

Day/Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Sat, 27 May	9.30am 6.00pm	St Augustine of Canterbury Vigil	Fr John's Intentions Fr Stephen Cross
Sun, 28 May	9.30am* 11.00am	The Ascension of The Lord	The Parishioners Steven Ray
Mon, 29 May	9.30am		Norman Atwood
Tue, 30 May	9.30am		Gilbert O'Rouke
Wed, 31 May	9.30am*	Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary	John Curry
Thur, 1 Jun	9.30am		Susan Corless
Fri, 2 Jun	9.30am		Kathleen Hickey
Sat, 3 Jun	9.30am 6.00pm	Vigil	Fr John's Intentions Holy Souls
Sun, 4 Jun	9.30am* 11.00am	Pentecost	Diarmuid Dineen

\* Denotes Services at St Martin de Porres, Carleton

Confessions at St John's every Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 5.15-5.45pm  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: every Saturday 10.00-11.00am at St John's

#### Please Pray For

Megan (aged 8), Louis Crowson Hannah Metcalf, Cyril Thompson, Mary Robertson, Connie Ellwood, Laura Patey, Pauline Cafferty, Kate Lingard, Maureen Johnson, Chris Taylor, Antonio Palmer, John Hawkins, Christopher Brown, John Vincent, Gerard Walsh, Fr Gerry Dunn, Canon John Watson and all the sick.

#### Anniversaries About This Time

Enid Johnstone, Chris Hull.

#### Lately Dead

Victims of the terrorist attack in Manchester. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; may they rest in peace.*

# Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 28 May 2017  
The Ascension of The Lord

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Go And Make Disciples Of All Nations  
Matthew 28:16-20

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**A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Mass today and throughout the week**

### Ascension Of The Lord

Today's feast gives us an opportunity to celebrate our heavenly future and our eternal destiny. God wants us to have a living hope in the promise of eternal life and the enjoyment of the beatific vision. This hope is rooted in the victory of Christ on the cross and his rising from the dead. This joy can well up deep inside us and can be the source of a profound and abiding confidence in God's goodness. The Ascension points to our true dignity and eternal destiny. We are united with all believers when we proclaim that, just as Jesus ascended body and soul, we too will rise on the last day.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For June

*Eliminate the Arms Trade* - that national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimises so many innocent people.

### Churches Together In Poulton and Carleton

"Songs Of Praise" - Sunday, 4 June at 3.00pm. This event to celebrate Poulton Festival Week will be held in the garden at St Martin's & St Hilda's accompanied by Poulton Brass Band. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

### Youth Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2017

Hannah & Sarah Kelly will be travelling with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year (19-29 July). In order to raise funds for this event the girls will be completing a sponsored walk across Morecambe Bay (date to be announced). Sponsor forms will be at the back of Church after each Mass. Thank you for any support you can give them.

**This Week** we pray for people living in Moorland Gardens, Moorland Manor/ Manor Mews and Moorland Road.

### Eastertide Deanery Masses:

**Wednesdays At 7.00pm** The venue this week (Wednesday) is Cardinal Allen High School, Fleetwood. The intention is Vocations to the Priesthood. Please try and come along if you can.

**"The Disaster Of Sin"** A talk by Fr Adrian Towers in the Lounge at St Kentigern's Parish Centre on Wednesday, 31 May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Walsingham Association** Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Monday, 12 June till Friday, 16 June. Please see poster for more details.

**First Holy Communion 2017** Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion children, their parents and catechists - as we continue to support them on their faith journey. First Holy Communion this year will be on Saturday, 24 June at the 6.00pm Mass.

**Catholic Newspapers** If you want a Catholic newspaper please speak to Fr Walsh and order your copy.

**Tea and Coffee** is served every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at St John's and after the 9.30am Mass at St Martin's every second Sunday of the month.



### St Martin's & St Hilda's

The Ecumenical Choir (St John's, St Chad's, St Martin's, St Hilda's & St Anne's) is meeting again on Friday evenings at St Martin's & St Hilda's Church from 7.00pm to prepare for a summer event. Please join us - it's great fun!

"The People's Palaces" Many thanks to all who attended this excellent presentation at St Martin's & St Hilda's. Your kind contributions raised £150 which will go to the refurbishment of the Church & Hall.

**SVP Society** If anyone requires regular transport to the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, please contact Neville Booth on Tel: 884325 and this can be arranged.

**Election Candidates Forum - 7.45pm Sunday, 4 June** at the Methodist Church, Poulton. An opportunity to put forward the Christian point of view. For further details, please see Notice Board.

**Connie Ellwood** a lifelong member of St John's parish, is shortly moving to live with her daughter in Bispham. Connie is staying at Primrose Bank, Breck Road until 16 June. Any visitors would be most welcome before she leaves.

**Production Of The Newsletter** If you have any information you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact Elaine on 01253 886219 (evenings between 6.00-9.00pm) or via email: [elainebrownwood@hotmail.com](mailto:elainebrownwood@hotmail.com) Please Note: Any information for the coming weekend needs to be forwarded to Elaine by Wednesday 9.00pm at the latest.

### Parish Review (St John's & St Martin's):

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things..." Yes, the time has come (this Sunday, 28 May, after the 11.00am Mass) for the various groups in the parish to talk to each other about their activities, aims and issues. **Do please come along** - with or without posters, to share common concerns and interests - and whether pigs have wings!

### KSC Pilgrimage To Iona, Lochgilphead and Carfin. 12-16 June 2017.

Various departure points. For further details please see poster on Notice Board or contact Ken and Sheila Hargreaves, tel: 01253 354339

### Marriage Care - Volunteers Needed

Are you a good listener, or good with words? Marriage care needs YOU. We are passionate about supporting healthy enduring relationships & are looking for:

- Volunteer Relationship Counsellors (Full training & Support will be given)
- People willing to work "behind the scenes" to support the service

Please remember, small amounts of time can produce big results. Marriage Care is a National Organisation with a local office based in Blackpool covering the Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre areas. For more information, contact: [www.marriagecare.org.uk/volunteers](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/volunteers) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

### The Prayer of the Heart

"An old man often sat motionless for hours on end in Church. One day, the priest asked him what God talked to him about. The man replied: "God doesn't talk, He just listens". "Well, then, what do you talk to God about?" asked the priest. "I don't talk either" said the old man, "I just listen".