

# St John the Evangelist

Poulton-le-Fylde

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 202128<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

## Parish Diary Week:

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Oct 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Joan Broome John O'Hagan
Monday Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	<i>Pope St John XXIII</i> NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word ... of the Twenty-eighth Week of the Year	-
Tuesday Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 6.00pm	Morning Mass (St John's) Governor SEC meeting	Barbara Challoner
Wednesday Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<i>St Edward the Confessor</i> Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	Kath Wainman
Thursday Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	... of the Twenty-eighth Week of the Year Morning Mass (St John's) Joined by Year 3	Joan Drake
Friday Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<i>St Teresa of Avila</i> Morning Mass (St John's)	Peggy Brown
Saturday Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<i>St John Henry Newman</i> <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year</i> Sunday Vigil Mass (St John's)	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Oct 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's Baptism of Lucy O'Donnell	Roy Clarke Paul Bradley

### (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, Susan Sumner and all those who are sick.

**Anniversaries:** **OCTOBER** 2<sup>nd</sup> Edward Ellwood, 10<sup>th</sup> James Faulkner, 13<sup>th</sup> Joyce Gouldbourne 20<sup>th</sup> Noel O'Connell, 21<sup>st</sup> James Berry, Cath Doherty, Flo Tonge, Frank Craven 30<sup>th</sup> Anne Egan

**Lately Dead :**

## Parish Diary:

17 <sup>th</sup> October	Lucy O'Donnell's Baptism	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	SsM&H Joint Committee 7.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Harvest Festival (2.00pm)	7 <sup>th</sup> November	SsM&H Joint Patron Service 3pm
21 <sup>st</sup> October	School Harvest for YR4 Parents	9 <sup>th</sup> November	Baptism Parent Preparation I
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Freddie Byrne's Baptism	20 <sup>th</sup> November	Zion Daintith's Baptism
25 <sup>th</sup> -29 October	School Half Term Holiday	14 <sup>th</sup> November	James Kerr's Baptism
31 <sup>st</sup> October	All Saints Day (Sunday)	16 <sup>th</sup> November	Baptism Parent Preparation II
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	7pm: All Souls Day Mass especially for all those who died over the last two years, maybe of/with COVID and with restricted funerals.	20 <sup>th</sup> November	Zion Daintith's Baptism
		21 <sup>st</sup> November	Erin Cheeseborough's Baptism
		25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day is a Saturday!!!

### Parish Survey Questionnaire feedback. (Cath Thompson)

#### Theme 5 - 'Reaching Out'

Themes one to five might be seen as aiming at our own parish but through many replies came the suggestion that we become more involved with the wider community and where our parish sits within the deanery, the diocese and the universal church. Modern forms of communication could be used to publicise our parish and what we have to offer post-covid. Many replies mentioned 'finding God' through help received from neighbours and wished for this sense of community to continue.

#### What you said:

'The importance of congregational gathering in God's name and technology will help'

'Digital technology need to be used to communicate with younger age groups'

'We should have better interfaith relations and work more closely with faiths in the local area'

'Parish become more wider community active and aware'

'Look at good practices in other parishes'

And so our work begins! Our work to make our parish all that we want it to be post covid. Many people expressed the desire to help and this is what is needed, help, participation, prayer and leadership. The parish belongs to each parishioner and if you are able and want to help or partake in any way moving forward please let us know. It may be following on from the survey responses but it does not have to be. Thank you for all the responses to our survey and watch this space!

#### A note from Fr Peter:

Thanks again to Cath & Elaine for helping us see God in lockdown and so to see our discipleship as looking outwards and responding to God's call. Nothing happens separate from God's call and it is amazing how our lockdown experience is connected to Pope Francis' call to 'walk together' as Church under the heading of 'Synodality'! Watch this development!

### SYNODALITY:

**Pope Francis's Synod – and our diocese:**

17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – April 2022



## What must I do?

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.*



## All Souls Day

This year is on Tuesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> November – 7.00pm

I suggest that this year we celebrate Mass in the evening and invite all those who lost members of their family, friends or parish with COVID or were unable to celebrate a Requiem Mass. Please invite people along

## 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 (**Newish 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:** Garstang Rd East, Garstang Rd West, Gerrards Terrace, Glendale Close, Glenholme Gardens, Grange Gardens, Green Drive, Greenheys Ave, Grizedale Ave, Guildford Way.

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention September: Missionary Disciples:**

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**Baptism Preparation:** The next preparations for parents of children for Baptism will be:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm &  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm

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 Hall Developments:**

I understand that invitations to tender for the work will be sent out this week and we should have responses within the month.

Thanks to members of groups who have belongings in the building who are moving their goods out in preparation. If you have stuff please go in and have a sort out (Please don't fill the bin but leave anything you wish to be thrown away. Thanks.

### **Parish Bank Details:** (Please use correct title on cheques)

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)

**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."

**Ss Hilda & Martin's Social Committee:** Has decided not to hold a Christmas Fayre this year for safety's sake. However they will hold a Christmas Raffle. The Joint Committee has agreed to provide a first prize of £100 and ask for donations from the Carlton Community and both congregations. The draw will be on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Could you declare items for prizes but hang on to them for now as there is a problem with storage. Collection for Food and chocolate hamper as well.

### **COVID Safety and comfort in Church:**

Whilst many of us are feeling more confident about getting out and coming to church after lockdown please remember that some people are still a bit nervous. It does help them if others wear a mask (I think most of us would rather not – but think of others. If you sit behind people in church please avoid kneeling close to them when they are sitting. If you have these concerns could I remind you that the seats at the front of church are clear of people behind. Thanks.

### **"I found this"**

Thanks to those who have signed up for this already!

Many of you have found the 'Virus Times' edifying for faith development over Lockdown – thanks for your feedback.

I wondered if any of you would like to sign up for an 'occasional' email of news, thoughts, things which come across my desk, reading or web-browsing which I thought you might be interested in? I thought this could be a 'not too often' email under the title "I found this"?

Please ponder this and reply if you wish to be put on the list for future 'ponderings'. Thanks, Fr Peter.

### **Fr John Walsh's Retirement:** 17<sup>th</sup> October

Since this was announced a number of our parishioners asked if our parish could make him a gift for all he gave to our parish. Please put money in a marked envelope or put it in the marked basket at the back of church on Sundays.

We are expecting news from the bishop this weekend about the future of English Martyrs. Thanks.

**Family Fast Day:** To prove to us that we cannot 'do' CAFOD without Paul Bradley we did not receive any envelopes this year. Thanks to Anne we now have them! Could you take a CAFOD envelope and bring it back next Sunday? We will remember Pauls' generosity, also!

*"God's style is nearness, compassion and tenderness. He always draws near to us, is compassionate and tender... Allow me to say, we are saints. But then, by our actions, we become sinners.*

*But, fundamentally, we are saints." Pope Francis*

### **DIOCESAN ADULT EDUCATION COURSE: (Continued)**

#### **A Living Tradition**

As pointed out previously, Catholic Social Teaching is not a definitive statement that will never change. As we saw last week, there are certain fundamental principles which must be applied to the constantly changing social situations throughout the world. In effect, it is a *living tradition*, seeking to respond to new situations as they occur. In our final week on this topic, we have looked very briefly at some of the current social issues that we are faced with. These include:

- **Science and technology** – in particular, the use of biotechnology which manipulates living organisms to modify them for some specific purpose. Benedict XVI pointed out that a crucial battleground was the struggle between the supremacy of technology and human moral responsibility. This is known as "Bio-ethics". It raises the fundamental questions of what it means to be a "human being", where does life come from, what is the ultimate reality? Included within this area are such things as IVF, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, genetic engineering, and euthanasia.

- **Access to health care** – in *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth) Pope John XXIII declared that everyone has the right to life, to bodily integrity and to the means which are necessary for the proper development of life – food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care and finally the necessary social services. He also stated that a human being has the right to security in cases of sickness, old age, inability to work, bereavement or any other case in which they are deprived of the means of subsistence. Here the Church is stating that all human beings have the right to be "looked after" at whatever stage of life and in whatever circumstances.

### **Catholic Academy Schools:**

You may know that our Diocesan schools will be joining together under local 'Multi-Academy Trusts' over the coming months and years. If you have experience of this type of move we would like to hear of your experience. Thanks.

**The International Opening of the Synod** of the Church will be on today at our 9am in St Peter's. The Mass will be led by Pope Francis and will be streamed on YouTube under the heading '*Holy Mass for the opening of the Synodal path*' The Diocesan period of involvement starts in 17<sup>th</sup> October and continues to April, after which it will be the local bishops and then the whole Church reflection.

We will need to decide how to deal with the reflections in our own parishes which needs to be a "Walking together" and 'listening' to each other and God as the reflects the synod's theme. There is a diocesan email address for reports which is being run by Fr Jim Burns.

- **Poverty** – Jesus himself is reported to have said: "*You will have the poor with you always*". Perhaps this is to ensure that we never grow complacent? There is such inequality in the world both within societies and between nations. The woman who anointed Jesus' feet, recognised Jesus for who he was and she did what lay within her power, she did what she could. That is what we must do. We may not be able to solve all the problems of the world, but we can make and must make a difference both at home and abroad. Again Pope Benedict wrote: "it is not by isolation that human beings establish their worth, but by placing themselves in relation to God and others".

- **The Environment** – our responsibility to care for our world is known as "*stewardship*" and Pope Francis wrote about this at length in *Laudato Si* and there is much said about climate change currently. It is said that unless we make real changes, around 1 million species will die out in the next 5 years (according to our tutor). Pope Francis is so concerned about this that he is coming to address the COP26\* meeting of nations in Glasgow in November. Let us pray that those who take part will commit to taking action to restore health to our environment for future generations.

\* *Note: "COP" stands for "Conference of Parties" – let us hope and pray that all the major players will take part.*

*Elaine Brownwood*