

# St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Easter Sunday

Easter Week &amp; Second Week of Easter

## Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	-	<b>NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS</b> – St Martin's <b>NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS</b> – St John's or Children's Liturgy of the Word <b>NO Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</b>	
Monday Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	... of Second Week of Easter <b>NO PUBLIC</b> Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday Apr 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	... of Second Week of Easter Morning Mass (St John's)	Paul Sharrock
Wednesday Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	... of Second Week of Easter Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	John Doherty
Thursday Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	... of Second Week of Easter Morning Mass (St John's)	Lidia Romanowska
Friday Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	... of Second Week of Easter Morning Mass (St John's)	Paul Farmer
Saturday Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	... of Second Week of Easter <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	-	<b>NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS</b> – St Martin's <b>NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS</b> – St John's No Children's Liturgy of the Word <b>No Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</b>	

(Mass Readings: Sundays of Lent B ; Weekdays: ...of Lent )

(No 'Divine Mercy' service due to COVID situation)

**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 at a distance (Providing neither of us has the symptoms)

**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, Paul Bradley, Maroulla, Keith Milton-Barker and all those who are sick.

**Anniversaries:** **March** 1<sup>st</sup> Mona Brown, 11<sup>th</sup> Barbara Brown, 12<sup>th</sup> Teresa Brownwood, 14<sup>th</sup> Mike Butler. 15<sup>th</sup> April, Jim Booth, April 18<sup>th</sup> Shelagh Booth

**Lately Dead:** Keith Milton-Barker (Funeral 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11am St John's – Invitations from family only, please)

**Church Services and COVID Guidelines:** My reading of the lockdown loosening suggest:

Baptisms & Wedding of up to 30 people 'no earlier than 17<sup>th</sup> May'.

End of Church number restrictions 'no earlier than 21<sup>st</sup> May.' (15 people no earlier than 12<sup>th</sup> April)



**Public Baptisms:** We have our governmental dates for when full churches might be available – as mentioned on the front of the bulletin these depend on COVID data.

However it has come to my notice that social venues are already booking for all sorts of events after these dates now. If parents wish to book 'provisional' dates for Baptism please contact me by phone or email and we can see what we can do.



'I have seen the Lord!'

## A Happy & Holy Easter!

Well, what a year this has been! Perhaps, as the world opens up again, and we greet each other in a new way, we will appreciate the promises Jesus makes to us at his Resurrection!

Let's pray, not to return to normal life – there was a lot about that 'normality' which was not good. Let us make use of this Easter to pray that we may move forward to a new world full of what we have learned about God's love for us and how we have to love one another in new ways.

Thanks to all those who have stayed remained part of our parish community in so many ways. Also thanks to those who have made our Easter Services, which had been drastically 'pruned' by COVID guidelines, so alive, special and full of Easter promise! Some things to remember for the future!

## WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST



+ £3960.00

The commitment of the eight members of the St John's WhatsApp group in carrying out their forty day, 10,000 steps a day, 'Walk for Water' - in support of the CAFOD appeal - has been truly amazing. They have truly been walking in the footsteps of Christ in following his command that we show a preferential commitment to the poor.

To date they have raised over £3960.00 which, as well as providing four community water pumps for the poorest of the poor, can also provide safe drinking water containers to hard-to-reach schools, and a number of sturdy containers so that families can store water safely.

Well done you brilliant walkers and the many parishioners, friends and associates of the walkers both here on the Fylde coast and beyond (including Scotland!) who have sponsored the Walkers so generously. Your commitment and generosity has enhanced the happiness created by Christ's love for us over this most joyous Easter Season.

Sponsorship is still open, so, if you want to sponsor any of the Walkers please google <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/st-johns-catholic-church-poulton>

We must not forget this year – but we must, also, remember the joy we hope to have is small things like: meeting people, eating together, a glass of beer!, singing together, hugs, sharing faith.... Could we even imagine going on holiday? Actually, we will see many of these things in the Easter Gospels as Jesus greets his friends in the weeks ahead.

Happy Easter:

Fr Peter

& Bill

*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

**Presbytery:** 98 Breck Road, FY6 7HT  
**Telephone:** 01253 893184 (**New Number!**)  
**email:** saintjohnpoulton@gmail.com  
**Website:** www.stjohnspoulton.org.uk

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**Telephone:** 01253 883690  
**Website:**  
[www.stjohnscatholicprimarypoulton.co.uk/](http://www.stjohnscatholicprimarypoulton.co.uk/)

**Please pray for those living in:** 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 Intention April:  
Fundamental Rights**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Parish Offertory Donations**

Thanks to parishioner who have used the last few weeks to catch up on their offertory giving from the lockdown period. Thanks to those parishioners who have taken out standing orders during lockdown to keep up your parish offerings – Bank details are across the page if you wish to do this. There are some new boxes of offertory envelopes at the back of church. if you wish to order some envelopes or deliver let us know. 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)

**Parish Bank Details:**

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 on 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*)

**Printed Bulletin:** When the church buildings are closed the bulletin and Mass sheet will be in a box on the presbytery doorstep if you want to have a walk.

**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: "My number is 07969643648 if you want to be added just reply with your mobile number or text me."

**Safeguarding:** As always be aware of hoax callers. Do not give personal or finance details, or money to anyone – check with the people here or Fr Peter.

**THE PARISH "VIRUS TIMES"**

**Parish Daily Scripture Reflections & Newsletter:**

Many parishioners have asked to receive the newsletter with Mass reflections and a "hello" each day. If your relative or neighbour cannot ask for this why not print a copy, and the regular Bulletin (This!) to keep them in touch. (*Email above left*)

**Parish Diary this Week**

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	<b><u>Easter Sunday</u></b> Solemn Easter Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	-	<b>NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St John's</b> or Children's Liturgy of the Word <b>NO Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</b>	
Monday Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Easter Monday</b> NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Easter Tuesday</b> Morning Mass (St John's)	Bennet Family
Wednesday Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Easter Wednesday</b> Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	Roy Clarke
Thursday Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Easter Thursday</b> Morning Mass (St John's)	John Darville
Friday April 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Easter Friday</b> Morning Mass (St John's)	Kryisia Clews
Saturday April 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am 6.00pm	<b>Easter Saturday</b> Funeral Service: Keith Milton-Barker <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	-	<b>NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS – St John's</b> No Children's Liturgy of the Word <b>NO Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</b>	

**Parish Gift Aid**

"A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify me if you are no longer a taxpayer or you paid insufficient tax during 2020/21 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure that you have notified your parish.

Anyone who wishes to join the Gift Aid scheme on behalf of St John's is invited to contact me to arrange this.

Angela Hartley  
Mobile: 07365112011"

Offertory envelopes should be delivered soon – if you wish to have a box – or cancel yours due to Direct Debit – please let us know. Thanks to all donors

**A Family Blessing of Easter Eggs:**

**Begin with some questions:**

*Why do we have these special chocolate eggs today and not every Sunday?*

*(Whatever answer is given is the "right" one – because it is an honest statement of that child's view of the world and faith.)*

*Why should we thank God our heavenly Father today?*

*Why should we full of happiness today and have all this chocolate?*

**Then bless God for the eggs:**

We bless you Father for this/these lovely Easter eggs. We thank you for the goodness of creation that gave us the chocolate.

We thank you for the skills that ground the cocoa beans and made the chocolate and then shaped it into an eggs.

We thank you for the enjoyment eating it will give us and those we share this/these Easter egg/s with, But most of all we thank you for raising your Son, Jesus, from the death, and giving us all new life. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!