

## Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
<i>Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year</i>			
<i>Day of Prayer for Education</i>			
<i>Retiring Collection for Catholic Education Services</i>			
Saturday Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	Mary Robertson
	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Mary & Michael Tighe
<b>Sunday Sept 8<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John <i>Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Baptism of Rory James O'Donnell	
Monday Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	...of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	-
Tuesday Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	...of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b>	Wright & Cobham Fam
Wednesday Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am*	...of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Morning Mass (St Martin's)</b>	John Colford
Thursday Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	...of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> week of ordinary time <b>School Opening Mass (St John's)</b>	Private Intention
Friday Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Feast of St John Chrysostom <b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b>	Private Intention
		<i>Exultation of the Cross</i>	
	9.30am	<b>Morning Mass – St John's</b>	Private Intention
	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	10.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>"Home Mission Sunday"</i>	
		<i>Collection for poor parishes in the Diocese</i>	
	6.00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday Sept 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	David Wilkinson
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's <i>Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	Krysia Clews

*(Sundays of Ordinary Time: Year C; Weekdays of Ordinary Time: Year 1)*

- **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, Veronica McNeil, Beryl Whitely, Ann Marie Cooke,, Margaret Johnston, Pat Jackson, Louie Jones and all those who are sick.

**Anniversaries for SEPTEMBER:** 4<sup>th</sup> Simon Mould, Norman Smith, 7<sup>th</sup> Joan Broome, 10<sup>th</sup> Gerard Anthony McNicoll, 12<sup>th</sup> David Brown, 25<sup>th</sup> Mary Elizabeth Grime, 27<sup>th</sup> Francis Gerard Nelson, 28<sup>th</sup> May Christ, Patrick Monaghan,

**Lately Died:** Fr David Elder (Requiem Mass at Garstang on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am)

Parish of

# St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Week 23 of Ordinary Time

## The Social Life of Our Parish

Thanks to the excitable group of parishioners who gather to encourage us to gather socially as God's people. Thanks, also, to people who accept the invitation to join in with ideas and help. Our Friday meeting planned some events – and floated some other for responses from you:

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept After 11am Mass – come along.

**Advent Music & Reflection evening** – 5<sup>th</sup> December. An annual event but given an Advent flavour. With our school musicians and a visiting local choir.

**Fund Raising for Refugee event** – sometime in November (Details soon)

**Red Wednesday Prayer for freedom to worship** – 27<sup>th</sup> November – The lighting up of the church and silent prayer at 12 noon.

**Africa Evening** – Cath Morgan and Cath Thompson have recently returned with the bishop from visiting where he ministered for many years in Zambia. (Details soon)

**Parish Lunch** – This is a long standing and well-loved event which is due to be happening in February (Date soon)

**Parish Walk** – nothing strenuous but simply to be aware at what surrounds us. We are hoping the first one will be a guided walk about our town – probably on a Sunday afternoon.

**Wine tasting / Gin evening / Whisky evening** – these events can be good – does anyone have experience and contacts for an event similar to this?

Please do talk about these and other thoughts for social events – and pass them on to the Social Planning Members.



## Car Parking outside the Hall

On Wednesday this week there will be an inspection of the lower roof of the Hall. Please avoid parking on the edges of the Hall on this day to allow this work. Thanks.

## Catholic Iraqi Refugees in Jordan

A week on Monday I am attending the trustees meeting of the Parishes for Peace charity we use to help our friends in Jordan who have escaped the troubles in Iraq. Sr Sara, who is our contact on the ground has asked for contributions for the children of refugees who are starting school – we have sent money to her to make use of but have to remind her that we only have a certain amount to offer. The people are, as usual, very grateful for anything we can offer. I am awaiting exact figures but the number of refugees is going down slowly as families are accepted to live and work in other countries – mainly Australia at this time. Every so often new individuals or families are discovered needing help, of course.

I hope to be able to give more helpful updates after the meeting but if you can think of ways of raising money it would be helpful. Thanks.



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

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**Please pray for those living in:** Holts Lane, Howden Heights, Kerslea Ave, Kevin Ave, Kinder Corner, Kingfisher Drive, The Rramblings, The Rowans

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: Families - Schools of Human Development**  
That families, through their life of prayer & love, may become ever more clearly "schools of true human development".

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September &  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
at 7pm at the presbytery

Please take a leaflet from church.

**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**

**Baptism Preparation** – Please see new dates

#### **FOODBANK – LATEST NEWS**

Due the magnificent efforts of contributors, volunteers & the Salvation Army, the Syrian refugee situation has markedly improved. The five new families been assimilated into the Fleetwood area & will now have access to the same food & clothing supplies as our existing customers. The clothes, toys & other gifts recently donated have been joyfully received.

Our priorities now return to those staples which are suitable for the needs of all family members – in particular tinned meat, tinned fish, cereals, soups & hygiene items such as toothpaste, shampoo & soaps.

To assist, we will advise of those items most needed on a regular basis. Thank you again for your generous support.

**SPONSORED WALK** - The Mayor of Wyre, Councillor Ann Turner, a parishioner at English Martyrs, and her sister, Deputy Mayoress Colette Birch, a parishioner here at St John's, and Mayoress, Councillor Andrea Kay, are taking on the 3 day Wyre Walk Challenge, 10 - 12 September. Walking approximately 10-12 miles each day, they will meet with local communities along the way, while raising money for the Mayor's Charities, NW Air Ambulance and the local branch of RSPCA. Colette will be at the back of church this weekend with a sponsor sheet, if you would like to support these worthy causes. Thank you. For more details please telephone Colette on 07714280231 or email

#### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

There will be a special coffee morning after 11:00 am Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along

if you can, there will be good coffee & tea & lots of other goodies.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** St Martin's & St Hilda's have decided that instead of sending/giving individual Christmas Cards, they are inviting parishioners to send ONE card to the whole community. This will cut down the cost of sending/giving individual cards & also means that no-one will be left out! Does St John's want to do the same?

**Divine Mercy Prayers:** has re-started on Friday afternoons at St John's Church at 2.00pm.

#### **Local & Diocesan Notices**

"Thinking Scripture" course – 28<sup>th</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> October at Boarbank Hall, near Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria – focussing on the letters of Peter, James & John. If you are interested, further details are available from Sr Margaret Atkins (Tel 015395 32288) or email: [Margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:Margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk)

#### **Deanery Pastoral Councils**

The bishop has written recently that he wishes to meet with lay people, as well as clergy, from around the Diocese to share concerns, developments and ways forward.

Are you one of these people for our parish? – Talk to Fr Peter

(Our Next Deanery Pastoral Council is on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm at St Mary's – want to come?)

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

29 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning after 11:00 am Mass
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Diocesan Education Mass
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Confirmation Candidate's meeting at 4.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Canonisation of JHNewman
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Confirmation Candidate's meeting at 4.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Red Wednesday
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Parish Advent Musical Evening
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Confirmation Candidate's meeting at 4.00pm

#### **John Henry Newman - Prayer**

*God has created me to do Him some definite service.*

*He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.*

*I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.*

*I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.*

*He has not created me for naught.*

*I shall do good;*

*I shall do His work.*

*I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.*

*Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.*

*If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him,  
in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.*

*If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.*

*He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me.*

*Still, He knows what He is about.*