthew's & Luke's infancy narratives. We will consider what they understood happened in Bethlehem & how this helps us celebrate the birth of Jesus. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 7:00 pm at English Martyrs.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (Faith Story) If you wish to consider becoming a Catholic Christian (or being Confirmed as an Adult) please speak to Fr Peter to talk about how the Church does this these days.

Also we need a small group of parishioners who can join these people as they travel down their road to share faith and grow together. Please speak to Fr Peter for details and possibilities.

**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?

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

### **LOCAL & DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Advent Weekend at Castlerigg Manor:** "Come let us adore him!" - 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December £65 year 9+. Phone 017687 72711

**Ladywell Annual Carol Service:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm followed by refreshments.

<b>Some Diary Dates:</b>	<b>2018</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> December	First Communion Candidates' Commissioning Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Sounds of Christmas in Church
9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> December	11am Special Advent family Mass
10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 School Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> December	1pm School Nativity 6pm School Nativity
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Deanery Advent Service – St Mary's, Fleetwood 6pm Carols on the Square
15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Carol Service 10.30
21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30 School Carol Service School Closes
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Ss M & H's Carol Service at 7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>TUESDAY – Christmas Day</b>
	<b>2019</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptismal Preparation I
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Prayer for Christian Unity service – URC Church 6.30