

## Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Saturday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	<b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> March 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Leonard Porter
	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Coffee after Mass in the Hall	Lucy Bottomley
Monday March 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am (7.30pm)	...of the first week in Lent <b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Deanery Mass for Canon Tom Dakin)	Sacred Heart Thornton
Tuesday March 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am (11.30am)	...of the first week in Lent <b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b> (Tea and good biscuits after Mass) Requiem Mass: Canon Tom Dakin)	Krysia Clews Sacred Heart Thornton
Wednesday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 12.00* 1.30pm* 7.30pm	...of the first week in Lent <b>Morning Mass (St Martin's)</b> Stations of the Cross – at Ss M & H's Churches Together Lent Course Churches Together Lent Course	Donal Regan (Ss Martin & Hilda's) (Ss Martin & Hilda's) (St Chad's)
Thursday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am 7.00pm	...of the first week in Lent <b>Morning Mass (St John's) NOTE TIME!</b> Stations of the Cross for Lent	Doris Bolger (St John's)
Friday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	...of the first week in Lent <b>CAFFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</b> <b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b>	Cath's Mother
Saturday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	...of the first week in Lent <b>Morning Mass – St John's</b>	LISCF
	10.00am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation	
<b>Sunday</b> March 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Peter Ward
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Coffee after Mass in the Hall	Les Bradley

(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: March:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Gerry Carr, 6<sup>th</sup> Richard Brown, 7<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Watmough, John Cooke, 10<sup>th</sup> Anita Monteiro 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Krysia Clews, Francis Foulds, Linda Gallagher, Peggy Whitworth, 17<sup>th</sup> Leonard Porter, 19<sup>th</sup> Christopher Wren-Hilton, 20<sup>th</sup> Edith Hodgkinson, Eileen Kelly, Margery Rose, John Doherty

**Latently Dead:** Canon Tom Dakin (Requiem Mass this Tuesday at Thornton)

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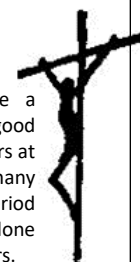
# St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

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

First Sunday of Lent

## LENT 2019



The Ash Wednesday Masses were a wonderful blessing for us. I was also good to see so many Shakespeare characters at Thursday Morning Mass. There are many things we can do during this Lent period to help us reflect on what God has done for us in Jesus. Share ideas with others.

### During Lent:

**Stations of the Cross in Lent:**  
At 12.00 at St Martin & St Hilda's on Wednesdays  
At 7.00pm at St John's Church Thursdays

**Churches Together Lenten Course:**  
There are two chances to follow this on Wednesdays from this week:  
St Martin & St Hilda's at 1.30pm to 3.00pm; and  
St Chad's 7.30pm to 9.00pm (Light supper from 6.45pm) Please let the venue know you are coming through your clergy or "Churches Together" member.

**Weekday Masses:** the quiet of Mass during the week can be a prayerful atmosphere. It is an opportunity to listen to God's Word to us in scripture in preparation also. If you work or take the children to school there is the:

**Thursday Early Mass** at 8.15am for early-risers (I hear there is toast at school afterwards)

**Reflect on your Faith:** Read the scriptures for next Sunday or weekday Masses. Dig out or read that book you wanted to read about faith. Come to Mass ten minutes early to pray for your family.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Part of our preparation for Easter is the chance to look at ourselves and ask for God's forgiveness for neglecting him. Confessions are each Saturday between 10.00am and 11.00am – Leave some time for private prayer during exposition also.

**Alms Giving:** Has always been part of Lent. Ss Martin & Hilda's Mass is having a collection for Iraqi refugees which will be matched by a member. Also **CAFOD Family Fast Day** this Friday

**Bishop's note for Lent:**  
"Father, this Lent I have decided to do less"

### Gospel Acclamation for Lent:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,  
Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom:



### The Fleetwood Food Bank

People regularly ask about how this food bank works and where their contributions at the back of church go.

As you know Colin, from the Food Bank, came to speak to us last Tuesday and gave us a great insight into its work and how grateful people are for our contributions. Colin kept commenting that at the start of the Food Bank it was a helpful help to people over difficult time but now it is an essential part of life – this is not news to us of course. Another development is that it began mainly with younger people's needs but not it is mainly families. We have asked him to let us know if there are any specific foods they want.



Take envelope -  
fast this Friday –  
bring back envelope next Sunday

*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:** Ash Drive, Ashdown Close, Avery Gardens, Ball Street, Beaumont Gardens, Beckdean Ave, Beech Ave, Beech Drive Beeston Ave, Belgrave Place, Belgrave Rd, Belmont Ave

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:**  
*Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities – That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted feel that they are close to Christ & have their rights respected.*

**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.

**St Oscar Romero Fund:** Is our parish fund for local poor – you may see the collection after Masses.

**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**

**Our parish has supported Survive-Miva** over the years and John Hartley is visiting our Masses this weekend to speak about the organisation and have a collection to help them. £525.91

#### **"Hall Fundraising Group"**

Now that plans are in place for the refurbishment of the Hall, the Fund Raising Committee has disbanded. Members of the Committee would like to thank the Parish for supporting their events and Mary Newton for initially instigating the Committee.

And the parish would like to thank the group for their work in organising social events. The money raised is ring-fenced to add suitable additions to the new building which may not come from the basic build. Also there is some money in the fund to buy something suitable in memory of Chris Hull.

**Thanks from Fleetwood Food Bank** - On behalf of the SVP Fleetwood Food Bank I would like to thank you for your support of the Food Bank with your very generous food donations each week.

Without the very generous support of schools, churches, organisations and individuals we would not be able to provide an average of about 40 food parcels each week which help to feed between 60 and 100 local people, adults and children, who cannot afford to put food on their table for whatever reasons. As we do not receive any financial assistance from any statutory organisations and are completely dependent upon voluntary donations of food and on some occasions money. Last year, with the help of these very generous donations, we were able to give out over 1675 food parcels which have helped to feed over 2350 adults and over 1300 children, a total of more than 3650 persons. Many thanks once again  
*Colin Brown*

**Thanks to the Coffee People:** Enormous thanks to all the men, ladies and children who have come for

a Coffee and biscuits (and sometimes cakes) after 11.00 a.m. Mass on the first eight Sundays of this year. You will be pleased to know that as well as enjoying each others company as part of the Church Family we have raised £167.72 for CAFOD since the turn of the year. Thanks for your generosity.

**Cafod Lenten Family Fast – 15<sup>th</sup> March:** CAFOD'S Annual Lenten Fast Day takes place a week next Friday and envelopes for your donations will be available with the bulletin at all Masses. Please be as generous as you can in your donations to assist our global family ravaged, as they are, by drought, floods, storms, violence, war, poverty and injustice.

**Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage:** The dates for the pilgrimage are 26<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 and the pastoral theme this year is "Blessed are the poor, for the Kingdom of God is theirs". Please consider coming! We need all pilgrims, especially nurses, carers, brancardier (Male carers) & young people. It is through the support of these volunteer groups that we can take sick pilgrims from our diocese. Do you know of a sick person who would benefit from a week away? Flights are from Manchester Airport.

For information please contact: www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-lancaster-2019 The Young people (Year10+) travel overland by coach 25<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. Please visit  
<https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-whats-on/>

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

**"Mary Magdalen":** - We have a CD copy of last year's film of Mary Magdalen which some parishioners have seen and say is very good. This may be a useful addition to our Lenten events so think about that. Perhaps an afternoon reflection?

**Lenten Discussion Groups 2019** This year's course will start this Wednesday - 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!

### **Diocesan & Local Notices**

**Day of Recollection:** on Prayer will be led by Fr Raphael SSS at St John Vianney's Centre on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am. Includes Mass at 12.00. Drinks provided but please bring packed Lunch. 01253 692562

**Discernment Day for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Lancaster:** Young Catholic men (16+) in the Diocese are invited to discern and reflect on this vocation. Come and see on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church, Lancaster, LA1 2HU. The Day begins with Mass at 10.00am and concludes at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Fr D Etienne on 01253 762227 at: [frdanieletienne@gmail.com](mailto:frdanieletienne@gmail.com)

**"Advance Notice:** There will be a Mass for all Altar Servers and their families, celebrated by the Bishop, on Saturday 11th May at 12:15pm in Lancaster Cathedral. The Mass will be followed by a social gathering in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Details to be confirmed nearer the time."

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

10 <sup>th</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
16 <sup>th</sup> March	First Communion Prep I
17 <sup>th</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
	Lent Lunch – St M & St H
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	First Communion Prep II
24 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
30 <sup>th</sup> March	First Communion Prep III
31 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Clocks Change</i>
31 <sup>st</sup> March	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent <i>(Mother's Day)</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Baptism Preparation I
6 <sup>th</sup> April	First Communion Prep IV
7 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent <i>Lent Lunch – St John's</i>
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Baptism Preparation II
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday
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>
30 <sup>th</sup> April	SsM&H Joint Council
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Songs of Praise – Ss M&H
29/30 June	Bishop's Visitation