

Parish Diary Week: 19th September 2021

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday Sept 18 th	6.00pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Sept 19 th	9.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Aquilina Mary Cunniff
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Private Int
Monday Sept 20 th	-	... of the Twenty-Fifth Week of the Year NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
		<i>St Matthew</i>	
Tuesday Sept 21 st	9.30am	Morning Mass (St John's)	Private Intention
	12.30	Funeral Service for Bernard Gibbs	Carleton
	7.00pm	Baptism Preparation for Parents	Presbytery
Wednesday Sept 22 nd	9.30am	... of the Twenty-Fifth Week of the Year Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	Kathleen Dineen
Thursday Sept 23 rd	9.30am	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	The Waring Family
Friday Sept 14 th	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	Private Intention
		... of the Twenty-Fifth Week of the Year	
Saturday Sept 25 th	6.00pm	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year Sunday Vigil Mass (St John's)	People of the Parish
Sunday Sept 26 th	9.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Private Intention
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Paul Bradley

(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 : Bernard Gibbs (Service at Carleton Crematorium: Tuesday 12.30am)
John Walne

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 19th September 2021

25th 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 2: 'A thirst for greater 'knowledge'

Many responses made suggestions for greater faith formation in the parish, for example on-line courses, Alpha series or Bible study groups, scripture reflection sessions or a sharing of knowledge. A number of people also said the scripture reflections in the Virus Times were very helpful.

What you said

'Opportunity for easy, informal discussions'
'Open conversations for the lost and unsure'.
'Share knowledge of courses'.

'Catholic scripture/Bible study for Dummies, where any 'stupid' question can be asked'

'Alpha course/RCIA

'I am getting a much clearer idea of scripture...thanks to the Virus Times'

Fr. Peter has asked Elaine and Cath to explore some of these ideas in more detail which we are now in the process of doing. More details to follow.

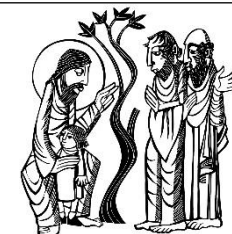
A note from Fr Peter:

Our faith development is one of the few things that Catholics do not continue to make sure they continue after they leave school – most other things we have developed since school!

It is good to hear how many of our parishioners have found the time over lockdown to read books they have set aside, watched videos or listened to talks on faith through the internet or simply read the Gospels and spent time with them.

When we are sure we are out of the pandemic we are making plans to run Alpha, have a regular look at the Sunday Mass readings and maybe other things.

Thanks to those who have signed up for the "I Found This!" email which I hope people found helpful in faith development.



'Synodality' is Pope Francis' way of urging us, as Church, to move forwards. It means "walking together listening and sharing faith". We will hear more about this from the bishop soon.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.*

All Souls Day

This year is on Tuesday
2nd November – 7.00pm

I suggest that this year we celebrate Mass in the evening and invite all those who lost members of their family, friends or parish with COVID or were unable to celebrate a Requiem Mass. Please invite people along

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

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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 from Sr Sara

Good morning -

Wish u all the best. Yesterday I have finished distributing the donation that Father sent. I am happy to meet them and was able to talk to them and to listen to the they are very thankful to u all and they send u their greetings and love .

They are still waiting (*To go to Australia or other place*). Some of them are very tired of waiting..... Please continue to pray for them. Thank u again to u all wish u many blessings

Agin God bless u. We remain united in prayers

Sr. Sara

Academisation of our schools:

Last week I attended a Diocesan meeting with our school's head and chair of Governors, and representatives of other Fylde & Blackpool schools, at Cardinal Allen School.

The bishop and the Trustees have asked all schools in the diocese to gather under the new setting of a 'multi-academy trust' locally. This is to ensure Catholic schools hold onto their faith basis and that the weakening of LEAs does not hurt our schools. These are early days in our consideration of this but please share any of your thoughts or experience with our school governors. Thank you.

'The Tea Ceremonies'

As people seem to be feeling safer to join others now it is possible for us to meet over tea and coffee – if you feel safe enough. This is something we have missed.

St Martin's: thanks to volunteers we can have tea & coffee after the second and fourth Sundays of the month – helpers will be welcome!

Tuesday Mass: The tea and sharing in the presbytery has been missed by many but we could start again.

DIOCESAN ADULT EDUCATION COURSE: (Continued)

New Things?

Pope Leo XIII's encyclical "*Rerum Novarum*" meaning "of new things" was published in 1891 against the backdrop of the Industrial Revolution. However it didn't just happen from "the top down", as it were, it was influenced by people within the Church speaking out and it resulted in a change of perspective in the Church itself. Prior to the industrial revolution, life for most people was rural and agricultural. Society had a tiered structure with a monarch at the top, the aristocracy and those who owned land in the middle, and those who worked the land at the bottom. This way of life was accepted as the "God-given" nature of things. The Church had an authoritarian structure, similar to that in society, and Church and State operated together keeping an "overview". Life followed the pattern of the seasons, planting and harvesting, caring for livestock, interspersed with feast days and seasonal holidays.

With the industrial revolution, people flocked to the cities to find what they probably thought was more lucrative work. However factory work was dominated by long hours, few breaks, or holidays, repetitive tasks and little regard for the health and safety of the workers, which included children. People were exploited and dehumanised into single function machines – a commodity that was governed by supply and demand. Both working and living conditions were dire.

Before *Rerum Novarum* was published, people within the Church started to speak up on behalf of the people. In particular a German parish priest gave a series of sermons speaking out on behalf of workers. He was later

**Baptism:
Parents'
Preparation**



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

After the long period of Covid we are now opening up to the things we had no opportunity to do. Parents are now looking for the opportunity to share their faith with their child who may have been born over the past 2 years!

Our preparations for parents are beginning again this week. Please let those who you may know our looking for this step that we will meet:

Tuesday 21st September at 7pm &

Tuesday 28th September at 7pm

At the presbytery. (We may have to have another two sessions fairly soon if there are a lot of interest)

St John's Hall: I met with the Architect this week and we have a number of firms ready to tender. Hurray! (The difficulties caused by COVID and Brexit have affected the building industry as many of you have discovered in your own domestic building plans.)

ordained bishop of Mainz and continued to speak out arguing for the appointment of factory inspectors, the prohibition of child labour, against long working hours, the need for rest, for a just wage and the obligation on the part of employers to care for workers who were sick or injured. A "think tank" was formed in Germany consisting of lay people, clergy, political leaders, theologians to consider how these issues could be tackled. They reported their findings to Pope Leo XIII every year from 1885-1891 and much of their work contributed to writing of "*Rerum Novarum*". In Italy a union of Catholic organisations was well established in dealing with social matters.

At the same time things were happening in England and America. During the London Dock Strike or 1889 Cardinal Manning took the lead in forming an arbitration committee and brought about a settlement that was satisfactory to the workers. Pope Leo XIII Wrote "*Rerum Novarum*" as a response to the "new things" or new problems that emerged during the industrial revolution and in doing this, the Church's perspective changed. Whereas it had previously been "authoritarian" and allied itself with the State, its focus shifted to becoming the "guardian of the poor" – where perhaps it should always have been. "*Rerum Novarum*" was a product of its time, the Church responding to the challenges of the time. We, the Church, are called to do just that in our time – respond to the challenges of our modern world and care for the rights and dignity of every human being.

Elaine Brownwood