

Parish Diary Week:

Date	Time	Feast	Pray for:
Saturday July 30 th	6.00pm	<i>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY Vigil MASS – St John's	People of Parish
Sunday July 31st	9.00am 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	James Faulkner Martin Murtagh
Monday August 1 st	-	<i>(Week 18 Of Ordinary Time – w/d: year 2)</i> St Alphonsus NO PUBLIC Prayer & Liturgy of Word	-
Tuesday August 2 nd	9.30am	...Of week 18 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's) Tea After Mass	Peter Hiney
Wednesday August 3 rd	NB venue 9.30am	...Of week 18 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St Martin's)	Monica Lambe
Thursday August 4 th	NB Venue 9.30am	St John Vianney Morning Mass (English Martyrs) Tea after	James Faulkner
Friday August 5 th	9.30am	...Of week 18 of Ordinary Time Morning Mass (St John's)	Joseph Dickinson
Saturday August 6 th	6.00pm	<i>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</i> SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – St John's	People of Parish
Sunday August 7th	9.00am 11.00am	SUNDAY MASS – St Martin's SUNDAY MASS – St John's	Peter Davis Theresa Faulkner

(Sunday 14th August: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day)

Sunday Mass Toilets: (as it were!) In case some do now know the toilets in St John's hall are open during weekend Mass – some people need to know this to be able to make the decision to come.

Drop into church to pray:

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

English Martyrs: The Church will be open for private prayer each day (Has this been useful?) – there will be Mass on Thursday as usual at 9.30pm

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

Please pray for: Veronica Morris, 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, David Ashworth, Rev Martin Keighley, Trevor Holme 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.

Recently Dead:

Parish of

St John the Evangelist

with the English Martyrs'

Sunday 31st July 2022

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Breck Road closure at the roundabout

The observant will have noticed the sign on the road which reminds us that this will be blocked from "25th July for six weeks."

(This week it was possible to drive out of Breck road, but not into it from the roundabout – But we don't know if this will continue over the summer)

"Feed the Hungry"

It was mentioned in the bulletin last week how the Fleetwood Foodbank had responded to recent lockdowns, and the closure of their centre, to delivering food to the local hungry.

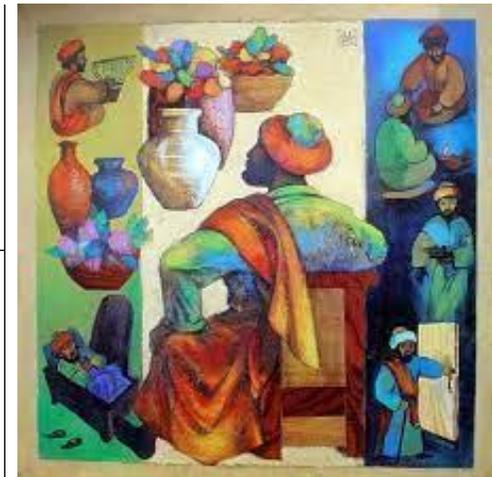
In returning to making food available to people in Fleetwood the Foodbank has been encouraging groups in Thornton and Cleveleys to support their own local people.

For some time the Foodbank has had requests for a small number of bags from Poulton. They are asking if the churches in Poulton could look to arranging something small. Last week it was great that so many Poulton Catholics, Methodists and Anglicans gathered with a leader from the Foodbank to look at ways forward locally. It is good to see that any response to the hungry in our town is led by "Churches Together"!

We are lucky to have two of our congregation, Christine and Angela, who have volunteered in the past with the Foodbank. They are meeting with representatives of the Churches in town in the next weeks to suggest some ways forward. We then have a general meeting booked at Ss Martin & Hilda's at 2pm on Tuesday 30th August to share possibilities with others.

Please consider how important this issue is for us as disciples of Jesus and what you could do to help practically. Thanks for all the interest.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"



"Getting to know Jesus and learning your Faith"

For me joining the weekly "Alpha Course" has given me a lasting memory and personal experience of something special.

The tuition, formal guidance and introduction to the topic for the session by Fr Peter, Elaine and Cathy, the DVD covering Alpha stages each week, made us all aware of the greater world in the lives of our fellow Christians – and was 'a tonic'. It gave us spiritual nourishment and strengthened our conviction and Faith.

On arrival each week we were thankful for the warm welcome by the reception people and the catering team who laid out the tables with plenty of tea, coffee and breakfast!

I'm sure everybody was in the same mind - the course was a success – but sadly ended! Each of us had more to say and contribute.

Thanks. 'A participant'

(Thank you from this participant – could others help those who were not there know more about what it meant for you?)

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

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Rev Bernard Farrell-Roberts

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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

English Martyrs Tel: 01253 882497

Victoria Hospital Chaplain: 01253 956 299

Please pray for those living in: Caldervale Ave, Caldicot Way, Carleton Gardens, Carleton Gate / The Crescent, Carleton Way, Carr Close, Carr Head Lane, Castle Ave, Castle Gardens Crescent, Cedar Ave, Chapel St / Alexander Court, Chester Ave, Chew Gardens, Chiltern Ave, Compley Ave, Compley Green, Compton Close, Coniston Ave, Corbridge Close, Cottam Place, Crescent Rd, Crocus Court, Croft House, Curzon Rd.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions: July 2022

Elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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

Tuesday 6th September

Tuesday 13th September

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: **07582 989065** (New, 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)

Defibrillator at Ss Martin & Hilda's

Ss Martin & Hilda's has just taken ownership of a defibrillator which is very visible and can be used by the local area. It was gained from a local charity which raised money for them and works very hard.

Although the machines are (I understand) very easy to use and speak to those using them the charity also offers training to encourage people. The machines come without cost – though they do have a cost to 'reset' when used.

If you are part of Ss M&M congregation please keep an eye open for the training. I have emailed the charity to express interest from St John's. (anyone any experience with this?)

The information about the defibrillator has been shared with the shops around the area and a poster available in case it is needed to save lives.

This and next weekend there will be a retiring collection to help pay back some of the money those who have raised the money have given – please be generous. (I hear they cost about £6,000!)



Do you worry, quietly,
about what to do if
someone close to you
had a heart attack?
Watch this space

Parish Safeguarding declaration?

*"As members of the parish communities
of St John the Evangelist &
The English Martyrs, Poulton,
we are eager to proclaim
Christ's Gospel of Life and Hope to all.
As God's people we aim to protect all
individuals
whilst in our care and on our premises,
from physical, emotional and sexual abuse –
especially children, young people
and those of any age who are vulnerable.
We welcome and encourage the development
of
a climate of trust and openness,
and the building of a safe environment for all."*

Please Pray for:

Fr Dave Duane, from our Diocese, who died last weekend in Ireland. Some of you will remember him as an assistant priest in the English Martyrs Preston, St John Vianney Blackpool and parish priest at the Sacred Heart Preston and Maryport, amongst other parishes across the Diocese. His funeral was held in Ireland on Tuesday.

Baptism Preparation for Parents:

If you have relations who are planning to have their child baptised please let them know the dates of the next preparation evenings at the presbytery. (Please ask them to contact me if they intend to be present)

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News from Malawi is that, as we might expect, life has got even harder: inflation in June was an eye-watering 23%. The price of the powdered milk for the nursery porridge almost doubled overnight.

Fr Alfred himself has been appointed to a new post (I think it is a promotion!) - he will be Secretary to the Bishops' Conference. This will mean moving from Blantyre to Lilongwe which will be a big upheaval. He says he will still be able to keep an eye on the projects in the village, mostly the Nursery School and its feeding programme, and the secondary school sponsorships. The village committee will keep things running.

Thanks to all who came to the Beetle Drive, and those who didn't come but made donations - we raised almost £300. With another large donation made recently we should be able to fund the porridge for at least the rest of the year.

Our Secondary School students will be doing their final exams starting August 30th - please keep them in your prayers. It is good to note that all nineteen of them are still in school, quite an achievement when we look at the dropout rates resulting from Covid and the rising cost of living. Fr Alfred wants to take on a new batch from form 1 next term (secondary school is four years so starting at = what I still think of as the fourth form? Year 10). We have lost some sponsors (RIP) so will need to assess how many youngsters we can take on. If anyone feels they can't afford to continue sponsoring, please let me know, otherwise we'd be grateful if you would stump up £150 by the end of August. If paying direct into the bank, please let me know when you have done it, or cheque payable to English Martyrs' Malawi Projects.

Thanks to those sponsors paying by standing order. Zikomo kwambiri from the young people and their families.

Below - the solar lighting being installed at the Primary school, and our latest nursery class

Thanks to all, Ann

Parish Diary:

14 th August	Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
1 st September	School Opens
11 th September	Annual Marian Pilgrimage at St Mary's, Cleator

