

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday Oct 17 th	6.00pm	<i>Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Oct 18 th	-	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 Oct 19 th	-	...of week 29 of Ordinary Time NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday Oct 20 th	9.30am	...of week 29 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's)	Chris Taylor (JB)
Wednesday Oct 21 st	9.30am	...of week 29 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	Sami Haapanen
Thursday Oct 22 nd	9.30am	...of week 29 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's)	Rota Armstrong
Friday Oct 23 rd	9.30am	...of week 29 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's)	Fr T Sowerby & Fr J Humphreys
Saturday Oct 24 th	6.00pm	...of week 29 of Ordinary Time <i>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's (British Summertime Ends)	People of the Parish
Sunday Oct 25 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>	

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: NOVEMBER 2nd James Porter, 14th Freda McGrahan, 17th Leo & Margaret McNicholas, 20th Jennifer Cassidy, Gloria Miller, 27th George Pennington; 30th Kathleen Hickey

Lately Dead:

Sunday 18th October 2020

Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Masses this week

Tuesday at 9.30am St John's
Wednesday at 9.30am St Martin's
Thursday at 9.30am St John's
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Saturday at 6.00pm St John's

Which is your 'Sunday Mass'?



First Holy Communion 2020



I hope you will have wondered what happened to this year's First Holy Communion celebration.

Well, of course, due to COVID-19 restrictions it didn't happen as we waited for happier times. These times are not coming soon, are they? When those times come we will have a full celebration for these children and their family and friends. This cannot happen at this time.

However we do want those children who wish to begin to receive Holy Communion with their family when they come to Mass. I have emailed the families involved to invite them to decide whether they wish to make their First Communion during Advent in small immediate family groups – or would rather wait until we can have a full celebration (All the children will be involved with that, of course)

If you have not received this email please contact me and I can send it again – thanks to those who have replied. If you notice children at Mass please acknowledge them – in a physical distance sort of way!!!

The Future

Unless there is a miraculous change in the virus rules I expect we will not have First Communion preparations next year but await the following year when those children are in year 4

Congratulations to Rev Lois Ward

Those of us involved in St Martin and St Hilda's community will be aware that Lois has been a deacon in St Chad's parish for the past year and expected to be ordained priest before the summer. Not surprisingly COVID-19 has delayed and complicated the arrangements and so this year's group has been ordained in groups of six. Lois was ordained at Whalley Abby a few weeks ago and we will see more of her in the parish. Please congratulate her when you meet her next.

Parish Offertory Donations

Thanks to parishioner who have used the last few weeks to catch up on their offertory giving from the lockdown period. 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)

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

Parish Priest: Fr Peter J Sharrock
Parish Deacon: Rev Bill Milton

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Please pray for those living in: Blackpool Old Rd, Blackpool Rd, Bleasdale Ave, Bolton Ave, Bramley Gardens, Breck Close, Breck Drive, Breck Rd, Breckside Close, Brentwood Ave, Briarfield Rd, Broadfield Ave, Brockholes Crescent, Brocklewood Ave, Brock Way, Brompton Rd, Broughton Way, Buckingham Way / Canterbury Close, Burlington House

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention October:
The Laity's Mission in the Church**

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

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.

**Next
Sunday:**



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

Fleetwood Foodbank: Thanks for your continued delivery of food for the foodbank – they are very appreciative. If you know of people who need help – or have food to send yourself, please phone: **01253 774313**

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)*

COVID 19 Security - 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.

Parish Social Centre Building

You will remember that, due to the uncertainties of COVID-19 regulation on the building industry we decided to leave a decision to 'go out to tender' until the end of September.

However the situation in our country is worse now, if not better. This may have unseen effects on the building industry. We are ready to go out to tender and have all the building permissions and our architect is monitoring various realities which could change: availability of some building materials; some firms fearing closure; rising or falling costs due to COVID working regulations. This, and wanting to avoid problems in the mid-winter, means we will keep an eye on things until the turn of the year and hope our world is brighter. I will let you know development.

In the meantime, we will not be opening the existing Hall for obvious health reasons, and also that it is not in a good state (as we were awaiting development)

If any group has personal materials in the hall you may wish to use this time to remove them?

- 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.

The Year of the Word

Some of you will be aware of Martin Bennett who holds evenings every so often on scripture, the season of the year or Documents of the Church. I have been to some and he is very good – you may have been also.

He is offering a regular sharing about the Sunday scripture readings. Please contact him, or me, if you need any background. He says:

Discovering more about the Sunday readings *Martin Bennett, has offered to lead weekly discussions (online) for any parishioners interested in joining a group to discuss the Sunday readings. Each week, the group will learn more about the background to the Gospel and the links with the first reading from the Old Testament to discover more about the opportunities and challenges on offer. The time and day will be arranged to accommodate those interested. Informal discussions: all welcome, experts tolerated! (You don't have to commit to attending every week).*

Please contact Martin Bennett (martben1@btinternet.com)