

Parish Diary this Week

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday July 24 th	6.00pm	<i>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	9.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	
Sunday July 25th	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's or Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>NO Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	
Monday July 26 th	-	<i>St Joachim & Anne</i> NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday July 27 th	9.30am	<i>... of the Seventeenth Week of the Year</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	<i>Kelly & Kennedy Families</i>
Wednesday July 28 th	9.30am	<i>... of the Seventeenth Week of the Year</i> Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	<i>Anastasia Booth</i>
Thursday July 29 th	9.30am	<i>St Martha</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	<i>Bill Drake</i>
Friday July 30 th	9.30am	<i>... of the Seventeenth Week of the Year</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	<i>John & Paul Thorpe</i>
Saturday July 31 st	6.00pm	<i>St Ignatius Loyola</i> Eighteenth Sunday of the Year Sunday Vigil Mass (St John's)	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	9.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	<i>Doreen Walford</i>
Sunday August 1st	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's No Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>No Excellent Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>	<i>Paul & Anne Bradley</i>

(Mass Readings: Sundays of Year B ; Weekdays: ...of Year 1)

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, Alan Klews, Audrey Wallace, Maureen Brown and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries: JULY: 1st Ernest Radway, 4th Edward Stott, 5th Margaret Mellor, 7th Frances Keane, Bridie Tobin, Charles Byrne, 11th Mykola Baran, 13th Frank Hoover, Margaret Weir, 14th Don Bennett, Sheila Nuttall, Cath O'Hagan, 15th Margaret Wilson, 18th Margaret Fish, 19th Bill McGarvie, 21st Michael McDermott 24th Bernadette Skubisz, 25th Monica Mitchell, Peter John Riley, Andy Boyle, 28th Tony Williams, Mike Bailey, Mary Smith.

Lately Dead :

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 25th July 2021

Seventeenth Week of the Year

Masses over this week

Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	<i>St John's</i>
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	<i>St Martin's</i>
Thursday	9.30am	Mass	<i>St John's</i>
Friday	9.30am	Mass	<i>St John's</i>
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass	<i>St John's</i>
Sunday Mass	9.00am	Mass	<i>St Martin's</i>
	11.00am	Mass	<i>St John's</i>



How will our new opening of Mass be?

Since the 19th July we have been allowed to take away the distancing blocks in our churches. This means that we no longer have to prevent people coming into church once the distance number is reached – now it is people's own choice to remain in church if they see too many people.

Other than this it is for us to decide how to behave to encourage those who have been afraid of COVID and have not attended Mass for 18 months.

In practice this means:

The bishop wishes Mass attenders to continue to wear masks inside.

We have to continue to give contact details at the door or invite people to use the QR code provided. We will need welcomers on Sunday to achieve this.

Please use the hand sanitizer provided

We do not need to do a full bench cleanse if there is only one service a day. This is why Mass at St Martin's is now at 9am to allow St Hilda's congregation to sanitize & ventilate before 11am.

We will not come round with a collection basket, but please use the baskets at the back of church.

During Mass:

We will not be introducing congregational singing for the time being – especially if we wear masks!

Some actions we have been using over COVID are:

Holy Communion:

We are not allowed to re-introduce the chalice at the moment. Whilst this is medically sensible it does take away an important command of the Lord and the presence of a vital Eucharistic Sign. I will continue to leave the chalice at the front of the altar during Communion for us to acknowledge with a simple bowl.

Sign of Peace

We are not to re-introduce the physical sign of peace for obvious reasons. However, during COVID, we have found it helpful to acknowledge the presence of Christ within the people who surround us – this is the purpose of the sign of peace anyway. Please simply turn and look at the people around church and gently bow to them. People in the same bubble may, of course, touch.

Holy Water

Please do not look for Holy Water as it could be a natural spreader of the virus.

**Where did you
find God
during lockdown?**

Sunday Mass from this weekend!

9.00am St Martin's Chapel

(Please note the time)

11.00am St John's

(If weather is good bring things to sit on the field after Mass)

*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

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Website:
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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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention July: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Baptism Preparation: Please contact Fr Peter if you wished to speak about sharing your faith with your child by celebrating Baptism.

Please take a leaflet from church.

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

Parish Offertory Donations

Thanks to parishioner who have used the last few weeks to catch up on their offertory giving form 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 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: **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*)

From our Hospital Chaplains:

The Trust has had to reintroduce visiting restrictions due to the prevalence of community transmission in the local area. If you are supporting a family struggling to be in contact with a loved one in hospital, please do remind them of the 'Attend Anywhere' system by which the ward staff can help their loved one to engage in a video call. If you need further information please let the chaplains know. Please be assured the decision to restrict visiting is reviewed twice a week, and so, as soon as it can be relaxed safely, it will be.

The data on community transmission is Blackpool: 691 per 100,000; Fylde: 643 per 100,000; and Wyre 647 per 100,000. However, these statistics are only up to 14 July. A more recent aggregated figure reported verbally in a staff briefing for the three boroughs puts the transmission rate at 780 per 100,000, so it is still increasing very rapidly.

There are now 32 COVID positive patients in hospital within 14 days of their first positive test, of which 3 are in critical care.

Some local 'opening up issues':

Mass Stewards:

Thanks to our Mass stewards who have done an amazing job over the last year keeping us safe and welcoming us to Mass. As I mention we will need welcomers for the coming weeks but if any of the stewards wish to step down please let me know. We do need people for Sunday Masses – if you could contact those welcoming this weekend we could make a regular rota for this.

Ministers of Holy Communion, of the Word and of Welcome.

There is a list on the notice at the back of church for people to sign up as ministers of the Word and Sacrament for Sundays. If you were on the last list please do sign the new one – if you have questions please ask.

Those with movement issues

At Mass at the weekend especially, if you wish to sit through Mass and avoid worrying people kneeling behind, you there are chairs at the front of St John's which will be helpful. It will also help with Communion. Thank you.

Diocesan Adult Education

MOVING FORWARD

This week we have been asked to think about an action plan for how we move forwards following COVID – and this will involve everybody. We have been particularly asked to think about how we become a missionary parish as opposed to a parish that just maintains itself. This is not to say that what we did in the past was not good – but that we are being called to create a "new reality" that is focussed on evangelisation not only within the parish but taking this out to others.

Firstly, I think we have to be mindful of all the good efforts to live out their faith that people in the past have made and look for the good things that have been done. One thing that springs to mind for me is how generous people are when there is a special appeal for charity. We had a very active SVP group that has now come to an end – but we still need to care for people. We have had some good social events. At one time we had a bible study group.

However, we are not just to think about recreating the past. We are asked to be "missionary disciples" – so we cannot just look at what we do for ourselves as a community – but how we take the love of God and the joy of the Gospel out to others. The refurbishment of our "hall" and its transformation into a parish centre has been delayed due to COVID. It will be great when it is completed. However, we cannot simply wait for that to happen. We need to look at what we can do now, as we emerge from COVID, whilst also thinking about how our parish centre, once it is completed, will enable more to happen.

Please can you give some thought to the above – the good things that have happened, the new things we need to do, the people God is calling us to be, and how we might practically go about this.

Many thanks.

Elaine Brownwood

Thanks to Elaine & Cath for sharing their learning with us during the year. As well as being educational it will be a basis for us to look to the future in our parish – keep your eyes open to developments. Thanks to those who have expressed their gratitude to them.