

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Parish Diary Week: 12th September 2021

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday Sept 11 th	6.00pm	... of the Twenty-Fourth Week of the Year SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Sept 12th	9.00am 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Bill Sharrock & Family
Monday Sept 13 th	-	... of the Twenty-Fourth Week of the Year NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday Sept 14 th	9.30am 11.30am 6.00pm	<i>Exaltation of the Cross</i> Morning Mass (St John's) <i>Funeral Service: Colette Darville</i> <i>School's academies Meeting for Governors</i>	Private Int St John's Cardinal Allen
Wednesday Sept 15 th	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	Cathy Peaty
Thursday Sept 16 th	9.30am	<i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	James Faulkner
Friday Sept 17 th	9.30am	... of the Twenty-Fourth Week of the Year Morning Mass (St John's)	Private Int
Saturday Sept 18 th	6.00pm	... of the Twenty-Fourth Week of the Year Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year Sunday Vigil Mass (St John's)	People of the Parish
Sunday Sept 19th	9.00am 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Aquilina Mary Cunniff Private Int

(Mass Readings: Sundays of Year B; Weekdays: ...of Year 1)

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, Ann Marie Cooke, Margaret Johnston, Pat Jackson, Shelly Caine, Fr John Walsh, Alan Klews, Audrey Wallace, Maureen Brown, Susan Sumner and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries: SEPTEMBER: 4th Simon Mould, Norman Smith, 7th Joan Broome, 10th Gerard Anthony McNicoll, John O'Hagan, 12th David Brown, 25th Mary Elizabeth Grime, 27th Francis Gerard Nelson, 28th May Christ, Patrick Monaghan,

Lately Dead : Colette Darville (*Funeral service St John's 14th Sept at 11.30am*)

Sundays 5th & 12th September 202123rd & 24th Sunday of the Year

Parish Survey Questionnaire feedback. (Cath Thompson)

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to fill in the survey and take their chance to have a say in our parish moving forward. The responses varied widely and each response was read with great eagerness.

To allow progress in moving forward we decided to score suggestion/concept with a score of one, then repeat the score if mentioned again, we could then see what the most prominent areas to address. For the next five weeks an overview will be given on the most prominent themes that emerged.

Theme 1: 'The Welcome'

The practice of welcoming people into the parish has been ongoing and very effective for a number of years. Recognition of the value of this simple meet and greet was highlighted in many responses.

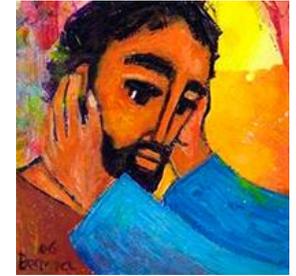
What you said

- 'Meeting and greeting became an important and warming ritual'
- 'Worth its weight in gold'
- 'Lovely to put a name to a much seen face'
- 'Keeping the church 'user friendly''
- 'Become a parish where there are 'no strangers'

Father Peter has already made a start in the Welcome Ministry and we have a number of volunteers who will carry on where covid stewards left off. Of course we must all continue to play our part in being a welcoming parish; 'encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing' 1 Th 5:11, and continue to grow into the missionary disciples Pope Francis calls us to be.

A note from Fr Peter: Thanks to Cath & Elaine and all who responded to this Faith reflection on our Lockdown experience – as often with God's ways we learn new ways and I am pleased to see the ministry of welcome comes out top – thanks to our Stewards who may have thought they were doing a medical job!

We are coming to the end of our need to note people's names and contact details for T&T. BUT we must keep the ministry of welcome as we have seen it is vital to evangelisation. **If possible could welcomers at Masses continue in this ministry (and others join) – but welcoming involves the kind response to being welcomed** – this involves all of us and creates a people for God out of a group of strangers. The welcome has also created groups of people who shared faith outside church after Mass! The ministry of 'offering sanitiser' will remain!



Joint Church
Ss Martin's & Hilda's

'Breaking out of Lockdown'

Songs of Praise

this Sunday, TODAY,



at 3.00pm
with
Carleton
Brass Band

After the problems of the past months come to celebrate freedom, Summer and God's blessings by singing in the garden!

2020 First Communion Candidates

In case you had wondered how our last year's First Communion Candidates had survived Lockdown you will have noticed they, like others, have been appearing at Mass in recent weeks. Many families chose to help their child make their First Holy Communion at one of the Vigil Masses during Advent. But we agreed to mark the group's important step forward in faith together:

This Sunday –
5th September
At the 11am Mass
at St John's



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

Parish Priest: Fr Peter J Sharrock
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Website:

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Please pray for those living in: Fairfield Ave, Fairfield Rd, First Ave, Fleetwood Rd, Fleetwood Rd South, Fouldrey Ave, Foxglove Dell, Furlong Lane, Fylde Rd, Fylde View Close.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention September:
An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
"We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this."

Baptism Preparation: The next preparations for parents of children for Baptism will be:

Tuesday 21st September at 7pm &
Tuesday 28th September at 7pm

Please take a leaflet from church.

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

Parish Bank Details: (Please use correct title on cheques)
Although we have two church buildings this is one parish and the parish account is a business account named:

'Parish of St John the Evangelist – Poulton le Fylde'
Please could you make cheques out to this title only as banks are becoming less imaginative!

Acc Number: 71335227
Sort Code: 40-27-02

(This information has worked online since 24.02.2021)

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: **07821 498161** (New number)

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."

"I found this"

Thanks to those who have signed up for this already!

Many of you have found the 'Virus Times' edifying for faith development over Lockdown – thanks for your feedback.

I wondered if any of you would like to sign up for an 'occasional' email of news, thoughts, things which come across my desk, reading or web-browsing which I thought you might be interested in? I thought this could be a 'not too often' email under the title "I found this"?

Please ponder this and reply if you wish to be put on the list for future 'ponderings'. Thanks, Fr Peter.

Iraqi Refugees in Jordan:

Thanks to those who sent in donations. We sent £2,000 to our friends via Sr Sara in Jordan this week. I am sure we will receive thanks and an update from her in the next few days. Another family have been accepted by Australia – and one chosen to return to Iraq. Please remember them in prayer.

DIOCESAN ADULT EDUCATION COURSE: (Continued)

What is Catholic Social Teaching and Why is it Important

When I first saw the title of our next topic or "module" I thought, "Oh, that will be good. I don't know much about that" – having never particularly studied it before. As it has approached I have found myself thinking: "Well, it must be rooted in the Gospels and in Scripture, as is the rest of our faith" and my thoughts have been confirmed. Although we may never have particularly studied it as a subject, we know>

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Saturday Sept 4 th	6.00pm	Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Sept 5th	9.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Special Intention
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION	Special Intention
	3.00pm	Summer Post COVID Songs of Praise	Ss Hilda & Martin
Monday Sept 6 th	-	... of the Twenty-third Week of the Year NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday Sept 7 th	-	Feast of the Birth of Mary No Morning Mass this week (St John's)	
Wednesday Sept 8 th	-	... of the Twenty-third Week of the Year No Morning Mass this week (St Martin's)	
Thursday Sept 9 th	-	... of the Twenty-third Week of the Year No Morning Mass this week (St John's)	
Friday Sept 10 th	-	... of the Twenty-third Week of the Year No Morning Mass this week (St John's)	
Saturday Sept 11 th	6.00pm	... of the Twenty-third Week of the Year Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year Sunday Vigil Mass (St John's)	People of the Parish
Sunday Sept 12th	9.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	

about the Church's social teaching through listening to the Word of God in the Old Testament, and to the words of Jesus in the Gospels. The social norms of the people of Israel made provision for looking after the needy, often portrayed as "the stranger, the widow or the orphan" and the prophets particularly Isaiah, looked forward to a time when "Good News would be preached to the poor and the oppressed would be freed from their burdens". It is no surprise, then, to find that "love of neighbour" both locally and globally, is part of the Church's social teaching - and that the poor, the vulnerable and the needy are particularly singled out. If we believe that we have one Father, and that we are all destined to reflect his image and likeness, then we must believe that we, by virtue of our shared humanity, are all equal before God. We are brothers and sisters of the same Father and we have a responsibility for each other. Whenever we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan we are reminded of our responsibility to care for each other – including the "stranger" - those to whom we are bound just because they are human, like us, and share this earth with us. In his document to all his "brothers and sisters" (Fratelli Tutti) Pope Francis proposes the story of the Good Samaritan as a model for a caring society. It has nothing to do with politics, power, status, wealth or celebrity, but everything to do

with caring for each other and using the resources we have to do that.

We should not be surprised to find that the Church was involved in the struggle to obtain humane working and living conditions during the age of industrialisation and mechanisation, as well as a fair wage, the opportunity for rest and recreation. These are not issues that belong solely to history. There are still parts of the world where people do not enjoy the rights and privileges that many in the Western world do. There are still employment issues around today, eg equal pay between men and women for doing the same job. There may be dangers in keeping people working from home following lockdown – that of people losing the social support and solidarity that work brings. The value of work is not just financial, there is a social aspect, the value of being part of a team, the place where skills are developed and ideas are shared. Working from home may be part of the working world in the future, but it isn't the only way.

All of these issues are concerned with what it means to be fully human – and this is what the Good News of the Gospel is about. So we could say, that the Church's social teaching is the same as the teaching of Jesus. The Gospel is the Church's social doctrine.

Elaine Brownwood