

St John the Evangelist

with the English Martyrs'

Sunday 21st November 2021 'Communion – Participation – Mission' Feast of Christ the King

Parish Diary Week:

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday Nov 20 th	6.00pm	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of the Parish
Sunday Nov 21st	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's Baptism of Erin Cheeseborough St Cecilia	Shirley Pawson Paul Bradley
Monday Nov 22 nd	-	NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word ... of the Thirty-fourth Week of the Year	-
Tuesday Nov 23 rd	9.30am 7.00pm	Morning Mass (St John's) (A Class of school children will join us) Tea after Mass Baptism Preparation for Parents II	Peggy Reed Presbytery
RED WEDNESDAY			
Wednesday Nov 24 th	9.30am 10.30am	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel) Funeral Service for Veronica Woodman	Violet Simmonds Carleton Crem
Thursday Nov 25 th	NB Venue 9.30am	... of the Thirty-third Week of the Year Morning Mass (English Martyrs') Tea after Mass	Fr George Pennington
Friday Nov 26 th	9.30am	... of the Thirty-fourth Week of the Year Morning Mass (St John's)	
Saturday Nov 27 th	1.00pm 6.00pm	... of the Thirty-fourth Week of the Year First Sunday of Advent Sunday Vigil Mass (St John's)	Holy Souls People of the Parish
Sunday Nov 28th	9.00am 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Private Int Private Int

(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, Ann Ward and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries: NOVEMBER 2nd James Porter, 3rd Bernard Broome, 14th Freda McGrahan, 17th Leo & Margaret McNicholas, 20th Jennifer Cassidy, Gloria Miller, 24th Kathleen Wainman, 27th Fr George Pennington; 30th Kathleen Hickey

Latently Dead : Veronica Woodman (Service at the Crematorium: 24th November at 10.30am Pat Marks

ADVENT starts next Sunday!
The Season of HOPE!



RED WEDNESDAY



Each year, recently, "Aid to the Church in Need" has invited the Faiths of the world to celebrate "RED WEDNESDAY" to reflect on the amount of persecution of people of Faith there is in the world. They invite us to pray for each other and to light our

buildings in red to help people ask what this is about. This Wednesday pray, talk to others and notice how many buildings are lit in red.

ACN says: *this autumn we are asking you, once again, to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their peacefully held beliefs.*

Red is the Christian colour of martyrdom. Christians are the most persecuted faith group in today's world and #RedWednesday will honour all Christians who suffer and die for their faithfulness to Christ's message of peace and love.

#RedWednesday will shine a light on Christian persecution but also highlight the injustices perpetrated against other faith groups.

Our campaign calls for respect and tolerance for people of faith and between different faith traditions.

St John's will be lit up in red as usual but let's see if other buildings are – the Tower often is!

Mass on Sunday

Somebody asked me the other day if we were 'allowed' to continue to come to Mass on a weekday rather than Sunday. Of course we have always been encouraged to celebrate weekday Mass! It has been helpful for many to avoid large numbers at Mass on Sunday over COVID, but we need to remember the reason Christians celebrated SUNDAY, right from earliest days:

It is the day of the Resurrection of the Lord!

It is 'the day given to the lord' – the Christian Sabbath
If we continue to be able to resist COVID, due to vaccination, we should celebrate the Eucharist together on Sundays again – for our sake and the sake of others.



First Holy Communion Preparation

Because of the affects of COVID we have lost a year we lost a year of First Communicants. Like many of the outcomes of this period we find that it has allowed new ways. That children are a year older should help them to appreciate the meaning of the Sacraments better. We will soon be inviting Baptised children from year 4 or older – and their parents - to begin their preparation. We will begin parish preparation after the New Year for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. Over the next weeks I will send a letter home via school with details of the preparation and dates for those who wish to be involved – if your child is at another school please do ask for these details from church.



But Advent is a good time for parents to start talking to their children about these sacraments and accompanying them to Mass on Sunday.

Parish Social Events:

Now that people are beginning to break out after lockdown many said we should look to events. Please keep in mind that the English Martyrs is keen to accept help for their people to join in:

Social Planning Group: will meet at the presbytery (That means anyone who has idea etc) Tuesday 30th November at 6.00pm.

Christmas Flower demonstration in church on Thursday 2nd December at 6.00pm

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Parish today
and throughout the week

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Poulton Churches & Chapels:

St John's: 98 Breck Road, FY6 7HT

St Martin & Hilda: Fleetwood Road South FY6 7NH
English Martyrs: 154 High Cross Road, FY6 8DA

Please pray for those living in: Hadleigh Rd, Hardhorn Rd, Hardhorn Way, Harewood Close, Haworth Crescent, Hawthorn Grove, Hayfield Ave, Heaton Close, Highcross Ave, Highcross Hill, Highcross Rd, Higher Green, Hodder Way, Hodgson Place, Holts Lane, Howden Heights.

Kendal Ave, Kerslea Ave, Kevin Ave, Kinder Corner, Kingfisher Drive /The Bramblings / The Rowans, Kingfisher Mews, Kings Close, Knaresborough Close

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention November:
People Who Suffer from Depression
We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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

Tuesday 16th November at 7pm &
Tuesday 23rd 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 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 11th 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.

'SYNODALITY':

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

17th October 2021 –

April 2022



Parishes Development

As we move forward into new ways of being Church in adult education, social activities and spiritual development could I ask both our parishioners of St John's and the English Martyrs to remember to invite members of the other parish to new or traditional events. It may be that we need to be more open to where God is leading us – and how we are open to look forward, too.

'Knowing our Faith': St John's post COVID parish questionnaire highlighted that many of us had realised how we needed to know more about our faith. English Martyrs has, had a tradition of inviting Martin Bennett to share evenings about aspects of scripture, history and faith and some from St John's have made use of this (He is very good!).

We are presently negotiating with him to provide some insight and prayerfulness during Advent. Watch this space to see if he can find space for us.

Social Events: As we at St John's are not going to be able to use the parish Hall for a few months (Building should start after New Year) this must not stop us coming together for fun, to learn or to raise charitable money. Over lockdown some incredible things happened! Don't forget we have two other halls: at St Martin & St Hilda's and at English Martyrs. But folks have thought of other gatherings like walk, using church, days out on a bus..... bring ideas to the social planning evening on 30th November at the Presbytery.

English Martyrs Planning: Last Saturday a group from the parish did some very interesting and exciting visioning about the future use of the buildings – and how we look after them at present. The next meeting in on Saturday 4th December at 10am in the Hall. Got ideas? Come.

Parish Diary:

21 st November	Feast of Christ the King	11 th December	SsM&H Christmas Raffle Event
21 st November	Erin Cheeseborough's Baptism	17 th December	School Closes for the Feast
23 rd November	Baptism Parents Preparation II	21 st December	SsM&H Christmas Carols
28 th November	First Sunday of ADVENT	25 th December	Christmas Day is a Saturday!!!
Advent	Advent Reflections - WTS		
30 th November	Parish Social Planning at 6.00pm		
2 nd December	Christmas flower demonstration at 6pm in St John's church		
4 th December	EM Parishioner's Meeting 10am		

Malawi Christmas fundraising

(EM's has been helping with this project for some years – Ann Quirk has news:)

Fr Alfred has asked us to help install solar lighting at Lihaka Primary School: it will cost about £3000. As in previous years, Gift Cards (for those of your friends who already have everything) are now available for a donation of £10 or £20. Please contact Ann Quirk or email englishmartyrspoulton@gmail.com with Malawi in the subject line.

Please keep praying for Malawi especially as the vital rains should be starting now. Zikomo kwambiri - thank you so much.

Iraqi Latin Refugees in Jordan:

We have been in touch with Sr Sara who keeps an eye on the remaining refugees. She replied last week:

I am sorry that was unable to tell about the refugees daily life and how they manage to live and to spend.

I told u what I know and what u know

Do u think is it easy to say they live on God's providence? You and us do the charity as much as we can - God will do the rest. Thank u for your sensitivity. We will remain in touch and united in prayers

Sr. Sara

We are preparing to send a donation in time for Christmas if anyone would like to add to it?

CAFOD Collection: Anne Bradley has copped up recent CAFOD collections and sent them off: £868.10p (This is not just the recent harvest fast)

St Martin's & St Hilda's Chapel

Christmas Raffle Tickets

As we know the social group at Ss Hilda & Martin have decided not to have their usual Christmas Fayre this year due to COVID, but are to have a raffle. The tickets are available now and should be with us soon. Any good prizes are welcome.