

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday March 21 st	6:00pm	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Laetare Sunday / Mother's Day</i> NO PUBLIC SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St J	
Sunday March 22 nd	9:30am* 11:00am	NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St John's or Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>NO Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday March 23 rd	9.30am	<i>of Fourth week in Lent</i> NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday March 24 th	9.30am	NO PUBLIC Morning Mass (St John's) <i>No Tea & coffee gathering after Mass</i>	<i>George Horn</i>
Wednesday March 25 th	9.30am	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> NO PUBLIC Morning Mass (St Martin's)	<i>Successful Treatment</i>
Thursday March 26 th	9.30am	<i>of Fourth week in Lent</i> NO PUBLIC Morning Mass (St John's)	<i>Gregory Malone</i>
Friday March 27 th	9.30am	<i>of Fourth week in Lent</i> NO PUBLIC Morning Mass (St John's)	
Saturday March 28 th	9.30am	NO PUBLIC Morning Mass (St John's)	
	6.00pm	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT NO PUBLIC SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	
Sunday March 29 th	9.30am* 11.00am	NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St John's No Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>No Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	<i>Margaret McCarthy</i>

CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes: If you have any outstanding ones please put them through the presbytery letterbox – thanks.

The Food Bank: The financial effects of the virus will mean that there will be more people in need of Food Help from the Food Bank (despite many of the workers there being older and, perhaps, vulnerable) Please continue to remember these people by continuing to donate tins and dry goods at the back of church – they will be picked up and delivered to the Food Bank

(Sundays of Ordinary Time: Year A; Weekdays: Year 2)

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 (Providing neither of us has the symptoms)

Please pray for:, Megan (aged 11), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, Antonio Palmer, Joanne Porter, Chris Taylor, Veronica McNeil, Beryl Whitely, Ann Marie Cooke,, Margaret Johnston, Pat Jackson, Louie Jones and all those who are sick.

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

Lately Dead:

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 22nd March 2020

"The God who speaks"

Fourth Sunday of Lent

LENT
2020



The Presbytery

These are strange times – the world looks different. But such times can help us look at ourselves, our Faith and how we need to rely on the Lord. Please be imaginative and open to God's ways: pray, read, reflect on and share faith.

Let us remember that we are now living like many Catholic Christian people in the world. We reflect that our faith in Jesus is about trust, prayer and being the Community of the Church to serve the world. Our celebration of the Mass and our Christian social life is the great "thank you" (Eucharist) we make and experience especially on the Sunday feast of the resurrection – the loss of this will make us recognise how important it is for us. Please look after others as much as you can but remember that to do this: look after yourself.

Parish Helpers: Thanks to a number of people who have offered to help people when they need it. We are working on this so, if you are not in a vulnerable group, please contact me. If you need help which we can give please contact me or others. Above all please make sure you have exchanged contact details with your neighbours.

Humanity: We need to make sure we help those who are self isolating feel they are still in our community. Please print the weekly bulletin to give to others – or stick them through peoples' letterboxes. I hope there will be other faith helps at the back of church to give out.

Celebrating our Faith: Not having a public Mass does not mean we cannot be part of the world-wide Catholic Community. Gather at home at Mass time to share the Word of God and "share your week's story" with Jesus. Pray with others for those worried. Bring the children to drop into church to remind them we are not alone.

Tell God that we know he's the greatest and we need him!

CoronaVirus church update:

You will know by now that the Bishops of England and Wales have regarded the danger of spreading the virus in large and close gatherings so high that they have declared:

**There will be
NO PUBLIC MASSES
until further notice**

However:

CHURCHES WILL REMAIN OPEN as usual -

for people to pray, to encourage Faith routine and keep in touch with the parish. Providing we keep our social distance from each other this will probably become a human need – (but please **DO NOT** come to church at Sunday Mass time with lots of other as this is dangerous!) Please encourage older people and your children to keep in touch with the church building during the week and to pray.

Some Parish Comments:

Bulletin News: I hope to continue to provide a parish bulletin each week which will be available at the back of church, on the parish website & School App. (If you wish to have one emailed please let me know by email)

Mass Sheets: There will be Sunday Mass sheets in church to take home so that you can prepare for and celebrate Sunday Mass each week at home

I will try to provide other helps to our prayer at the back of church. (Wednesday Word, morning prayer, stations of the Cross etc)

Weddings, Baptisms, funerals: These are all situations of social gathering and danger. If I haven't contacted you about postponing your event please do contact me. Funerals will be a special difficulty and may mean we have a simple grave-side service and a Requiem Mass when life returns to normal.

Happy Mother's
Day!

Can't take her out?
Whose cooking?



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

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Please pray for those living in: Westby Way,
Westwood Ave, Wharfedale Court,
Whiteholme Drive.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:
Catholics in China We pray that the Church
in China may persevere in its faithfulness to
the Gospel and grow in unity.

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

TBA

(When Virus development is clearer)
at 7pm at the presbytery
Please take a leaflet from church.

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.

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

COMING PARISH EVENTS & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNCHEON CLUB – 6th April - cancelled

Please note: it has been decided to cancel the next lunch due
to be held on Mon 6th April – due to the situation with the
coronavirus. We will review the later lunch meetings as we
go along. Please refer to the parish bulletins.

LENTEN LUNCH TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to all who participated in the Lenten lunch
recently for Christian Aid. We raised £90.35p. Well done to
all concerned.

300 Club: Please note, subscriptions are now due for
this year. Forms can be found in the bulletin or at the
back of church. Last year we raised over £600 for
church funds. Thank you for your support. Phil Cawley

CANON DAKIN'S HEADSTONE: A number of
parishioners have asked about Canon's headstone – Fr
Burns is asking if anyone wishes to contribute they
could send them to him.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN EVENTS

Castlerigg Manor Events:

(See notices for Details)

9th-12th April: Easter Retreat
22nd-24th May: Family Weekend
13th June: Sponsored Walk
23rd July-1st Aug: Lourdes Pilgrimage

Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage – Monday 28th September
to Friday 2nd October 2020 – See Notice.

*V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, etc...*

*V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary, etc...*

*V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc...*

*V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:

*Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.*

More Coronavirus Issues and opportunities

St Martin & St Hilda's Church Opening times:

Our chapel will be open for specific times for private
prayer. This may be a good opportunity for self
isolating people to have a walk, rest and pray (Sounds
like a chocolate bar!)

Next week the chapel will be open 9am to 12

The following week will be only on Sunday and
Wednesday at the same times.

If you could offer to sit at the back of church for just
one hour please contact Joan on: 07887 88049

Mass streamed on TV and websites:

Although watching Mass in line is not the same as
joining with the worshipping community it may be
helpful to some to mark the week and hear the homily
delivered. There are some options I have:

In the Diocese:

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-good-shepherd

Other Churches: www.mcnmedia.tv/

Knock: www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live/

Walsingham: <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

Some TVs: EWTN

There are many others online which may be worth
visiting from various parts of the world.

Some Notes from the Hospital Chaplain:

Fr Andrew says that the "Trust is asking that the
Catholic Chaplaincy volunteers who visit the
Eucharistic Ministers have been asked not to
attend. This is partly because they are a cohort who,
themselves, may have vulnerabilities to Covid-19 but
primarily because their ministry takes them from one
bed to another – something the hospital wants to
minimise as much as possible. The Mass I celebrate in
the Hospital Chapel on a Monday at 4pm is currently
not affected because it does not involve bed to bed
visiting.

Thanks is due to our volunteers as 42% of the Catholic
patients by the volunteers on the wards. Without the
volunteers coming in, it will be even more important
that referrals are received from family & friends and
parish communities if I am to minister to the catholic
patients in the hospital.

Please phone non-urgent referrals through to the
chaplaincy number 01253 956299." Thanks to Fr
Andrew for his good work.

Sacrament of the Sick: Priests have been asked not to
visit people who are self isolating (Care Homes have
rules also) However please do contact us early if
people are seriously ill or going to hospital as this is the
Sacrament of the Sick – (Not of the dying)

Next Sunday our bishops are going to re-
dedicate England to Mary, Mother of the Lord.

In this year of the Word of God this is good
opportunity to reflect on the place Mary has in
the Gospels and hear her prayers.

The Angelus (Previous page) is a reflection on
the events and the meaning of the call to Mary
by God. Often accompanies the ringing of
bells in churches and monasteries.

The Magnificat is a very strong prayer by Mary
from St Luke's Gospel 1:46-55. It shows us a
woman of Faith who recognises her vocation
and works for justice for God's people:

Good prayers for our present time?!

THE MAGNIFICAT

And Mary said,

*"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked on the
humble estate of his servant.*

*For behold, from now on
all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty
has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

*And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.*

*He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty
from their thrones*

*and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

(Glory be to the Father....)

Some Diary Dates: SEASON OF LENT

HOLY WEEK

HOLY TRIDUUM

9th April Holy Thursday

10th April Good Friday

11th April Holy Saturday

12th April **EASTER SUNDAY**

(SsH&M = Ss Hilda & Martin's Chapel Event)