

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Intention
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT			
Saturday March 23 rd	5.00pm	First Holy Communion Preparation II: Parents & Candidates Meeting	Parish Hall
	6:00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday March 24th	9:30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Peter Gardiner
	11:00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Coffee after Mass in the Hall	Wright & Cobham Fam
Monday March 25 th	9.30am 7.00pm	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> Liturgy of the Word & Morning Prayer Parish Planning Meeting	- The Presbytery
Tuesday March 26 th	9.30am	<i>...of the Third week in Lent</i> Morning Mass (St John's) <i>(Tea and good biscuits after Mass)</i>	Kelly & Kennedy Families
Wednesday March 27 th	9.30am 12.00* 1.30pm* 7.30pm	<i>...of the Third week in Lent</i> Morning Mass (St Martin's) Stations of the Cross – at Ss M & H's Churches Together Lent Course Churches Together Lent Course	David Wilkinson <i>(Ss Martin & Hilda's)</i> <i>(Ss Martin & Hilda's)</i> <i>(St Chad's)</i>
Thursday March 28 th	8.15am 12.15pm* 7.00pm	<i>...of the Third week in Lent</i> Morning Mass (St John's) NOTE TIME! <i>Requiem Mass:</i> Stations of the Cross for Lent	Personal Intentions St Martin's <i>(St John's)</i>
Friday March 29 th	9.30am	<i>...of the Third week in Lent</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	The Lambe Family
	9.30am 10.00am	<i>...of the Third week in Lent</i> Morning Mass – St John's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	LISCF
Saturday March 30 th	10.00am 5.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – Laetare Sun. First Holy Communion Preparation II: Parents & Candidates Meeting	Parish Hall
	6.00pm	SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday March 31st	9.30am*	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Mildred, Jack, Anne Pemberton
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's Coffee after Mass in the Hall	Myra O'Reilly

(Sundays of Ordinary Time: Year C; Weekdays of Ordinary Time: Year 1)

*indicates: a service at St Martin & St Hilda's Chapel

- **Morning Prayer of the Church:** 15 minutes before weekday Mass
- **Reconciliation:** (Normally) Confessions from 10am to 11am on Saturday and by request.
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** (normally): Saturday from 10am to 11am

Please pray for:, Megan (aged 11), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, John Ireland, Antonio Palmer, Joanne Porter, Chris Taylor, Paul Tipping,, Joyce Bachman, Celia Schofield, Fr John Walsh, Veronica McNeil, John Brownwood, Beryl Whitely, Ann Marie Cooke,, Ruth Holland, Margaret Johnston and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries at this time: March: 3rd Gerry Carr, 6th Richard Brown, 7th Kathleen Watmough, John Cooke, 10th Anita Monteiro 12th – 15th Krysia Clews, Francis Foulds, Linda Gallagher, Peggy Whitworth, 17th Leonard Porter, 19th Christopher Wren-Hilton, 20th Edith Hodkinson, Eileen Kelly. Margery Rose, John Doherty

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 24th March 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

LENT 2019



Early Thursday Mass:

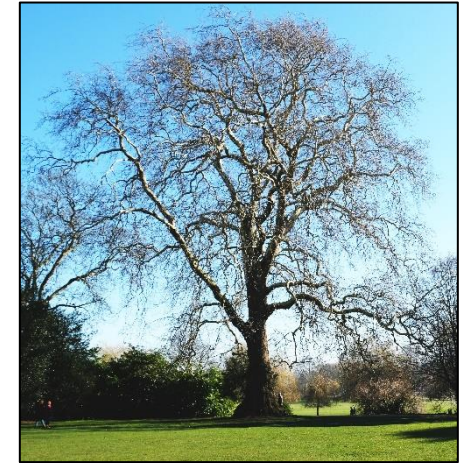
Thanks to those parents, teachers and children who have made use of our 8.15am Mass on Thursdays in Lent. If you are available before work why not come along?

Sunday Mass

Don't forget to make use of the Scriptural messages on the Sunday's of Lent to widen our appreciation of what God has done for us – and continues. Also make use of the Children's Liturgy of the Word for your children of school age at 11am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please do make use of this sacrament – but don't leave it until Easter.



Parish Centre Time-Line

I am pleased to announce that our plans for the rejuvenated Parish Social Centre has some dates attached. Apart from inspections for foundations and damp it is now hoped that construction workers should be on site by mid-August and work by the end of August 2019. The work should last about 25 weeks (But these are estimates, of course)

It is worth knowing, as mentioned earlier, that the plans have passed the Conservation Officer but technically have to go through local planners and the Diocesan Trustees (If anyone knows any of them please be nice to them and butter them up!)

The Community Life of our Parish

Parish Social Planning meeting this Monday at 7.00pm at the presbytery – come along and bring ideas, especially for use when we have no parish centre at St John's (We will still have at St Martin & Hilda's and St Chad's)

We need to look at two particular issues:

Celebrating the Bishop's Visitation in June The development of the "Parish Lunch"

If you can't come to this opportunity please let others know when you could come to our next meeting.

If you have experiences from other parishes you have been involved in we need to know!

Gospel Acclamation for Lent:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Bishop's Visitation & Confirmation in Faith

We hope to have our young people Confirmed in Faith on Sunday 30th June. I have written to those who had sent me a letter about our parish preparations and support after. If you are year 7 or above please contact Fr Peter and pick up a leaflet at the back of church soon.



*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:
Beverley Ave, Birch Way, Bisham Rd, Blackpool Rd,
Blackpool Old Rd, Bleasdale Ave, Bolton Ave,
Bramley Gardens

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:
*Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities
– That Christian communities, especially those who
are persecuted feel that they are close to Christ &
have their rights respected.*

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

Tuesday 2nd April & Tuesday 9th April
at 7pm at the presbytery

Please take a leaflet from church.

The Wednesday Word is available to take away
and pray 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.

St Oscar Romero Fund: Is our parish fund for local
poor – you may see the collection after Masses. (It
would be helpful if people could pick up the box
and hold it after Sunday Masses – Thanks)

Parish Bulletin News: If you have any items for the
bulletin please contact Elaine 886219 or email
elainebrownwood@hotmail.com). If you desire a
regular electronic copy – let us know.

COMING PARISH EVENTS & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Magdalen: There will be a Lenten showing
of the film about Mary Magdalen on Tuesday at
2.00pm at the presbytery. All Welcome.

Christian Aid Lenten Lunches:

*Simple lunches of bread and soup will be offered on
Sundays in Lent at 12.30pm in the following
centres. All welcome – donations to Christian Aid.*

24 th March	United Reformed Church
7 th April	St John the Evangelist
14 th April	St Chad's (VPCC)

Congratulation to our School Children:

A group won the local Dodgeball tournament (I
used to dodge ball's regularly! What is it?)
Year 3 were involved in the Schools' Shakespeare
Festival. And Year 5 & 6 Big Band were in the
Celebration of Music event at the Winter Gardens!

Sunday Coffee during Lent: On each Sunday of
Lent the donations you kindly give for the amazing
coffee, biscuits and, toasted teacakes we provide
after 11.00 a.m. Mass will be given to Fleetwood
Food Bank to provide food for those of our
brothers and sisters who are suffering from
poverty.

We will also have a raffle each alternate week with
the first Raffle this Sunday (17th March) and a Big
Raffle on Easter Sunday. On Mothering Sunday we
will have a cake sale. So do come along, enjoy good
company and support the food bank

Rosary Beads: If you have extra unneeded Rosary
beads the Apostleship of the Sea in Newcastle is
keen to receive them to give to sailors. Please
leave at the back of church – or speak to Cath
Morgan.

Fleetwood Food Bank - The Fleetwood Foodbank are
grateful for all donations (except clothes at the moment).
In response to enquiries from parishioners here is a
current list of commodities specifically needed.

All types of:
Cereals and porridge (sachets are easier to distribute).
Meat and fish tinned products

Tinned fruit and tinned vegetables
Tinned rice pudding, jam, marmalade etc
Coffee
[currently tea, pasta and rice are adequately provided
by local shops]
Hygiene (personal and general) - Soap, deodorant,
toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel etc
Washing up liquid, washing liquid for clothes.
NO CLOTHES OR BEDDING AT PRESENT – DUE TO
LIMITED STORAGE
Thanks again for your continued support, any changes
to this list will be publicised.

CAFOD Family Fast - Please return your
donations/envelopes as soon as possible so that
the money can be sent to CAFOD. Many thanks.

Divine Mercy Prayers: has re-started on Friday
afternoons at St John' Church at 2.00pm.

Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage: The
dates for the pilgrimage are 26th July – 2nd August
2019 and the pastoral theme this year is "Blessed
are the poor, for the Kingdom of God is theirs".
Please consider coming! We need all pilgrims,
especially nurses, carers, brancardier (Male carers)
& young people. It is through the support of these
volunteer groups that we can take sick pilgrims
from our diocese. Do you know of a sick person
who would benefit from a week away? Flights are
from Manchester Airport.

For information please contact: www.tangney-
tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-
lancaster-2019 The Young people (Year10+) travel
overland by coach 25th July – 3rd August 2019.
Please visit
[https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-
whats-on/](https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-whats-on/)

300 Club – Subscriptions are now due. Renewal
forms are in the bulletin or at the back of churches.
New members always welcome.

Lenten Discussion Groups 2019 This year's course
will start this Wednesday - the subject will be
"Daring to see God now". Anyone interested in
joining a group should contact Fr Peter, Deacon Bill
or David Ferret (Tel 01253 886349)

Diocesan & Local Notices

**Discernment Day for the Priesthood in the
Diocese of Lancaster:** Young Catholic men (16+) in
the Diocese are invited to discern and reflect on

this vocation. Come and see on Saturday
30th March at St Joseph's Church, Lancaster, LA1
2HU. The Day begins with Mass at 10.00am and
concludes at 2.00pm. For more information
please contact Fr D Etienne on 01253 762227
at: frdanieletienne@gmail.com

"Advance Notice: There will be a Mass for all
Altar Servers and their families, celebrated by
the Bishop, on Saturday 11th May at 12:15pm in
Lancaster Cathedral. The Mass will be followed
by a social gathering in the Cathedral Parish Hall.
Details to be confirmed nearer the time."

New Catholics at Easter

*More than a thousand people took part in Rites
of Election at cathedrals and churches across
England and Wales last weekend, declaring
their hope to become Catholics at Easter.
The Rite of Election usually takes place at the
beginning of Lent, and is one of the final stages
in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
through which converts prepare for
Confirmation or reception into full communion
with the Church at the Easter Vigil. While the
number of people attending Rites of Election is
usually lower than the number of people
eventually received, it provides a rough picture
of the number of conversions ongoing within
the Church. (The Tablet)*

Some Diary Dates:

23 rd March	First Communion Prep II
24 th March	3 rd Sunday of Lent
24 th March	Social Planning Meeting
30 th March	First Communion Prep III
31 st March	Clocks Change
31 st March	4 th Sunday of Lent (Mother's Day)
2 nd April	Baptism Preparation I
6 th April	First Communion Prep IV
7 th April	5 th Sunday of Lent Lent Lunch – St John's
9 th April	Baptism Preparation II
14 th April	Palm Sunday
18 th April	Holy Thursday
19 th April	Good Friday
20 th April	Holy Saturday
21 st April	Easter Sunday
28 th April	2pm Reflect Mercy of God
30 th April	SsM&H Joint Council
2 nd June	Songs of Praise – Ss M&H
29/30 June	Bishop's Visitation