

# St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Week 29 of Ordinary Time

## Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year</b>			
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>			
<i>Retiring Collection for APF Missio</i>			
Saturday October 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	Priest's Intention
<b>Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Colin Smith
	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John <i>Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	Ann-Marie Cook
Monday October 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	...of the 29 <sup>th</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Morning Prayer &amp; Liturgy of the World</b>	-
Tuesday October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	...of the 29 <sup>th</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b> <i>Tea &amp; coffee gathering after Mass</i>	John Ireland Presbytery
Wednesday October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	...of the 29 <sup>th</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Morning Mass (St Martin's)</b>	Private Intention
Thursday October 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	...of the 29 <sup>th</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b>	Roy Johnson
Friday October 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	...of the 29 <sup>th</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b>	Philomena Hoggart
	9.30am	...of the 29 <sup>th</sup> week of ordinary time <b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b>	Private Intention
	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday October 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<b>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</b> <i>Retiring Collection for Sick &amp; Retired Clergy Fund</i>	
		SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Joan Baron
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Baptism of Jenny & Rosie Longworth <i>Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	Ann-Marie Cook

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

(Please let your children know that this is the feast – The 'een is a preparation for this celebration)

*(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, 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 OCTOBER:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Edward Ellwood, 10<sup>th</sup> James Faulkner, 13<sup>th</sup> Joyce Gouldbourne , 21<sup>st</sup> James Berry, Cath Doherty, Flo Tonge, Frank Craven, 30<sup>th</sup> Anne Egan

"Will not  
God see  
justice  
done to his  
chosen  
who cry to  
him...even  
when he  
delays?"



**Today is World Mission Day:**  
Retiring collection for APF Missio

**Parish Social Planning Meeting:**  
This Friday in the presbytery –  
anyone is welcome to join in.

### What is the Church for?

Last weekend Pope Francis, in the name of the whole Church, proclaimed five human beings as "saints". It is a sign to us of what God is calling us to be as disciples of his son, and contains the seeds of what it means for us to be Church.

Pope Francis, speaking of the Gospel Leper who returned to him healed . He says their journey contained three steps:

- They cry out**
- They walk**
- They give thanks**

Please take a copy of the Homily given by Pope Francis (available at the back of church today) and ask what it means for me to be Church today. The words also contain today's Month of Mission words! Pope Francis ends with:

*The Extraordinary Month of Mission:*  
This week's reflection from the Bishop:  
**"Biblical, catechetical, spiritual and  
theological formation for mission"**

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others."  
*St. Clare of Assisi*



**John Henry Newman**  
1801-1890  
**Declared a Saint**  
13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

*"To cry out. To walk. To give thanks. Today we give thanks to the Lord for our new Saints. They walked by faith and now we invoke their intercession. Three of them were religious women; they show us that the consecrated life is a journey of love at the existential peripheries of the world. Saint Marguerite Bays, on the other hand, was a seamstress; she speaks to us of the power of simple prayer, enduring patience and silent self-giving. That is how the Lord made the splendour of Easter radiate in her life, in her humbleness. Such is the holiness of daily life, which Saint John Henry Newman described in these words: "The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not... The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretence... with so little that is unusual or striking in his bearing, that he may easily be taken at first sight for an ordinary man" (Parochial and Plain Sermons)."*

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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Peter J Sharrock  
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**Please pray for those living in:** Main Drive,  
Mains Lane, Maldern Ave, Maple Drive

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October:**  
*A Missionary "Spring" in the Church" – that  
the breath of the Holy Spirit may engender a  
new missionary spring in the Church*

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

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November &  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
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

**Parish Telephone:** line was brought down by  
a skip. If you wish to phone please use:  
**07551 355106**

**Baptism Preparation** – Please see new dates (left)

**LUNCHEON CLUB** – our next lunch will be held on  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** at 12:30 pm. Our special  
Christmas lunch will be held on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December**. Come and join us for good food & good  
company. Names on list in Church, please.

**FOODBANK – LATEST NEWS** – Contributions from St  
John's & St Martin's over the past few weeks have  
been exceptional. Not only the quantity but also the  
content. Food items & hygiene products were  
accompanied by a wide range of other useful &  
essential products. Please continue with all these  
goods as they form the staple of our service.

In addition we are currently short of jam, sugar,  
coffee, simple pasta sauces & toilet rolls.

For your interest, between 1<sup>st</sup> January & 30<sup>th</sup>  
September your contributions were part of 1,000 full  
food parcels distributed from Fleetwood, providing  
essentials for 3,075 people. Thank you so much.  
Fleetwood SVP Foodbank

### **PARISH QUIZ NIGHT– in aid of our Iraqi Refugees**

We are holding a Quiz night to raise funds for our  
Christian Iraqi refugees in Jordan, Please put the  
date in your diary and start swotting!

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 7.00pm – in  
St John's Hall.** Tickets on sale after  
Mass. Price includes delicious home-  
made hotpot & desert. Do come along &  
bring your own drinks.



**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?

### **CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY**

CAFOD supports the poorest of the poor in  
countries throughout the world but is able to  
respond to less than 1 in 3 of the requests for  
support that it receives, because of lack of  
resources.

Further its expenditure substantially exceeded  
its income during the last 12 months.  
Please therefore be as generous as you can in  
supporting CAFOD in its current appeal both  
financially and in your prayers.

**Please return your envelopes as soon as  
possible Thank you.**

**BOTTLES, BOTTLES, BOTTLES!** It's that time of  
year again! Bottles needed for Tombola stall at  
St Martin's & St Hilda's Christmas Fair. Please  
can you help?

**Parish Advent Musical Evening** - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
December @ 7.00 pm in St John's Church  
featuring St John's school choir & orchestra and  
a guest choir. Please put the date in your diary.  
Admission will be free. It is an evening to  
celebrate the Advent season.

### Local & Diocesan Notices

**Christian Aid Coffee Morning** – to be held on  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct from 10.00 at the Methodist  
Church, Poulton. Please support this event if  
you can. A good opportunity to share with our  
brothers & sisters from other Christian  
denominations. Admission £1 (incl. coffee &  
biscuits)

**Deanery Advent Service** – at Sacred Heart this  
year on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

**"TAKE off THAT" – Tribute** Charity night to raise  
money for the Fleetwood Faith Development  
project and local refugees. Fleetwood  
Conservative club on 15<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm -  
£10 inc HotPot – 07881997074

**Advent Retreat Day** – organised by "Women  
Together in the Diocese of Lancaster on

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Xaverian  
Mission Centre (Formerly Tabor) led by Sr  
Philomena Grimley SHCJ. 10.30am to  
3.30pm – bring packed lunch Telephone  
01772 715495

**ADVENT "Individually guided retreat in  
daily life"**. From Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November to  
week of 16<sup>th</sup> December. Information on  
noticeboard or phone Sr Anne SHCJ on  
01253 275439

### **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – 2019-2020 – a Year of the Word.**

Scripture lies at the centre of everything the  
Church does. Our faith is based on God's  
revelation of Himself through His Word in  
Scripture and in Jesus – His ultimate Word.  
The Catholic Bishops Conference of England  
& Wales has designated 2020 as a "A Year  
of the Word". There will be a range of  
events, activities and resources  
encouraging us to *celebrate, share & live  
God's Word*. We need a parish link person  
to liaise with the National & Diocesan  
planning teams for this. If you would like to  
take on this important role, or if you would  
like to nominate someone from the parish,  
please let Fr Peter know. The Year of the  
Word will begin on the First Sunday of  
Advent 2019 – the beginning of the  
Church's year.

### **Some Diary Dates:**

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Confirmation Candidate's meeting at 4.00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Luncheon Club
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parish Refugee Quiz
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
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Deanery Advent Service at Sacred Heart