

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Saturday Dec 2 nd	6:00pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT VIGIL MASS	Repose of the soul of David Charles Brown
Sunday Dec 3 rd	9:00am	<i>Syro-Malabar Community Eucharist</i>	
	9:30*am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin’s	John & Cath Doherty
	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS	People of the Parish
Monday Dec 4 th	3:00 pm*	Service of Light at St Martin’s & St Hilda’s	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer & Liturgy of the Word	
Tuesday Dec 5 th	12:30 pm	Christmas Luncheon Club - St John’s	
		No Morning Mass but:	
	12.00	Funeral for Mary Wharton – StM &StH	Mary Wharton
Wednesday Dec 6 th	2:00 pm*	Healing Service for the Sick & Housebound of the Parish	
	7:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting I in the Presbytery	
Thursday Dec 7 th	9:30am*	Morning Mass	Bridget Kelly
	7:00pm	Deanery Advent Service a St John’s	
Friday Dec 8 th	9:30am	Morning Mass - St Ambrose (Year 5)	Private Intention
	7:00pm	“Sounds of Christmas” – St John’s	
Saturday Dec 9 th	9:30am	Morning Mass - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Private Intention
	9.30am	Morning Mass (with Year 5)	Private Intention
	10.00am	Reconciliation (confessions)	
Sunday Dec 10 th	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY VIGIL MASS	Mora & Richard brown
Monday Dec 11 th	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin’s	Frances & Austin Keane
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before weekday Mass and at Liturgy or the Word

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions on Saturday 10am-11am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Saturday morning Mass until 11am

Please play for: Baby Jennifer Holmes, Megan (aged 10), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, John Ireland, Kate Lingard, Antonio Palmer, Joanne Porter, Mary Robertson, Chris Taylor, Fr Joseph Maley, John Vincent, Paul Tipping and all those who are sick.

Lately Dead: Mary Wharton (Requiem Mass at St Martin’s at 12.00 on Tuesday 5th December)

Anniversaries at this time: Jack Brownwood, Mary Wood, Bob Taylor, Austin Keane
Teresa Hackman, Don O’Hagan, Elliot Goldren, Jack McCarthy

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 3RD December 2017

First Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)

ADVENT is a special season to remind ourselves of God’s promises to us – Make use of Daily Mass, reading the Advent scriptures and praying the Sunday readings from Wednesday Word.

PARISH ADVENT EVENTS:

TUESDAY - Service of Healing – As is traditional in this parish, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick in Advent this Tuesday. If you know of someone who may benefit - bring them along. If you can help with the gathering afterwards or transport please do contact Neville

WEDNESDAY – Deanery Advent Service here at St John’s. This happens at a different parish each year and this is our turn. It is organised by Cardinal Allen School. Come along + tea & coffee

THURSDAY – “Sounds of Christmas” 7pm. A traditional parish musical event in our parish sharing various local musicians and choirs. You need a ticket which can be bought after Masses on Sunday.

MONDAY 11th – 10.30am & 2pm School Nativity

TUESDAY 12th – 6pm school Nativity

FRIDAY 22nd – School Carol Service at 10.30am

FRIDAY 22nd – StM & StH’s Carol Service at 7.30pm

“Painting a Picture of our Parish” - Earlier in the year a group of parishioners undertook the task of helping us know the what, who and why of the organisations in the parish so that we could have a true picture of what our parish is about. They are now at the point where they can share some of that information on a “rolling” notice board at the back of church. Have a look. If your group is not mentioned see John Gildert or Slav.

Don’t miss out on:
ADVENT

Its not Easter, Lent or that
“other season” - yet!



PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

‘Almighty God,
Eternal shepherd
and guide.

In your love for us,
grant to the

Catholic Diocese of Lancaster
a shepherd

who will lead us to be:

Christ’s heart of mercy,

voice of hope,

and hands of justice.

Help him to fill our

minds and hearts

with the truth of the Gospel,

the power of the sacraments,

and the desire to build up

your holy Church.

We ask this through Christ

our Lord. Amen.’

St John the Evangelist

Breck Rd, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7HT

St Martin de Porres

Fleetwood Rd, Carleton FY6 7PB

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

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This week we pray for those living in:

Beeston Ave, Belgrave Place, Belgrave Rd,
Belmont Ave

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention – December:
"for the elderly" that sustained by their families & Christian communities they may share their wisdom & experience in spreading the faith & helping to form new generations.

Baptism Preparation: Our next gatherings for parents wishing to prepare for their child's Baptism will be:

Tuesday 5th December and

Tuesday 12th December

Please take a leaflet from church.

SVP Foodbank - Please donate dried or tinned foods to the foodbank. Much appreciated by those who struggle to provide their families with the necessities of life. Clothing & blankets can also be donated. thanks.

The Wednesday Word is available to take away and spay next week's Sunday scripture.

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits are served after the 11:00 am Mass every Sunday at St John's and after the 9:30 am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the month at St Martin's & St Hilda's. Please come along and join us.

Also: after the Tuesday morning Mass most weeks. Come along and meet others.

COMING PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY: St Martin's & St Hilda's- Service of Light this Sunday (3rd December) @ 3:00 pm

Please come along & join this celebration of the beginning of the Advent season.

MONDAY: Christmas Luncheon Club – Monday 4th December at 12:30 pm in the Hall.

Come along & enjoy a special Christmas buffet - including Christmas cake and mince pies, a free raffle and a quiz. Food for body & mind!! All welcome to this last luncheon club of 2017.

TUESDAY: Healing Service for the Sick – followed by Christmas refreshments – at St Martin's & St Hilda's on **Tuesday 5th December at 2:00 pm.** If you require transport, please contact Neville Booth on 884325. Volunteer drivers would also be appreciated. If you are available for this, please let Neville know.

WEDNESDAY: Deanery Advent Service: This year St John's is hosting this reflection on Advent at 7.00pm. Do come along to take in the atmosphere of Advent before that future feast takes us over unprepared!

THURSDAY: "Sounds of Christmas" - Thursday 7th December – 7:00 pm in St John's Church. The concert, in aid of our Parish Hall refurbishment, will feature our own St John's School Choir and, this year, the St Kentigern's Choir. Admission is BY TICKET ONLY. This promises to be a lovely Christmas event – with a Christmas raffle & refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please support us by buying a ticket. Tickets will also be available for sale on the door.

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ADVENT SUNDAYS: HELPING CAFOD TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES.

Teas/coffees & EXTRA GOODIES will be available each Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass

with the aim of enabling the parish to raise funds for:

- (i) a Medical Outreach Team to provide essential medical services to remote communities in developing countries
- (ii) some goats to provide families with milk & fertilizer
- (iii) some expert help to enable people to obtain birth certificates (needed so that they can attend school, travel or obtain employment.

Please come along enjoy good company, cakes, tea-cakes, books, CDs & a raffle, whilst also helping those who have so little of what we take for granted. Donations of cakes & raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Please contact Anne/Paul on 890763 or Cath on 892029.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Divine Mercy Prayer Meetings: Please note these will be held on Fridays at 2pm at St Martin's Chapel until further notice.

Churches Together in Poulton & Carleton will be hosting the annual Carol Singing in Poulton Square on **Sat. 16th December from 10:30 am** led by Poulton Brass Band. Please join us & enjoy some of your favourite carols.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN NOTICES

"The Church" - a talk to be given by Canon Luiz Ruscillo in the Lounge, St Kentigern's Parish Centre, Newton Drive. Wednesday 6th Dec. 7:30 pm. This is the 4th & final talk in the current "Faith" series.

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

"Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> and write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools"

Plot of Land behind the House

As discussed at the parish meeting a few weeks ago the sale of the land behind the church has left us with a piece of land which might make a useful basis for a parish food growing group. If you have in interest (or knowledge of) growing vegetables or other edibles and you would like to be involved in this "down to earth" idea, then please think and talk about it. Potatoes, Tomatoes, peas & carrots, Pak Choi, cabbage....or what?

Some Diary Dates:

2 nd December	St M & St H's Christmas Fair
2 nd December	First Forgiveness – St John's
3 rd December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3 rd December	St M & St H's Service of Light
4 th December	Christmas Luncheon Club
5 th December	Parish Healing Service
5 th December	Baptism Preparation I – 7pm
6 th December	Deanery Advent Service hosted by us at St John's this year.
7 th December	"Sounds of Christmas" Event
10 th December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11/12 December	School Nativities
12 th December	Baptism Preparation II – 7pm
17 th December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent: Usual Mass times)

Christmas Day Masses (Monday):

<i>Christmas Eve Vigil</i>	6.00pm
<i>Midnight Mass starts:</i>	11.30pm
<i>Dawn Mass (St Martin's)</i>	9.30am
<i>Daytime Mass</i>	11.00am