

Parish Diary Week:

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday August 13 th	6.00pm	<i>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	Michael Joseph Wright
Sunday August 14th	9.00am 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	People of Parish Don Bennett
Monday August 15 th	-	<i>(Week 18 Of Ordinary Time – w/d: year 2)</i> ...Of week 20 of Ordinary Time NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday August 16 th	9.30am	...Of week 20 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's) Tea afterwards	Kelly, Thompson & Rickwood Fam
Wednesday August 17 th	NB venue 9.30am	...Of week 20 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St Martin's)	James Faulkner
Thursday August 18 th	NB Venue 9.30am	...Of week 20 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (English Martyrs) Tea after	Theresa Faulkner
Friday August 19 th	9.30am	...Of week 20 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's)	Cyril Thompson
Saturday August 20 th	6.00pm	<i>Feast of St Bernard</i> 21 st Sunday of the Year SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	Mildred Pemberton
Sunday August 21st	9.00am 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Pat & Bob Taylor People of Parish

Sunday Mass Toilets: (as it were!) In case some do now know the toilets in St John's hall are open during weekend Mass – some people need to know this to be able to make the decision to come.

Drop into church to pray:

St John's Church continues to be open most days for private prayer (Not Monday)

English Martyrs: The Church will be open for private prayer each day (Has this been useful?) – there will be Mass on Thursday as usual at 9.30pm

(Mass Readings: Sundays of Ordinary Time Year C; Weekdays: ...of Year 2)

Please pray for: Veronica Morris, 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 Robson, David Ashworth, Rev Martin Keighley, Trevor Holme and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries: August 2nd Winnie Beatty, 3rd Rev J.J. Bamber, Jim McGrahan, 6th Agnes Chaloner, 11th William Priestley, Mary & Michael Tighe, 12th Frank Craven, 13th Andrew Devoy, 16th Frank Carroll, May Langley, John Noon, 17th Pat Taylor, 23rd Eileen Cassidy, 26th Josephine Fusco (O'Hagan), 27th Jeffrey Conlen, 29th Anne Barnes (Jordan), Brian Walsh

Recently Dead: Phil Astley (From St Hilda's) has died.
Christopher Montgomery Funeral Service 12th August St John's

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

with the English Martyrs'

Sunday 14th August 2022

Assumption of Our Lady

Twentieth Sunday of the Year



The Church's belief in the 'Assumption' of Mary is not simply a dry doctrine – like all our Church teaching it is good news for us as weak human beings loved by God. The second Vatican Council introduced a number of additional titles for Mary to help us allow her to come closer to us: 'Mary, first disciple of Jesus', 'Mary, mother of the Church' are two such. The Eastern Church often has very good images which can help us. Ponder this:

"Jesus is The Image of God. Mary shows what it is to be created in the image and likeness of God. She is the creature who, more than any other, reveals the perfection of His works. In her life and in her divine motherhood she demonstrated the transforming power of God's grace, which is available to all men in spite of the effects of sin. Mary herself was transformed and glorified as the Theotokos, the 'Godbearer', and her Son achieved the ultimate transformation when He redeemed man and broke the power of sin with His death and resurrection. Christ's victory is for all men, and the most perfect witness of that victory is the one who bore Christ, followed Him to Calvary and now shares fully in His glory: His Mother. This truth finds profound expression in the feast of Mary's Assumption, celebrated on the fifteenth of August.

"The Assumption commemorates Mary's bodily resurrection following her death. In the East and among Orthodox it is frequently referred to as the Dormition or "falling asleep" of Our Lady; the name is a reminder that Mary's death was a gentle and holy passage from earthly life into the arms of her Son.

Orthodox Christians believe that Mary died not as a result of any personal sin or guilt, for she was personally sinless. Rather, she died because she was a mortal being whose nature was bound up with the corruption of a fallen and sinful world. Because she was truly human, Mary was subject to bodily death. But because she is the Mother of Life, the Theotokos who was never subject to the spiritual death of sin, she was raised up by her Son before the time of humanity's general resurrection. This is, of course, a sign of Christ's great love for His Mother. But it also signifies that Christ's victory over sin and death is already accomplished for all mankind. The destiny of the Blessed Virgin is the destiny of all who do the will of God.

"God's promise of salvation, which is fulfilled and made manifest in the glorification of Mary, is offered to every human being.

Father Thomas Hopko

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St Martin & Hilda:

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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
Eaton Way, Edenfield Ave. Eildon Drive, Elizabeth Court, Elletson St, Elm Ave, Elm Court, Elvaston Rd.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions: August 2022

Small Businesses:

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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

Tuesday 6th September

Tuesday 13th September

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: **07582 989065** (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)

Defibrillator at Ss Martin & Hilda's

Ss Martin & Hilda's has just taken ownership of a defibrillator which is very visible and can be used by the local area. It was gained from a local charity which raised money for them and works very hard.

Although the machines are (I understand) very easy to use and speak to those using them the charity also offers training to encourage people. The machines come without cost – though they do have a cost to 'reset' when used.

If you are part of Ss M&M congregation please keep an eye open for the training. I have emailed the charity to express interest from St John's. (anyone any experience with this?)

The information about the defibrillator has been shared with the shops around the area and a poster available in case it is needed to save lives.

This and next weekend there will be a retiring collection to help pay back some of the money those who have raised the money have given – please be generous. (I hear they cost about £6,000!)



Do you worry, quietly,
about what to do if
someone close to you
had a heart attack?
Watch this space

Parish Safeguarding declaration?

"As members of the parish communities of St John the Evangelist & The English Martyrs, Poulton, we are eager to proclaim Christ's Gospel of Life and Hope to all. As God's people we aim to protect all individuals whilst in our care and on our premises, from physical, emotional and sexual abuse – especially children, young people and those of any age who are vulnerable. We welcome and encourage the development of a climate of trust and openness, and the building of a safe environment for all."

Baptism Preparation for Parents:

If you have relations who are planning to have their child baptised please let them know the dates of the next preparation evenings at the presbytery. (Please ask them to contact me if they intend to be present)

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St Bernadette's Relics: Will be touring this country this year, but the time scale for visits is very tight. Her relics will arrive at our Cathedral at 0800 on Thursday 22nd September and leave for Carlisle at 0630 on Friday 23rd, and there will be a programme of events during the 24hours. If you wish to attend it is suggested that you register to book a time. All details of the tour, and how to register can be found at www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/. More details will be issued by the Diocese in the next couple of weeks and in the September version of The Voice.

Father Alf Hayes' Golden Jubilee is celebrated

on Friday 2nd September: Please remember all our jubilarians in your prayers (Includes the bishop's 40th this year)

'Synodality' has not gone away!

I saw this:

It is not just a complicated word, but "synodality" is also a new one in the Catholic tradition. Yet, in its basics, it is very simple, says theologian Jos Moons. "It can be expressed in three simple points:

we are Church together, on the way, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,"

contends 41-year-old Dutch Jesuit. But he admits that synodality soon gets complicated, because synodality has to do with the participation of believers in the life of the Church. How do you organize a process that takes the participation of 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide seriously? Moons, who entered the Society of Jesus in 2009, wrote his doctoral dissertation on Lumen gentium and pneumatological renewal. He is currently in Salamanca (Spain) completing a nine-month sabbatical, which he calls "a refresher course for Jesuits". But in May he will return to Belgium where he does parish work and teaches at the Catholic University of Louvain. Once back he will "make an overview of what is going on worldwide around synodality", mapping out subtopics, cataloguing the various topics and identifying important thinkers.

Take this and drink from it.....

Sadly the congregation is advised not to share the chalice due to COVID. This means we cannot all share in the full significance of this gift given by the Lord. I will continue to leave the blood of the Lord at the front of the altar so that you can acknowledge it's meaning – a simple bow after receiving the host will remind us, and others, of it's meaning

Parish Diary:

14 th August	Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
1 st September	School Opens
11 th September	Annual Marian Pilgrimage at St Mary's, Cleator

