

Parish Diary Week:

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday May 14 th	6.00pm	FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER	
	9.00am	SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of Parish
Sunday May 15th	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Ruth & Alf Robinson
		SUNDAY MASS – St John's	First Holy Communion
		First Holy Communion Day	Children
Monday May 16 th	-	...of the Fifth Week of Easter	-
		NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
		...of the Fifth Week of Easter	
Tuesday May 17 th	9.30am	Morning Mass (St John's)	Private Intention
	6.00pm	Governors Resources Meeting	School
	7.00pm	Parish Social Planning Group	Presbytery
Wednesday May 18 th	NB Venue 9.30am	...of the Fifth Week of Easter Morning Mass (St Martin's Chapel)	Michael Lee
Thursday May 19 th	NB Venue 9.30am	...of the Fifth Week of Easter Morning Mass (English Martyrs)	Private Intention
Friday May 20 th	9.30am	...of the Fifth Week of Easter Morning Mass (St John's)	Private Intention
Saturday May 21 st	6.00pm	SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER	
	9.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's	Diarmuid Dineen
Sunday May 22nd	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St John's	First Holy Communion Preparation Day

Drop into church to pray:

St John's Church continues to be open most days for private prayer (*Not Monday*)

English Martyrs: Thanks to our new Deacon & family this church will be open on Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm for private prayer (*Use the side door*)

English Martyrs' Rosary: Deacon Bernard has offered to be available to pray the Rosary with any who wish to join on Fridays of May at 4.00pm.

(Mass Readings: Sundays of Easter Year C; Easter Weekdays: ...of Year 2)

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, Jack Wallace, Maureen Brown, Ruth & Alf Robson, Irene Bottomley, David Ashworth and all those who are sick.

Anniversaries: MAY 3rd Audrey Crossley, 10th Joan de Jong 15th Monica Jones, 17th Jimmy Valentine, Nita O'Neill, 23rd Angel Dominguez 24th John Smith, Frank Dunstan, 27th Enid Johnstone, 28th Paul Bradley, 29th Susan Mackenzie, 30th Sheila Hargreaves, 31st Chris Hull

Lately Dead: Irene Bottomley. Requiem Mass 31st May at 11am at St John's

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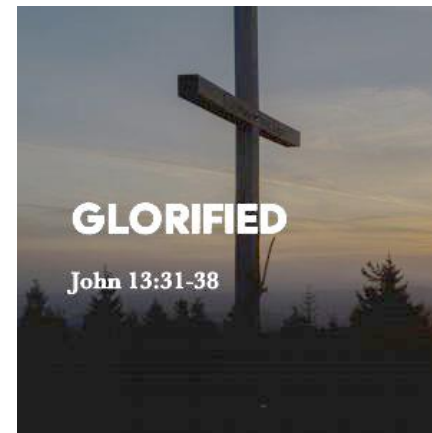
St John the Evangelist

with the English Martyrs'

Sunday 15th May 2022

'Communion – Participation – Mission'

Fifth Sunday of Easter



The Parish 'ALPHA' Course.

The course to share our faith in who Jesus is for us began yesterday. It is good to see both those parishioners who wish to organise this and share their faith – and also people who are taking on the challenge to broaden their faith. If you could not make yesterday then please listen to people and join in whenever you can.

If you have been listening to the Easter Scriptures at Mass it is easy to be drawn into the call to discipleship in our own days which affected the early Church. We also heard the Bishop last week detailing how important our community's part will be in the future of our Church in our area – we need to be fed.

Commemoration Mass for Ken Binks – Friday

Sadly many funerals which took place during lockdown meant that people beyond immediate family could not attend. It was mentioned that Mass could be celebrated after COVID. Thanks to Cath Chambers for gathering so many people to celebrate her father at Mass at St Martins on Friday. It was a song-filled occasion! It was also a chance for many who had been afraid to gather in church to be in a full, singing, mask-free church. Please do ponder if you wished to do similar.



Please welcome to their First Holy Communion today:

Athan Mundenchira
William Cassidy
Jessica Reeves
Alistair Jackson
Abby Mroz



Please say hello to their families, also, who have accompanied them through their preparation.

The children will be at the back of church after Mass for you to speak to them.

The last couple of years have not been easy ones for parents to commit to bringing their children to Mass and joining the preparation. If you missed out on joining the preparation please sign up for our new year, starting before Advent – it is fine to join with the new Year 4 at that stage. There will be details in the parish bulletin and through the school 'Jigsaw' app – if you are not at our school please speak to Fr Peter for details

Baptism of Children:

Now that our period of lockdown is over it is time to consider having the children born recently Baptised.

In our parish we have two gatherings of parents to look at the rite of Baptism of children, but also to look at what baptising means and the responsibilities it brings to parents. Our next two gatherings are:

Tuesday 24th May at 7.00pm and

Tuesday 31st May at 7.00pm

Both at the presbytery

If you know parents please let them know to come.



*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
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Websites: www.stjohnspoulton.org.uk
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Parish School: St John's Primary School:
Telephone: 01253 883690
Website:
www.stjohnscatholicprimarypoulton.co.uk/

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

Victoria Hospital Chaplain: 01253 956 299

Please pray for those living in: Ball Street, Beaumont Gardens, Beckdean Avenue, Beech Avenue, Beech Drive, Beeston Avenue, Belgrave Place, Belgrave Road, Belmont Ave, Beverley Avenue, Birch Way, Bispham Road, 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 Intentions: April 2022:

For faith-filled young people: *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

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

Tuesday 24th May

Tuesday 31st May

Both first & Second meeting at 7pm: Presbytery

St Oscar Romero Fund: Is our parish fund for local poor – you may see the collection after Masses.

Emailed copy of the Bulletin:

If you wish to have the bulletin sent each week to your email address please email the parish Email.

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: "If you'd like to join the parish WhatsApp group, please introduce yourself to a welcomer at the back of church before or after mass and give your name and mobile number."

Gift Aid your contribution: 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)

FOOD BANK CALL:

Fleetwood Food Bank is currently running short of white granulated sugar.

Anyone able to pop a bag in to St John's Box? As always, they are very grateful for all our support.

PARISH MASS CARDS

We have some new Mass cards with pictures from St John's church price £1 at the back of church.



This Year is

Fr John Walsh's Ruby Jubilee

His Jubilee is in June and so, with his blessing, we hope he will come to Mass at the English Martyrs on **Thursday 16th June** - to play as much part as he feels fit enough to do. With the help of parishioners there could be some light refreshments in the hall afterwards for chat and reminisce.

Sunday 19th June is the actual the date of his ruby jubilee and Fr John hopes to be present at the 11am Mass at St John's. We may need to be imaginative in celebrating after Mass – but this will be June, so it will be sunny!

Please ponder the possible details of these events.

Deanery Pastoral Council:

Just a few words about our second meeting of Parish Clergy and lay representatives of this important group. Under the headings of looking to the future shape of our Church in Blackpool and North Fylde be shared about the vision of creating English Martyrs church into a shared centre for spirituality and adult education, the need for sharing parish catechesis and training, and the possibility of working towards a joint Mass for Young People (Mid teens to thirty year olds) on the feast of Christ the King – partly for its own sake, but also so that parishes work together.

We also spoke about parish concerns for Ukrainian refugees. There are increasing numbers of Ukrainians being 'adopted' by local people and we wish to let them know they are welcome at our churches (We even have a flag up!). We are also in touch with the Ukrainian orthodox Church in England to see if their priest would like to celebrate the Eucharist in their rite in English Martyrs'. Please do keep your ears open for neighbours welcoming Ukrainians and welcome them in the name of your own parish community. All these topics can be shared with parishioners.

The 300 club has started again and I am using the numbers for those who paid just before COVID.

The April quarterly draw winners were:

Mrs T (Maureen) Taylor who won £25 and

Jayne Clarke who won £100. Jayne has very kindly donated this to the foodbank at Fleetwood. Phil

Parish Diary:

15 th May	First Holy Communion Mass
21 st May	ALPHA Course
22 nd May	First Communion Breakfast
24 th May	Parent's Baptism Course I
26 th May	Feast of the Ascension
28 th May	ALPHA Course
31 st May	Parent's Baptism Course II
4 th June	Queen's Parish Platinum Party
(4 th June	NO: ALPHA Course)
14 th June	Full School Governor's Meeting

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Will be going from 22nd to 29th July 2022 for seven nights. Bishop Paul will lead it. It costs from £799.

Details from the Website at:

<https://joewalshstours.co.uk/tours/diocese-of-lancaster-lourdes-pilgrimage-2022/>

PARISH SOCIAL PLANS:

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PARISH 'DO' 4th June 2022 on the church field – PARTY!

Our parish planning group wishes to confirm our offer of a picnic on the parish field on this day and invites individuals and families to think of particular events – 1952 is an obvious theme where people can dress up and bring food that reminds us of those days (But not over-cooked!). These events are important memories for senior members to share with the younger people – 'memories' are what makes us who we are so let us not miss out on this – please share with each other and include previous parish or families memories.

Regular social gathering:

It is important we build on the recent Thursday afternoon events we have shared together at the English Martyrs. Phil Cawley has kindly offered to share some of his experience of forgiveness through his work in restorative justice. We could have a different talk and gathering once a month to gather.

Coffee after 11am Sunday Mass?

In the last few weeks, with the coming of the sun, families and others are coming back to Sunday Mass – and they are missing the gathering for coffee. That we cannot use the hall does not mean we cannot be inventive. The group has been looking at a Marque we can use next to the church in summer. How's that?