

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday July 17 th	6.00pm	<i>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday July 18th	-	NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St John's or Children's Liturgy of the Word NO Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass	
Monday July 19 th	-	St John Plessington NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday July 20 th	9.30am	... of the Sixteenth Week of the Year Morning Mass (St John's)	In Thanks for Prayers Answered
Wednesday July 21 st	9.30am	... of the Sixteenth Week of the Year Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	Michael McDermott
Thursday July 22 nd	9.30am	St Mary Magdalen Morning Mass (St John's)	Norman Walsh
Friday July 23 rd	9.30am	St Bridget Morning Mass (St John's)	Martin Murtagh
Saturday July 24 th	6.00pm	The Martyrs of Cumbria <i>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year</i> Sunday Vigil Mass (St John's)	Henryk Romanowski
Sunday July 25th	9.00am 11.00am - -	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's No Children's Liturgy of the Word No Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass	People of the Parish

(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 and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries: JULY: 1st Ernest Radway, 4th Edward Stott, 5th Margaret Mellor, 7th Frances Keane, Bridie Tobin, Charles Byrne, 11th Mykola Baran, 13th Frank Hoover, Margaret Weir, 14th Don Bennett, Sheila Nuttall, Cath O'Hagan, 15th Margaret Wilson, 18th Margaret Fish, 19th Bill McGarvie, 21st Michael McDermott 24th Bernadette Skubisz, 25th Monica Mitchell, Peter John Riley, Andy Boyle, 28th Tony Williams, Mike Bailey, Mary Smith.

Lately Dead :

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 18th July 2021

Sixteenth Week of the Year

Masses over this week

Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St John's
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	St Martin's
Thursday	9.30am	Mass	St John's
Friday	9.30am	Mass	St John's
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass	St John's
Sunday Mass	9.00am 11.00am	Mass Mass	St Martin's St John's



Our bishop had advised that "Face coverings should still be worn by all those coming to a church service". Please wear a mask when walking to Holy Communion.

COVID response in Church from 19th July

You will appreciate that our image of opening churches to return to a previous practice cannot happen as we may have hoped – we need to keep in mind the fast increasing virus spread and also helping those who are afraid to feel safe in church. As the Prime Minister urged, so the bishops have repeated, that we need to progress with **caution**.

Our own Bishop has said:

Although most legal restrictions relating to the Covid pandemic are ending on Monday 19th July, a degree of caution is still needed where a large number of people gather in enclosed spaces, which of course, includes our churches.

Not only is the delta variant of the virus still spreading rapidly, it is also the case that those with suppressed immune systems still need a degree of additional protection against the virus.

Whilst in broader society, there may well be those who will welcome 19th July with a complete abandonment of anti-Covid measures, we owe it to others to be prudent in what we do in our churches at this time.

Our moving forward with caution!

From Monday we can open churches without the distancing we have become used to – though individuals may still choose to celebrate their 'Sunday' Mass on another day when there may be less people (Thanks to many who have chosen this response over the last year – if you are hesitant at meeting with others this may be a way forward, still).

We will still have to be part of the 'Track and Trace' system by either using the telephone QR codes (available in churches) or the sign-in details sheet. (This seems to be ending in August nationally?)

Please continue to sanitise your hands when entering and exiting church.

Congregational singing is a recognised way of easily spreading the virus and so we will not introduce this until we are more confident – and don't need masks.

We do not need to clean benches unless there are two services on the same day – though surfaces such as door handles should be wiped down.

We have been asked not to reintroduce Holy Water, a physical sign of peace, communion under both kinds.

With these changes in place I propose to begin the Sunday Masses from next week, though we will need help to encourage people to feel safe and realise that they are not turning clock back to February 2020! Masks etc will be signs to us all.

"**Welcomers**" – because of the need to sign in, and because our stewards have done such an amazing job over the last year, we need some people to be 'on duty' before Mass to help people who have not been the church for a while. Could I ask our weekday Stewards to continue to welcome? We will need Steward / welcomers at the Sunday Masses to volunteer if we are to continue to be available for Mass. Volunteers please.

St Martin's Sunday Mass: Because of the need to ventilate and sanitise for the 11am service I have offered to St Hilda's that we will move our Mass to **9.00am** to help them prepare for their service. (please pass this on)

St John's Sunday Mass: will begin at 11.00am

Churches can be left open for private prayer and visits from 19th July with sanitiser available – thanks be to God!

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

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Please pray for those living in: Dale Dyke Walk, Dane Mews, Deepdale Ave, Derby Rd, Derwent Place, Dodgeons Close, Donnington Rd, Dover Gardens, Dovestone Drive

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention July:
Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Baptism Preparation: Please contact Fr Peter if you wished to speak about sharing your faith with your child by celebrating Baptism.

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 Offertory Donations

Thanks to parishioner who have used the last few weeks to catch up on their offertory giving form 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)

Parish Bank Details:

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)

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.

THE PARISH "VIRUS TIMES"

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)

From our Hospital Chaplains:

This is a useful health of our area update dates 14th July sent to us by our chaplains:

[Coronavirus Update - Dr Jim Gardner, Medical Director - YouTube](#) "and I would encourage you to watch it, because I was struck by some of the words he used: 'Rapid', 'Alarming' and 'strikingly rapid' are not words he bands around easily."

School Closes for Summer – on Thursday 22nd July at 1.30pm

**Some local
'opening up issues':**

Mass Stewards:

Thanks to our Mass stewards who have done an amazing job over the last year keeping us safe and welcoming us to Mass. As I mention we will need welcomers for the coming weeks but if any of the stewards wish to step down please let me know. We do need people for Sunday Masses – if you could contact me over the week that would be good!

**Ministers of Holy Communion,
of the Word and of Welcomer.**

I will put a list up on the notice board next week for people to sign up to take on these ministries on Sunday. If you were on the last list please do sign here – if you have questions please ask.

Those with movement issues

At Mass at the weekend especially, if you wish to sit through Mass and avoid worrying people kneeling behind you there are chairs at the front of St John's which will be helpful. It will also help with Communion. Thank you.

Baptism / Funerals / Weddings:

The new COVID safety requirements from the 19th July declares that the number of people in the church is lifted – they do warn of numbers which are greater than the building can take.

Church guidance suggests baptisms are to involve only one child for the present.



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

Sunday – 'it is our Day'*

On 19th July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said

in his most recent statement "The pandemic is not over." Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship.

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled The Day of the Lord. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: "The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives."

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of The Day of the Lord.

**St Jerome, In Die Dominica Paschae II*