

## Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saturday Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm 6:00pm	First Forgiveness Reconciliation Service SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	Krysia Clews
<b>Sunday Feb 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Peter Gardner
	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Coffee after Mass in the Hall	People of the Parish
Monday Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 6.30pm	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy of the Word & Morning Prayer Lourdes' Mass in Blackpool	- St John Vianney
Tuesday Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	...of week Five in Ordinary Time No Morning Mass (See Requiem below) Requiem Mass: Peter Gardiner	- (St John's)
Wednesday Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm*	...of week Five in Ordinary Time No Morning Mass (See Requiem below) Requiem Mass: Patrick Maher (Husband of Mrs Margaret Mellor)	- (St Martin's)
Thursday Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Feast of Ss Cyril & Methodius Morning Mass	Robin Fishwick
Friday Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	...of week Five in Ordinary Time Morning Mass	Anastasia Booth
Saturday Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	...of week Four in Ordinary Time Morning Mass – St John's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation	Thompson & Rickwood
	6.00pm	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday Feb 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Joan Craven
	11.00am 12,30pm	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Coffee after Mass in the Hall Baptism of Lily-Beth Ann Cassidy	Clare McGovern

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

**Anniversaries at this time: February:** 13<sup>th</sup> Peter John McCarthy, 14<sup>th</sup> Anastasia Booth, Robin Fishwick, 16<sup>th</sup> Agnes Bradley, 17<sup>th</sup> Clare McGovern, Francisca Smith, 18<sup>th</sup> Anna Baran, 27<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Cassidy, 28<sup>th</sup> Winifred Young

**Latently Dead:** Peter Gardner (Requiem 12<sup>th</sup> Feb St John's at 1.30pm), Patrick Maher (Husband of Mrs Margaret Mellor whom many will remember from school)(Requiem 13<sup>th</sup> Feb St Martin's at 1.00pm), Les Bradley.

Parish of

# St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Fifth Sunday of the Year

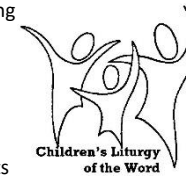


### "Let the Children Come"

Thanks to the parents of the children preparing for sacraments we had a wonderful service of Reconciliation last Saturday during which our children received their first sacramental Forgiveness. Thanks to Fr Burns who Helped us the parents also were able to be involved and everyone appreciated the meaning and the event – ask them about it if you have a child who will be preparing in the next years.



As we hear Jesus telling us how much we learn about God could I remind parishioners that we have a band of generous and eager liturgist who prepare work to open up the Gospel for our primary school aged children. Sadly, despite offering such a helpful aid to help our children get to know Jesus, the Gospel and share their faith, we don't have a great number of older children. We have a school which has recently been declared excellent in giving the basis of Catholic Christian development – please could grandparents encourage their families to follow this up alongside the local parish community. Thanks to liturgists



Thanks

The Christian Aid Barn Dance last week raised:

£ 329.50p



Thanks to parishioners who came to the Blackpool & Fylde parishes CAFOD meeting last week.

One of the things we learned was that CAFOD was altering it's logo in subtle ways. You may (or may not) know that CAFOD is the church in England and Wales branch of a world-wide Catholic organisation called "Caritas". Most countries have a group doing developmental work with the poor called "Caritas Australia", "Caritas Zambia" etc - but, for some reason we, Scotland and Ireland have another name but are still part of "Caritas International".

To emphasise this world-wide working together CAFOD is changing the logo to include the Caritas logo (Above). The letters of CAFOD will become more angular to suggest immediacy and less "cuddly" (My word!).

The trouble is that this news must be so recent that I cannot find a new CAFOD logo on the WWW! Look out for it on the Lent fast day materials.

### CAFOD Gap Year opportunities

For some years now CAFOD has run a Gap year in this country to work with various agencies and offers a month working abroad with CAFOD projects. You may be aware that in Blackpool we have had two Gap students most years working with St Mary's School and living at one of the presbyteries. If you know of young graduates or that age who wish to look at this opportunity invite them to Google: "Step into the Gap"

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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Peter J Sharrock  
**Parish Deacon:** Rev Bill Milton

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**Parish School:** St John's Primary School:  
**Telephone:** 01253 883690  
**Website:** www.st-john-rc12.lancsngfl.ac.uk

**This week we pray for those living in:**  
Winslow Ave, Woodland Drive, Wren Close,  
Wyresdale Ave, Wyvern Way

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February:**  
*Human Trafficking - For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.*

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

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
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

#### **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 (But not this week)–** 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! And more.....

#### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2:00 pm  
English Martyrs Church, Highcross  
This year's theme: "Come, everything is ready" - prepared by the women of Slovenia.  
Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

**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!

**300 Club** – Subscriptions are now due. Renewal forms are in the bulletin or at the back of churches. New members always welcome.

**Lenten Discussion Groups 2019** This year's course will start on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> March & the subject will be "Daring to see God now". Anyone interested in joining a group should contact Fr Peter, Deacon Bill or David Ferret (Tel 01253 886349)

**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?

#### **Local and Diocesan Events**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 6:30 pm Mass & Procession at St John Vianney Church Blackpool (includes blessing of the sick).

#### **Pope Francis speaks to the Churches of South America (24.01.2019)**

Among these prophetic fruits of the Church in Central America, I am happy to mention Saint Oscar Romero, whom I recently had the privilege of canonizing during the Synod on Young People. His life and his teachings remain a constant source of inspiration for our Churches and, in a special way, for us as bishops. His episcopal motto, inscribed on his tombstone, clearly expresses the principle that guided his life as a pastor: to think with the Church. It was the compass for his life and fidelity, even in times of great turmoil.

His legacy can become an active and life-giving witness for us, who are likewise called to the daily martyrdom of serving our people, and on it, I would like to base the reflection I am about to share with you. I know that some among us knew Archbishop Romero personally, like Cardinal Rosa Chávez. Your Eminence, if you think that I am mistaken in any of my assessments, you can correct me! To appeal to the figure of Romero is to appeal to the holiness and prophetic character present in the DNA of your particular Churches.

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

11 <sup>th</sup> February	LOURDES' Mass, SJV. 6.30
12 <sup>th</sup> February	School Governors (Stand)
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Women's World Day of Prayer
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Lent:	Lent Study Meetings
15 <sup>th</sup> February	School ½ Term
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Clocks Change
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Baptism Preparation I
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Baptism Preparation II
18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Good Friday</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Songs of Praise – Ss M&H