

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday Jan 19 th	5.00pm	First Forgiveness Preparation II – Parents &	candidates
	6:00pm	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	People of the Parish
		Coffee after Mass in the Hall	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Laura May Siddle	
Monday Jan 21 st	6.30pm	Prayer for Christian Unity Service	Poulton URC Church
		Feast of St Agnes	
Monday Jan 21 st	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Morning Prayer	-
	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity -	Poulton URC Church
Tuesday Jan 22 nd		...of week two in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am	Morning Mass	Private Intention
		Tea, Biscuits & gather after Mass –	
	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity -	Presbytery
Tuesday Jan 22 nd	2.00pm	Faith Sharing Group: God's gift of our planet – come along	Presbytery
	7.00pm	Baptism Parents' Preparation	Presbytery
		...of week two in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday Jan 23 rd	9.30am*	Morning Mass	Eileen Jennings RIP
	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity -	Poulton URC Church
Thursday Jan 24 th		St Francis de Sales	
	9.30am	Morning Mass	Kevin Youngs
Thursday Jan 24 th	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity -	Poulton URC Church
		Feast of Conversation of St Paul	
Friday Jan 25 th	9.30am	Morning Mass	Frances & Austin Keane
	10.15am	Primary Schools Christian Unity Service	St John's Church
	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity -	Poulton URC Church
Saturday Jan 26 th		Feast of Ss Timothy & Titus	
	9.30am	Morning Mass – St John's	Private Intention
	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	URC Church
Saturday Jan 26 th	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity -	
		THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday Jan 26 th	5.00pm	First Forgiveness Preparation III Parents &	Candidates
	6.00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Jan 27 th	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Taylor, Blackburn, Clark
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Krysia Clews
		Coffee after Mass in the Hall	

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 Whitely, Ann Marie Cooke, Peter Gardener, Ruth Holland, Margaret Johnston and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries at this time: January: 2nd Monica Milton; 3rd Joseph Cassidy, Peggie Brown, Teresa Hoover, Zeta Kathleen Miller, Mary Foley, Hannah Hunt, 6th Milly Crowson, Ted McParland, 15th Diane Brooks, Joan Rogers, 19th David Wilkinson, 20th Anne Kirkham, 23rd Edward Rickwood, 27th Canon Mitchell, 29th Tony Simmons, James Lawless

Lately Dead: Mary Robertson

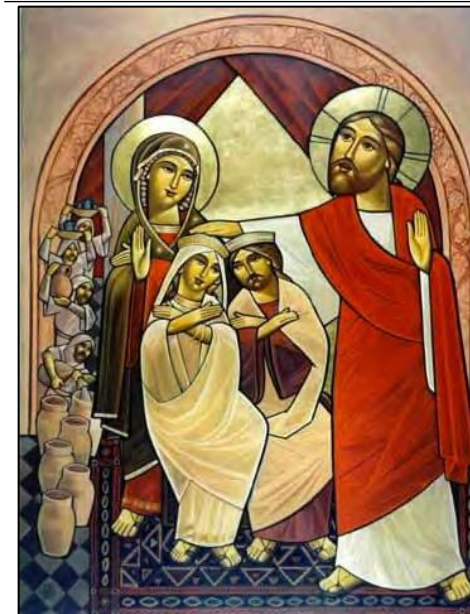
Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 20th January 2019

Second Sunday of the Year



Prayer for Christian Unity School Service

This Friday at 10.30am in St John's Church.
All welcome

Need to Hire a Hall for a function?

Whilst we have not been hiring the St John's Hall out as we are looking to the start of building work – Ss Martin & Hilda's Hall is available at various times (Notably Monday and Friday evenings) in the week and on some Saturdays for one-off events. Please encourage people to contact Myra on 01253 884012 for details.



The Christian Aid Ceilidh

Friday 1st February

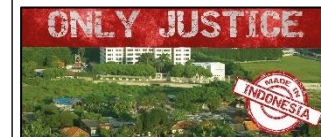
St John's Hall
7pm to 10.30pm
Hot-pot & Desert

Ticket only: £8 Adult; £3 Child
01253 884131



First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion Preparation

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



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

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.

(Friday 18 th January	Rev M Keighley)
(Saturday 19 th January	Rev P Chritchley)
Monday 21 st January	Rev C Leitch
Tuesday 22 nd January	Rev P Sharrock
Wednesday 23 rd January	Rev Bill Milton
Thursday 24 th January	Mrs C Sykes
Friday 25 th January	Mrs C Gough



churches together
IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

THIS SUNDAY: 20th January

On Sunday 20th there will be an evening service at the URC at 6.30pm. The speaker will be Emma Nolan who is our new diocesan Community Participation Co-ordinator for CAFOD (Lancaster) – please come and support her.

The theme of this year's prayer is "Only Justice" and has been prepared by the Christian people of Indonesia.

"Our prayers for Christian unity are offered within a context of a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. We ourselves are often complicit in injustice, and yet called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for a fractured world."

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:
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

Direct Debit Donors

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.

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.

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.

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

Being Church - Communicating with the Bishop

In our Christian Tradition we are gathered as Parishes within a Diocese with a Bishop. However this can leave us being very "Parochial" and possibly inward looking. Within a Diocese we are grouped in groups of neighbouring parishes called: "Deaneries". Each of these Deaneries has a "Pastoral Council" consisting of the parish priest and a small number of parishioners which can share experience, arrange evangelising events which a single parish couldn't and, together, to let the Bishop know the strengths and problems in areas of the Diocese (Though, sadly, we have no Diocesan Pastoral Council despite the fact that I have mentioned this to the last two bishops – lets hope our new Bishop will see the gap in him hearing from his people?)

I think it is our parochial geography which has meant we do not seem to look out into the Deanery very well – and we have no parish representatives for the meetings. I am, of course, new to this Deanery and what has been done in the past but our next meeting is at St Wulstan's on Thursday 7th February at 7.00pm. I would be interested if a couple of people could accompany me. Thanks.

Laudato Si – Some interesting things have come to the surface in our Tuesday sharing (With CAFOD resources) on the Pope's publication on our concern for the Planet:

"Why do we use plastic bottles of hand soap when we could use bars of soap?" (Do children know soap bars)

Some Diary Dates:

22 nd January	Baptism Preparation II
19 th January	First Forgiveness Preparation II

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, Poulton

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

26 th January	First Forgiveness Preparation III
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2nd February	Presentation of the Lord
2 nd February	First Reconciliation service
7 th February	Deanery Pastoral Council

6th March	Ash Wednesday
Lent:	Lent Study Meetings
31 st March	Clocks Change
2 nd June	Songs of Praise – Ss M&H