

## Parish Diary Week:

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<b>FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER</b>	
		<b>SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's</b>	People of Parish
<b>Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's</b>	Private Intention
	11.00am	<b>SUNDAY MASS – St John's</b>	Private Intention
	After..	<b>First Holy Communion Preparation</b>	
Monday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>NO PUBLIC Prayer &amp; Liturgy of Word</b>	-
Tuesday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b>	Private Intention
	6.00pm	<b>Governors SEC Meeting</b>	
Wednesday May 11 <sup>th</sup>	NB Venue	<b>...of the Fourth Week of Easter</b>	Thanks: Cathy
	9.30am	<b>Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)</b>	Peaty
	1.15pm	<b>Funeral Service: Peter Swales</b>	Crematorium
Thursday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	NB Venue	<b>...of the Fourth Week of Easter</b>	
	9.30am	<b>Morning Mass (English Martyrs)</b>	Birthday JDC
	7.00pm	<b>Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting</b>	St Wulstan's
Friday May 13 <sup>th</sup>		<b>...of the Fourth Week of Easter</b>	
	9.30am	<b>Morning Mass (St John's)</b>	Private Intention
	11.00am	<b>Requiem Mass: Sheila Burnell</b>	St John's
	11.30pm	<b>Funeral Commemoration: Ken Binks</b>	St Martin's
Saturday May 14 <sup>th</sup>		<b>St Matthias</b>	
	6.00pm	<b>FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER</b>	
		<b>SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's</b>	People of Parish
<b>Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's</b>	Ruth & Alf Robinson
	11.00am	<b>SUNDAY MASS – St John's</b>	First Communion Children
		<b>First Holy Communion Day</b>	

**(Mass Readings: Sundays of Easter Year C; Easter Weekdays: ...of Year 2)**

**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, Jack Wallace, Maureen Brown, Ruth & Alf Robinson, Irene Bottomley, David Ashworthy and all those who are sick.

**Anniversaries: MAY** 3<sup>rd</sup> Audrey Crossley, 10<sup>th</sup> Joan de Jong 15<sup>th</sup> Monica Jones, 17<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Valentine, Nita O'Neill, 23<sup>rd</sup> Angel Dominguez 24<sup>th</sup> John Smith, Frank Dunstan, 27<sup>th</sup> Enid Johnstone, 29<sup>th</sup> Susan Mackenzie, 30<sup>th</sup> Sheila Hargreaves, 31<sup>st</sup> Chris Hull

**Lately Dead:** Funeral Service for Peter Swales on 11<sup>th</sup> May at the Crematorium  
Requiem Mass for Sheila Burnell: 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am at St John's  
Memorial Mass: Ken Binks on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am St Martin's

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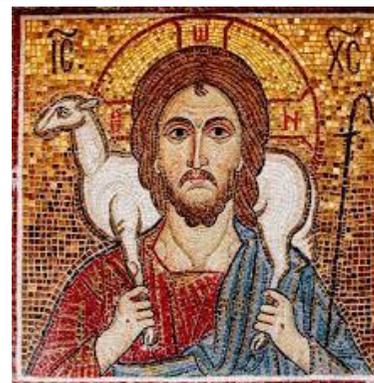
# St John the Evangelist

with the English Martyrs'

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

'Communion – Participation – Mission'

Fourth Sunday of Easter



### First Holy Communions

Our children who have been preparing to receive the Lord in the Eucharist will be joining us at Mass next Sunday at 11.00am.

Please be ready to welcome them to join us in this special event – and also thanks their parents and families for leading them forward to this day and to being part of the Church.

### Parish Dinner Last Week

Thanks to those who suggested, organised and came along to dinner at the River Wyre last Wednesday. The time did not suit everyone so there is no reason we cannot have these events at different times of the week. (Please let Anne Bradley know your preferences – as many have done already)

### Thanks from our new Deacon & family:

"We would like to thank everyone for the fantastic welcome we have received to Poulton, the parish of St John the Evangelist, and to our new home at the English Martyrs. It has been by far the best welcome that we have ever experienced, and has reassured us that our decision to return to Lancashire was a good one! We now look forward to getting to know you all well, and to working alongside you as together we bring the good news of Christ's resurrection to all those around us, whether this be by our actions or by our words. Thank you all once again.  
Deacon Bernard and Jeanie."

## Who is Jesus?



Over the Easter period our Word of God has shown us how the early disciples shared their faith in the risen Jesus with each other – for their own sake as well as those who had never heard of Jesus! Our discipleship continues to develop in us and we, also, need to share our faith in Jesus so that we know him better – for our own sake as well as for the sake of those we have been sent to pass on the Good News.

Our ALPHA course begins next Saturday (14<sup>th</sup>) at the English Martyrs' church hall from 10.30am – 12.00.

Please do just turn up (if there is one you will have to miss then that's OK) or, preferably, let Bill, Elaine, Cath Thompson or Kath Scanlon know.

### Baptism of Children:

Now that our period of lockdown is over it is time to consider having the children born recently Baptised.

In our parish we have two gatherings of parents to look at the rite of Baptism of children, but also to look at what baptising means and the responsibilities it brings to parents. Our next two gatherings are:

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.00pm and  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May** at 7.00pm  
Both at the presbytery

If you know parents please let them know to ring.

### Funeral Remembrance Mass:

Over the early period of lockdown there were, sadly, a number of funerals which could not have a Requiem, not be in church, or only permitted a small number of people. We mentioned at the time that, after that time, we could have a service to involve a wider community.

**Ken Binks:** died during this time and his family would like to invite parishioners and neighbours to Mass this Friday at 11.30am at St Martin's – and lunch.

*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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**Website:**  
[www.stjohnscatholicprimarypoulton.co.uk/](http://www.stjohnscatholicprimarypoulton.co.uk/)

**Poulton Churches & Chapels:**

**St John's:** 98 Breck Road, FY6 7HT

**St Martin & Hilda:**

Fleetwood Road South FY6 7NH

**English Martyrs:**

154 High Cross Road, FY6 8DA

**Victoria Hospital Chaplain:** 01253 956 299

**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, 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 Intentions: April 2022:**

**For faith-filled young people:** *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Both first & Second meeting at 7pm: Presbytery

**St Oscar Romero Fund:** Is our parish fund for local poor – you may see the collection after Masses.

**Emailed copy of the Bulletin:**

If you wish to have the bulletin sent each week to your email address please email the parish Email.

**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: "If you'd like to join the parish WhatsApp group, please introduce yourself to a welcomer at the back of church before or after mass and give your name and mobile number."

**Gift Aid your contribution:** 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)

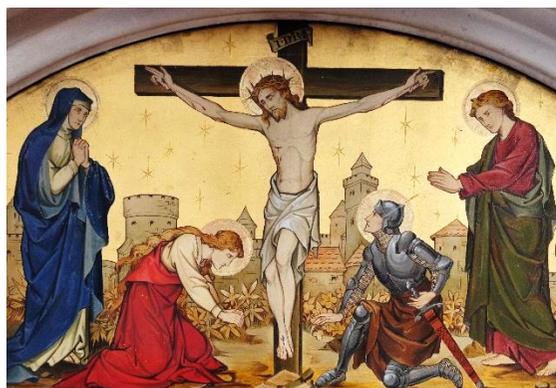
**FOOD BANK CALL:**

Fleetwood Food Bank is currently running short of white granulated sugar.

Anyone able to pop a bag in to St John's Box? As always, they are very grateful for all our support.

**PARISH MASS CARDS**

We have some new Mass cards with pictures from St John's church price £1 at the back of church.



**"Who is Jesus?" "The Alpha Course"**

When asked Jesus says: **"Come and see!"**

After all we have learned about our faith over lockdown now is the time to make a decision to develop our faith further.



The Alpha course will be starting on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May and there has been a good deal of interest – but NOW is the time we need your commitment so that the organisers can.....well, organise.

Please take the information home with you and return soon to the presbytery. More information from Deacon Bill, Elaine, Cath Thompson, Cathy Scanlan.

Thanks to all those who have sent in their letters of interest – this could be a very good new start for us as we continue to move out of lockdown!

**The SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

Since the response to the Second Vatican Council in the mid 1960's the Sacrament for the Sick was replaced in its traditional place as a Sacrament of healing – following Jesus' ministry. Sadly there are still many who speak of the "Last Rites" and wait until people are definitely dying before they call the priest (Sometimes after death!).

Please could you help people when they speak like this. Sacraments are for people who are alive. They are signs ('sacraments') of healing by the Lord – like he did during his ministry. We need to know Jesus is with us when we are physically ill – and, especially, when we are worried about our health.

As we have less priests we will not be able to get them up during the night at the point of a loved one's death. It is the gift of Jesus to celebrate his presence when we need it. Ask your priest to celebrate the sacrament of the sick before people go into hospital – and particularly before they become so ill they cannot feel the affects of the Lord's blessing. It is lovely when done in church with others.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Will be going from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for seven nights. Bishop Paul will lead it. It costs from £799.

Details from the Website at:

<https://joewalstours.co.uk/tours/diocese-of-lancaster-lourdes-pilgrimage-2022/>

**PARISH SOCIAL PLANS:**

**THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PARISH 'DO' 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 on the church field – PARTY!**

Our parish planning group wishes to confirm our offer of a picnic on the parish field on this day and invites individuals and families to think of particular events – 1952 is an obvious theme where people can dress up and bring food that reminds us of those days (But not over-cooked!). These events are important memories for senior members to share with the younger people – 'memories' are what makes us who we are so let us not miss out on this – please share with each other and include previous parish or families memories.

**Regular social gathering:**

It is important we build on the recent Thursday afternoon events we have shared together at the English Martyrs. Phil Cawley has kindly offered to share some of his experience of forgiveness through his work in restorative justice. We could have a different talk and gathering once a month to gather.

**Coffee after 11am Sunday Mass?**

In the last few weeks, with the coming of the sun, families and others are coming back to Sunday Mass – and they are missing the gathering for coffee. That we cannot use the hall does not mean we cannot be inventive. The group has been looking at a Marque we can use next to the church in summer. How's that?

**Parish Diary:**

8<sup>th</sup> May First Communion Preparation 6  
8<sup>th</sup> May Retiring Bishop of Blackburn is visiting St Chad's and St Hilda's  
12<sup>th</sup> May Deanery Pastoral Council meeting at St Wulstan's  
14<sup>th</sup> May Start of the "Alpha" Course  
15<sup>th</sup> May First Holy Communion Mass – 11am  
24<sup>th</sup> May Baptism preparation for Parents I at 7.00pm at the presbytery

31<sup>st</sup> May

4<sup>th</sup> June

Baptism preparation for Parents II at 7.00pm at the presbytery  
Parish Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic on St John's field