

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday Sept 5 th	6.00pm	<i>Twenty-third Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Sept 6th		NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St John's or Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>NO Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	
Monday Sept 7 th		...of week 23 of Ordinary Time NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday Sept 8 th	9.30am	<i>Birth of Mary</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	Fr Leo Lynch
Wednesday Sept 9 th	9.30am	...of week 23 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	John Dineen Thanks
Thursday Sept 10 th	9.30am	...of week 23 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's)	Cathy O'Hagan
Friday Sept 11 th	9.30am	...of week 23 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's)	Wright & Cobham Families
Saturday Sept 12 th	6.00pm	...of week 23 of Ordinary Time <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Sept 13 th		NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St John's No Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>No Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	
	12.00	Parish CAFOD Quiz – (see front Bulletin)	

The Food Bank: Empty Containers: There has been an appeal from the Foodbank for containers with lids, in which to decant washing powder, which we receive in bulk, but which needs to be shared out among many people. If you have any, you can drop them at the presbytery and I'll take them to Fleetwood. Thank you.

Thanks, also, for food and personal hygiene items delivered to my doorstep.

(Sundays of Ordinary Time: Year A; Weekdays: Year 2)

Reconciliation: If you wish to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation please contact Fr Peter and we can arrange a time to meet in the Presbytery at a distance (Providing neither of us has the symptoms)

Please pray for: Veronica Morris, Megan (aged 11), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, Antonio Palmer, Joanne Porter, Veronica McNeil, Beryl Whitely, Ann Marie Cooke,, Margaret Johnston, Pat Jackson, Louie Jones, Paul Sharrock, and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries: September - 4th Norman Smith, 7th Joan Broome, 10th Gerard Anthony McNicoll, 12th David Brown 25th Mary Elizabeth Grime, 27th Francis Gerard Nelson, 28th May Christ, Patrick Monaghan,

Lately Dead:

Sunday 6th September 2020

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time



Masses this week

Tuesday at 9.30am St John's
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Saturday at 6.00pm St John's

Which is your 'Sunday Mass'?

Celebrating the Eucharist Regularly

It is good to see that our Masses are growing in numbers – and increasingly people coming out of their lockdown. It is also interesting that people are saying that being in church is one of the safest feeling settings they have come across (Thanks again to our Stewards, without whom we could not open)

Thankfully we are not forced to gather in huge numbers at a Sunday Mass at the moment, but can choose which Mass can be our weekly Eucharist. None of our Masses are, at present, far less than 30 people and so quite safe. It is wonderful to see people meeting afterwards, too!

We need more volunteer stewards to fill in for existing ones and start other Masses.

A Message of Hope from Pope Francis:

Each year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical [Laudato Si'](#) (LS, 24 May 2015), the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

I am very pleased that the theme chosen by the ecumenical family for the celebration of the 2020 Season of Creation is Jubilee for the Earth, precisely in this year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day. In the Holy Scriptures, a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice.

(The whole letter published on Tuesday is available on the attached sheet for you to read)

CAFOD Parish
Fund-Raising
Quiz?



We have been noticing how charities have been suffering during Covid-time and wondering how we can help. Thanks to Debbie Sumner and the help of others here is a social answer. Try it out!

Hi, everyone

Because we can't all gather together in person at the moment, we have decided it would be a great idea to have a Parish online quiz. This will take place on Sunday 13th September at 12 noon. We will be raising funds for Cafod - if you would like to play, please visit: <http://cafod.org.uk/celebration>

and search "online quiz". You will then see our fundraising page where it would be fantastic if you could make a donation to take part.

If you would like to take part, please also email me on deborahhelenwood@gmail.com. We will be hosting the quiz on Zoom. I will send you the Zoom link and details explaining how you access everything. For the best quiz experience, it would be great if you are able to access Zoom on one device and have another online device, e.g. mobile phone, to play along with on Kahoot. If not, please don't worry. If you can access Zoom, bring a pen and paper along and you can play along this way too.

If you have any questions at all, please just give me a call on 07883599511 or drop me an email.

Best wishes - Debbie Sumner

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

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Please pray for those living in: Ball Street, Beaumont Gardens, Beckdean Avenue, Beech Avenue, Beech Drive, Beeston Avenue, Belgrave Place, Belgrave Road, Belmont Ave, Beverley Avenue, Birch Way, Bispham Road,

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention September: Respect for the Planet's Resources:
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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

TBA

(When Virus development is clearer)
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 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.

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.

Electronic Bulletin: If you desire a regular electronic copy – let us know

Pray for our:

Teachers, nurses, doctors, chaplains etc

Baptisms, Funerals/Requiem Masses & Weddings:

We have had information about the guidelines from government and bishops that we can welcome Baptisms and Weddings.

However, we are not allowed to gather any more than **30 people** and there are some safety and distancing rules to be applied. (The cap on 30 people at these services is irrespective of the size of the church building and is connected with the limit on social functions afterwards) If there are people who wish to enquire about these services under these government regulations please contact me and we will have to share how this can happen.

Parish Bank Details:

Although we have two church buildings this is one parish and the parish account is 'St John the Evangelist – Poulton'

Please could you make cheques out to this title only as banks are becoming less imaginative!

Acc Number: 71335227

Sort Code: 40-27-02

However, if you are having difficulty setting up a 'Direct Debit' please let us know as there is a longer account title

COMING PARISH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Printed Bulletin: When the church buildings are closed the bulletin and Mass sheet will be in a box on the presbytery doorstep if you want to have a walk.

Parish WhatsApp Group: Emily Halliwell (as part of the above group) has set up a closed parish WhatsApp account. I have finally been beaten into joining but am a bit of a WhatsApp virgin as yet! Emily says: "My number is 07969643648 if you want to be added just reply with your mobile number or text me."

Safeguarding: As always be aware of hoax callers. Do not give personal or finance details, or money to anyone – check with the people here or Fr Peter.

Parish Daily Scripture Reflections & Newsletter:

Many parishioners have asked to receive the newsletter with Mass reflections and a "hello" each day. If your relative or neighbour cannot ask for this why not print a copy, and the regular Bulletin (This!) to keep them in touch. (Email above left)

When you come to Mass:

Despite getting used to physical distancing over the past three months returning to a familiar situation, like church, can make us forget we are still threatened by a virus that could kill vulnerable people. We have been asked to ensure Government and Church rules which might seem intrusive but they are designed to remind us to be careful and, above all, to keep distances. Please help us with this. (if you have visited church for private prayer you will recognise these requests. Thanks)

- Government guidelines demand that all the congregation (except those with exemption certificates) wear mouth and nose masks in church
- Please maintain a 2m distance as you approach and enter church and be guided by the stewards.
- Please note there is a 'one way' system – entering church by the left hand door.
- Please sanitise your hands as you enter church
- You will be invited to leave your name and contact detail for 'Track & Tracing' in case of need.
- If you wish to wear a face mask you may do this – but please bring your own.

Thanks from "Mary's Meals"

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your donation of £40.00 to Mary's Meals, which will be used to provide life-changing meals for children in their place of education. Supporting our school feeding programmes is a great way of helping hungry children to learn and giving them the best chance of a future free from poverty.

The daily meals we provide are enabling thousands of children to attend school and work towards their dreams. Children such as 14-year-old Chimza Harry, who attends Mwalamba Primary School in Malawi.

Chimza – whose full name, Chimwemwe, means joy – lives at home with his mother Lucia and three siblings. The family ran out of food stores soon after last year's harvest, having only managed to grow one bag of maize.

Chimza is top of his class and has been every year since he started school. However, as the eldest male living in the household, he feels duty-bound to help support the family and is adamant that he would not be at school if it weren't for the phala (porridge). "When I eat the phala I get the strength to eat, study, walk home, and work." "If there was no phala, I would have left school, because I know when I am hungry I cannot listen properly, I cannot learn. I would like to finish my education and become a doctor. I would like to help my people - the people around my village - to see a doctor in hospital faster."

On behalf of the 1,667,067 children who currently receive Mary's Meals, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Yours sincerely,

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, CEO, Mary's Meals

- To minimise movement in church Stewards will direct you to fill the benches from the front. You will probably not be able to go in your 'usual' bench but that will give you a new perspective!
- Please remove your mask just before approaching for Holy Communion and then replace afterwards.
- You will receive instructions for coming forward for Holy Communion. But please respect distancing (don't bunch), move for Communion using the one-way system, please stretch out your arms fully as you request Holy Communion, you will not be invited to speak "Amen" before receiving Holy Communion. These will need to be kept in mind at first and we do need to remember they, though not the best liturgy, are about distancing and staying well.
- Holy Communion must be received **only** on the hand. (No gloves, please)
- Please sanitise your hands as you leave church by the other door than the one you entered.
- As you leave church please move away from the door and remember to distance yourselves if you speak to other people.

Parish Offertory Donations

Thanks to those parishioners who have taken out standing orders during lockdown to keep up your parish offerings – Bank details are across the page if you wish to do this. There are some new boxes of offertory envelopes at the back of church. if you wish to order some envelopes or deliver let us know.

Gift Aid is available to be gained by the parish if you are a tax payer and wish to sign up for this. Please contact parishioner Angela Hartley if you need help with this – it is worth it for us! (Her number is: 07365 112011)

On-line Talks from Stonyhurst:

24th September – **St Therese of Lisieux** with Canon John Udris

8th October – **St John Henry Newman** with Dr Giuseppe Pezzini

22nd October – **St Thomas Aquinas** with Fr Richard Conrad, O.P.

5th November – **St Francis de Sales** with Canon Scott Tanner, I.C.K.S.P.

19th November – **Sts Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross** with Fr Matthew Blake,

3rd December – **St Benedict of Norcia** with Fr Cassian Folsom, O.S.B.

10th December – **St Francis of Assisi** with Fr Gabriel Kyte, C.F.R.

Register online with the Christian Heritage Centre ([Click](#))