

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Saturday Jan 12 th	6:00pm	BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	Alyx Bennett
	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	People of the Parish (from Mary Moore) Cathy O'Hagen
Sunday Jan 13 th	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Coffee after Mass in the Hall	
	12.30pm	Baptism of James Thomas Hardy	
Monday Jan 14 th	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Morning Prayer ...of week one in Ordinary Time	-
	9.30am	Morning Mass Tea, Biscuits & gather after Mass –	Mary Robertson
Tuesday Jan 15 th	2.00pm	Faith Sharing Group: God's gift of our planet – come along	Presbytery
	7.00pm	Baptism Parents' Preparation ...of week one in Ordinary Time	Presbytery
Wednesday Jan 16 th	9.30am*	Morning Mass	G Stephani RIP
	7.30pm	Joint Council Meeting	Ss M & H's
Thursday Jan 17 th	9.30am	St Anthony of the Desert Morning Mass	Frank Cunniff
		...of week one in Ordinary Time	
Friday Jan 18 th	9.30am	Morning Mass	Mgt & Andy McGovern
	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity - ...of week one in Ordinary Time	URC Church
	9.30am	Morning Mass – St John's	Special Intention
	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday Jan 19 th	10.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity -	URC Church
	6.00pm	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	Mary Robertson
Sunday Jan 20 th	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	David Wilkinson
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Coffee after Mass in the Hall	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Prayer for Christian Unity Service	URC Church

(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: Megan (aged 11), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, John Ireland, Antonio Palmer, Joanne Porter, Chris Taylor, Paul Tipping,, Joyce Bachman, Celia Schofield, Fr John Walsh, Veronica McNeil, John Brownwood, Beryl Whiteley, Ann Marie Cooke, Peter Gardener, Ruth Holland, Margaret Johnston and all those who are sick.

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

Lately Dead: Mary Robertson

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 13th January 2019

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

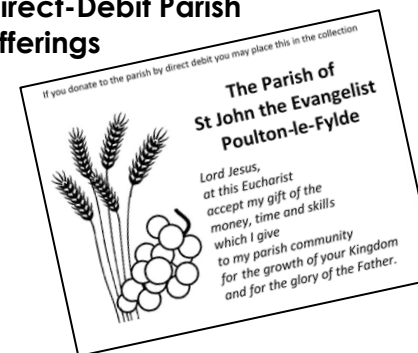


You are my son, The beloved, my favour rests on you

This Sunday's feast officially closes our Church's season of Christmas. (Some churches continue to the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February – see Ss Martin & Hilda's).

From earliest day of the Church the Christmas season ends with three Gospel events that are signs of Jesus' mission and ministry: The Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the Marriage at Cana. It is an interesting meditation on how Jesus is led to his vocation by his Father.

Direct-Debit Parish offerings



An increasing number of people have commented on how uncomfortable it can be, after regular Direct-debit donations have been made to the parish, that they are passed by at the collect without any way of feeling they are contribution at Mass.

Signs are important in our Church – look at how important they are in the Sacraments! – so I have produced some cards to be a sign of your contribution to our community in the giving of your time, your abilities and your money. Please take one as you enter church and put it in the collection. Thanks for this thought

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January 2019

Each day within the octave there will be 30 minutes of prayer with parishioners for all of the families of Christians in town at the URC church at noon led by a local clergy person.

On Sunday 20th there will be an evening service at URC at 6.30pm. The speaker will be Emma Nolan who is our new diocesan Community Participation Co-ordinator for CAFOD – please come and support her. (Dates in "Diary" - More details next week)

First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion Preparation

Begins properly this weekend before the Saturday evening Mass. Please pray for Those children who have been Commissioned, and for their families



THE BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS PASTORAL

I wonder if we remember what the bishop said to us on the feast of the Holy Family when we were buried under Christmas tinsel? It was suggested that, as the bishop is the first teacher in our diocese, we should take some of his thoughts and ponder them on the bulletin (Perhaps). Think what struck you and share with each other (and me!)

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:
Whitelees Way, Willow Drive, Winchester Drive, Windsor Court

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January: *Young People and the Example of Mary:* *That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.*

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

Tues 15th January & Tue 22nd 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 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). If you desire a regular electronic copy – let us know.

COMING PARISH EVENTS & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Faith Sharing – We meet on Tuesdays at 2pm in the presbytery to look at a DVD based on Pope Francis' recent document on God's gift of our planet (which is gaining great remarks from the politicians of the world). Do come along – tea available! (Last week - some interesting sharing)

Boarbank Hall, Allithwaite, Cumbria – Fireside February- Reduced rate during February (10:00 off usual rate). Contact no: 015395 32288

Sacred Scripture Readers – a new rota is being prepared for 2019. If you would like to partake in this ministry of the church, please let Fr Peter or Bill know. If you are already on the rota, please consider yourself included. Thank you!

Baptismal preparation for parents – Please note the next meetings for parents this week.

Thanks from Fr Peter – Now that we are leaving Christmas could I thank everyone for their season's wishes, gifts and the collection (Which means I can book a summer holiday!). Thanks, also, to those who played their part in parish events – and those who gathered for our Christmas drink & chat.

Advent Donations to "Streetlife" – Many thanks to all people who donated to "Streetlife" at the Advent Coffee Mornings & to those who donated to the collection held on the last Sunday of Advent after 11:00 am Mass. Your generous donations raised £645.00 which was magnificent. Please continue to support our Sunday Coffee mornings & enjoy socialising confident that every penny you donate goes to CAFOD or some other charitable cause. Everyone is very welcome.

Prayer for Christian Unity – we are approaching the annual time for prayer for Christian unity. The main service is on Sunday 20th January at 6.30pm at the URC church – but there is mid-day prayer on days on either side of this. More details will be available next week.

First Forgiveness & Holy Communion: Our preparation sessions for commissioned candidates and parents will begin on Saturday 26th January at 5pm (and then on the dates you already have)

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?

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.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Thanks to our team of liturgists we now have some new resources with which to help our school aged children share the Gospel as the rest us do in the first part of the Mass.

Could I remind people that this is not a crèche for babies but worship to help children who can respond. Please do not bring pre-school children. If older children need you to accompany them for a first visit that's fine, but it is for children not adults. Please encourage families to make use of this learning experience as we need more junior school aged children – actually we learn from them if they are of a useful age.

Thanks again for our liturgists who met last week to share faith and experience.

Some Diary Dates:	2019
12 th January	First Forgiveness Preparation I
15 th January	Baptismal Preparation I
19 th January	First Forgiveness Preparation II
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, Poulton	
18 th January	United Prayer: noon - URC
19 th January	United Prayer: noon - URC
20 th January	Prayer for Christian Unity service – URC Church 6.30
21 st January	United Prayer: noon - URC
22 nd January	United Prayer: noon - URC
23 rd January	United Prayer: noon - URC
24 th January	United Prayer: noon – URC
25 th January	United Prayer: noon – URC
25 th January	School Unity Service St J
22 nd January	Baptism Preparation II
26 th January	First Forgiveness Preparation III