

Day/Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Sat, 12 Aug	9.30am		Fr John's Intentions
	6.00pm	Vigil	Don Baird
Sun, 13 Aug	9.30am*	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Peter Kelly
	11.00am		The Parishioners
Mon, 14 Aug	9.30am	St Maximilian Kolbe	Private Intention
	7.00pm	Vigil of The Assumption of Our Lady	
Tue, 15 Aug	9.30am	Solemnity of The Assumption of Our Lady	Frank Carroll
Wed, 16 Aug		No Mass This Morning	
Thur, 17 Aug	9.30am		Private Intention
Fri, 18 Aug	9.30am		Private Intention
Sat, 19 Aug	9.30am		Private Intention
	6.00pm	Vigil	Private Intention
Sun, 20 Aug	9.30am*	20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Private Intention
	11.00am		The Parishioners

* 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 10), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, John Ireland, Kate Lingard, Antonio Palmer, Laura Patey, Joanne Porter, Mary Robertson, Chris Taylor, Fr Joseph Maley, John Vincent and all the sick.

Anniversaries About This Time

Pat Taylor

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 13 August 2017
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A



Jesus Walks on the Water
Matthew 14: 22-33

St John The Evangelist

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St Martin de Porres

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

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

In today's gospel Jesus speaks seventeen life-giving and life-changing words to his disciples who are in danger of being overwhelmed by a furious, life-threatening squall. These seventeen words are amongst the most consoling and comforting ever spoken by the Lord: "Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!" Jesus speaks these words to us in every human situation, predicament, tragedy, heartache.

"You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Doubt is the opposite of faith. Doubt sees obstacles, faith sees the way. Doubt sees the blackest night, faith sees the day. Doubt asks "Where is God?" Faith answers "Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!"

Faith and doubt exist together. St John Henry Newman said: "Ten thousand uncertainties do not make one doubt". Faith has shone through many struggles and uncertainties. Doubt is a wave that is always trying to overwhelm us. Faith is the board which enables us to ride the surf of unbelief into the safe harbour. Let our prayer be: "Lord, I believe; help me in my unbelief."

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For August

For those who work in the creative arts: that through their ingenuity and creativity they may help everyone to discover the beauty of God's creation.

This Week we pray for people living in Raybourne Ave and Regents Terrace.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven on Tuesday, 15 August is a Holy Day Of Obligation. All those who are able to do so should attend Mass.

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.

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.



**NO ONE IN THE
WORLD CAN
CHANGE TRUTH.
WHAT WE CAN DO
AND SHOULD DO IS
TO SEEK TRUTH AND
TO SERVE IT WHEN
WE HAVE FOUND IT.**

St Maximilian Kolbe

SVP Foodbank Please continue to donate dried or tinned foods to the foodbank. They are much appreciated by those who struggle to cope with the necessities of life. Clothing and blankets can also be donated. Many thanks.

Night Fever 2017 At Sacred Heart, Blackpool "Nightfever" is an event with a special atmosphere of music, prayer and candlelight at a time when churches are not usually open. This year's "Nightfever" at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool will take place on Friday, 20 October. If you are interested in taking part in this event in either the Street Ministry Team or the Prayer Team, please let your Parish Priest know and your details will be passed on to the organisers. You will be contacted nearer the time.

If anyone has items for the newsletter please contact Elaine Brownwood on 01253 886219 (evenings 6.00 - 9.00pm) or email them to elainebrownwood@hotmail.com by 9.00pm Wednesday evening. Thank you.



Fr John Collins

Currently parish priest of English Martyrs, Hardhorn, is due to retire on 1 September 2017. A Farewell Mass to celebrate his many years of active ministry in the priesthood, will be held on Wednesday, 23 August 2017 at 7.00pm at English Martyrs. All are most welcome to attend.

In his retirement, Fr Collins will live at St Kentigern's, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

Ecumenical Weekend: 15-17 September 2017

This enjoyable weekend of fellowship in the lovely surroundings of Abbott Hall Hotel, Kents Bank, Grange-over-Sands is open to anyone from St Martins, St Hilda's, St John's, St Chad's & St Annes, Singleton. All rooms are ensuite - £145 per person. Only three places left. Interested? Please speak to Neville or Bill or contact Elizabeth Harrison (Tel: 01253 884181) or joeli44@hotmail.com

The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

Although this was not formally declared and defined as divinely revealed dogma until 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Holy Spirit has led the Church from the beginning to reflect on Mary's share in the glorified life of Christ. It was inconceivable that she who, in the fullness of time, was chosen by God to bear His son should not also be given a share in his glorified life. So close was Mary to Jesus on earth that she must be with him body and soul in heaven. The Virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be a sign of hope and comfort on our pilgrim way. Therefore we can pray: "May my soul glorify the Lord and my spirit rejoice in God my Saviour, because he has promised me a share in the divine nature and the gift of eternal life."