

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Saturday Feb 16 th	6:00pm	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	People of the Parish
	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Joan Craven
Sunday Feb 17th	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Clare McGovern
	12.30pm	Coffee after Mass in the Hall Baptism of Lily-Beth Ann Cassidy	
Monday Feb 18 th	9.30am	...of week Six in Ordinary Time Liturgy of the Word & Morning Prayer	-
Tuesday Feb 19 th	9.30am	Morning Mass (Tea and good biscuits after Mass)	John Darville Presbytery
	6.00pm	Reception of body of Myra O'Reilly	St John's
Wednesday Feb 20 th	9.30am*	...of week Six in Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St Martin's)	The Kelly Family
	12.00	Requiem Mass for Myra O'Reilly	
Thursday Feb 21 st	9.30am	...of week Six in Ordinary Time Morning Mass	Harold & Mgt Curtis
Friday Feb 22 nd	9.30am	Morning Mass	Mgt & Leo Wright
	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Les Bradley	
	9.30am	St Polycarp Morning Mass – St John's	Mary Roberts
Saturday Feb 23 rd	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6.00pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Feb 24th	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Peter Gardiner
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Patrick Maher
		Coffee after Mass in the Hall	

(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: 13th Peter John McCarthy, 14th Anastasia Booth, Robin Fishwick, 16th Agnes Bradley, 17th Clare McGovern, Francisca Smith, 18th Anna Baran, 27th Lawrence Cassidy, 28th Winifred Young

Lately Dead: Bill Cardwell (Funeral 16th Feb at 11am), Les Bradley. (Requiem 22nd Feb St John's at 11am), Myra O'Reilly (Funeral 20th Feb St John's at 12.00), Ron Lavell. Peter Ward (Requiem 7th March at 1.45pm)

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 17th February 2019

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Dear Mrs Hodgson,

I have just had sight of the recent Denominational Inspection report for John's School and want to congratulate you on your success.



It is good to read that the school supports many charities including Mary's Meal's, CAFOD, MacMillan and Shelterbox. In addition, I wish to encourage you to continue the Monday prayer liturgy, it must be wonderful to see so many pupils who choose to attend. These are all good and should be commended.

On behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster thank you, your team of staff, students, parents and governors for the contribution you are making to distinctive Catholic Education in the Fylde area.

+ Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster

If you have not seen the full report it is available on the school and parish website. There are also some paper copies available at the back of church. Please read it because it shows that our school is a great evangelising tool for our parish community



Parish Hall development

I hope you will be glad to know that we have passed a really important stage in getting our plans for the Hall accepted – last week we heard that the “Conservation Officer” has official said he has no Heritage concerns about our plans and will support our building with local and Diocesan planning groups. The officer made encouraging remarks about the professional way our architect had made application for what is a listed building and our application can affect its outcome.

From here the architect can now move to make further inspections below the floors and within the walls. He is working on a time-line for us so that we can get an idea when the building may close for use and open again in glory! (Though we await this direction)

In the mean time can I thank the few groups who are using the building for their patience – especially as there are some things which are less than perfect! Due to the lack of firm dates we are not taking one-off bookings now. Thanks to Elaine Brownwood for agreeing to help with keeping in touch with regular users and looking into the methods for booking and safety when we open again.

In the mean-time please spend time reflecting on how we as the Catholic community can make good use of the building for evangelisation, education & social use.

DROP IN on Dementia

If you are caring for someone with dementia or worried about your own memory, come and find information in a friendly place

Friendly advice for local families

Talk to professionals and get signposted to the services you may need

No need to book

WHEN
Friday 22nd Feb 1-3pm

Lots of information all in one place

Coffee, cakes and advice

WHERE
Trinity Hospice & Palliative Care Services
Low Moor Road, Bisham FY20BG

With...
Lorna Webber Adjunct Nurse
Specialist Dementia Nurse based at Trinity Hospice

FYLDE COAST DEMENTIA HUB

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Visit www.thefyldecoastdementiahub.org for more info

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:
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Website: www.st-john-rc12.lancsngf.ac.uk

This week we pray for those living in: ,
Adlington Ave, Airedale Court, Albany Ave,
Alder Grove, Alisan Road, Appleton Close,
Argyle Road, Arundel Drive

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 2nd April & Tuesday 9th 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 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

Bill Cardwell RIP – Last Saturday at the evening
Mass Hilda delivered the news of the death of her
husband. She was very helped by people's
response and kind words. Bill's funeral was
yesterday.

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

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 1st 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!

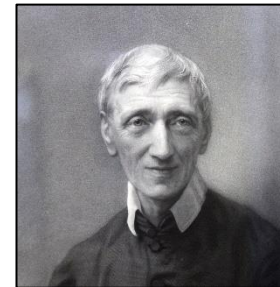
Lenten Discussion Groups 2019 This year's course
will start on Wed. 13th March & the subject will be
"Daring to see God now". Anyone interested in
joining a group should contact Fr Peter, Deacon Bill
or David Ferret (Tel 01253 886349)

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?



John Henry Newman:
*Second miracle approved
as sainthood looms –
13 February 2019*



John Henry Newman, who was born in 1801, was
ordained as a priest in 1847 after converting to
Catholicism. Cardinal John Henry Newman is closer to
being canonised after a second miracle in his name was
confirmed by the Pope. Two authenticated miracles
are required before sainthood and Newman, who was
already credited with curing a man's spinal disease, is
now said to have healed a woman's unstoppable
bleeding. The Birmingham Oratory announced Pope
Francis' decree with "great joy".

Newman, born in 1801, will be the first English saint
since the Forty Martyrs, executed under Reformation
laws. The first miracle the Catholic convert from
Birmingham is said by the Vatican to have performed
was curing a deacon from Boston, Massachusetts, of a
crippling spinal disease. Pope Francis has since decreed
a second miracle, with Newman said to have healed a
pregnant woman "suffering from unstoppable internal
bleeding". Newman founded the Birmingham Oratory
in Edgbaston which is still in use today

During his life, Newman was a respected religious
scholar, who spent much of his time helping the poor
and sick.

The last English canonisations were in 1970 of the Forty
Martyrs of England and Wales, a group of Catholics
who were executed between 1535 and 1679 under
laws enacted during the English Reformation.

Some Diary Dates:

1 st March	Women's World Day of Prayer
6th March	Ash Wednesday
Lent:	Lent Study Meetings
15 th February	School ½ Term
31 st March	Clocks Change
2 nd April	Baptism Preparation I
9 th April	Baptism Preparation II
18 th April	Holy Thursday
19 th April	Good Friday
20 th April	Holy Saturday
21 st April	Easter Sunday
2 nd June	Songs of Praise – Ss M&H