

**PRAYERS:** *The Sick:* Jane Hindle, Anne Corcoran, Bob Priestly, Alan Cox, Molly Ince, John Radcliffe, Tony Butler, Alice McGowan, Br John de Montalt, John Adamson, John Corcoran, Janina Crow, Peter Doherty, Moya Eastwood, Pat Fishwick, Beattie Flannigan, Cathy Gaughan, Maureen Gillespie, Joe Higgins, Rose Hornby, Bernadette McDaid, Amanda Martin, Michael Moughton, Kenzie McDermott, Peter Nicholls, Colleen O'Donoghue, Rose Price, Baby Sean John, Amy Rose Sanderson, Anne Marie Seabury, Kath Smith, May Stocky, Elisha Swales, Zara Taylor, Tom King, Karen Wainwright, Carrie Walmesley, Dorothy Conroy, Rita Fraser, John Welton, Kathleen Perfect, Charlie Sherrington.

*Lately Dead:* Arthur Williamson, Thomas Fahey.

**OUR SCHOOLS:**

**St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy: Lightwood Avenue FY4 2AU**

Head: Mrs S Smith. Email: [admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk)

**St John Vianney Catholic Primary School: Glastonbury Avenue FY1 6RD**

Head: Mrs. E Allen. Email: [admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk)

**Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School: Common Edge Road FY4 5DE**

Head: Mrs. E Mannix: [admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk)

**St Mary's Catholic Academy: St Walburga's Road FY3 7EQ**

Head: Mr S Eccles. Email: [admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk)

**COVID 19 – and other transmissible infections: *if you have any of these – stay at home.*** In church: hand sanitising is available. Holy Communion under one kind remains. To receive on the tongue, please be at the end of Communion.

**A WARM WELCOME:** to new parishioners. Please make yourself known to one of the priests. Welcome too, to those visiting Blackpool for a holiday break.

**ENQUIRIES:** regarding Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, First Communions, Confirmations or those wanting to become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office. Also, for all enquiries regarding the newsletter.

FIGURES	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL	ATTENDED
St C	£186.62		125
OLA	£323.62		100
SJV	£552.62		302

*NB The above figures do not take into account offertory given by Standing Order  
Attendance figures now include Polish, Syro-Malabar & Neo Catechumenal celebrations*

**PARISH GARDENING CLUB SJV:** Now closed until spring.

**REFRESHMENTS:** after Mass: 9am SJV, 10am St C & 10.30am OLA

**Special Collections:** None Today

**THE PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS**

Serving the congregations of:  
**ST CUTHBERT, OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND  
ST JOHN VIANNEY**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR 'A'**



What an accolade – to be called a ‘great man’ by Jesus. He was speaking of John the Baptist. Why was he great? Because he prepared a way for the Lord in himself and in others. Our greatness too, will reside in the way we prepare to receive Christ and encourage others to do the same.



**CHRISTMAS MASS  
TIMES**

**Christmas Eve**  
5.30pm St John Vianney  
6pm Our Lady of the Assumption  
**Christmas Day**  
9am St John Vianney  
10am St Cuthbert  
10.30am Our Lady of the Assumption  
11.15am St John Vianney  
*Midnight Mass at  
St Kentigern's.*

**SJV ANNUAL BINGO:** 11th Dec  
6pm. St. John Paul II Centre Entrance  
£3 to include hot food: mince pies tea & coffee, hot dogs. To book a table phone Carole 07865 543 107. Bring

Guardian Angels Parish  
**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
St Cuthbert's 7pm. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Priests:** Christopher Loughran & Frank Osman

**Deacons:** Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

**ADDRESS:** St John Vianney Presbytery  
26, Glastonbury Avenue, Blackpool FY1 6RD Tel. [01253] 762227

Website: <https://parishofguardianangelsblackpool.com>

Email: [catholicsinsouthblackpool@gmail.com](mailto:catholicsinsouthblackpool@gmail.com)

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Sunday: Yr A; Weekdays: Year 1; Psalter: Wk.3

**SUNDAY: THIRD IN ADVENT**

5.30pm (SJV) Paul & Ann Cusack

6pm (OLA) Mary Sheilds RIP

6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am (SJV) People of the parish

10am (ST C) Roger Cheetham RIP

10.30am (OLA) Lynne Cray RIP

11.15am (SJV) Betty Jones RIP

3.30pm (ST C) *Polish Mass*

5pm (SJV) *Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite*

**Mon Advent wk. 3**

9.15am (SJV) Michael Caveney - health

**Tue St Lucy**

9.15am: (SJV) Peggie Duffy RIP

9.30am: (OLA) Joan & Tony Brady RIP

**Wed St John of the Cross**

9.15am (SJV) May Devoy RIP

12.00 (St C) Margaret McLaughlin RIP

6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite*

**Thurs Advent wk. 3**

9.15am: (SJV) Dorothy Holliday RIP

9.30am (OLA) Marie & Tony Butler

**Fri Advent wk. 3**

9.15am (SJV) Mark Billing RIP

12.00 (St C) Georgina Peta Fox RIP

**Sat Advent Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY: FOURTH IN ADVENT**

5.30pm (SJV) Bill & Vic McGarvie RIP

6pm (OLA) Colman & Fahy Families

6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am (SJV) People of the parish

10am (ST C) Bernard & Teresa Baines RIP

10.30am (OLA) Michael & Hilary Clowes RIP

11.15am (SJV) Patrick Mullen

3.30pm (ST C) *Polish Mass*

5pm (SJV) *Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite*

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for December.** We pray that non-profit volunteer organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** (SJV). At the 11.15am Mass during term time.

Advent Sundays:

3.30pm SJV

Evening Prayer &  
benediction

**EXPOSITION**

Sat 11am-12noon

Our Lady of the  
Assumption &  
St Cuthbert's.

**CONFESSIONS:**

*St Cuthbert's:*

Sat: 11.30am.

*St John Vianney:*

Sat: 5pm &

Sun: 8.30am.

*Our Lady of the  
Assumption:*

Sat 11-11.30am.

Or by request to any priest  
in church.

Also by appointment.

**THIS WEEK:** Usual First Friday Holy Hour but in the relative warmth of the Chapel (SJV) and then the Miraculous Medal Novena on Saturday. Usual Sunday Masses shivered through at SJV but Benediction was given in the Chapel. Monday and dear Mrs Pegden's funeral. Tuesday and a step nearer completing the work at OLA presbytery with a visit from the Diocesan Property Manager which precipitated a long discussion about the various properties across the parish. More meetings on Wednesday: the H&S Officer from the diocese inspected SJV Presbytery – report awaited; a more jovial moment with the Tea Party at St Cuthbert's but then back to the grind with a (long) Governor's meeting at OLA. Across the schools preparations and performances for Advent / Christmas. Nursery & Reception gave their inimitable take on our Lord's nativity! Mass at the St M High School and then, to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OLA, a celebratory Mass of thanksgiving and a 'do' in the Hall.

**OLA CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO & QUIZ:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.15pm for 8pm in the OLA Church Hall

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We want the church to look good at Christmas. Would you like to give a donation in memory of a loved one? Put your contribution in an envelope with your intention written on it and we will display the intentions on the Lady Altar.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** What a Tour de Force! So many people from all over the parish, together with our Polish friends and the uniformed groups, the staff and children at SJV, all under the watchful direction of Carole and her crew. Thanks to all of you. A staggering £2115 was raised! List of raffle winners is in the church porch.

**2023 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** Now available at the back of church £5.

**ADVENT HAS BEGUN:** a special time of prayer in preparation for Christmas: SJV **Sunday Evening Prayer & Benediction** 3.30pm; St C 7am Mon – Fri sung **Morning Prayer** with the NeoCatechumenal Community; St C Saturday 11am: Quiet **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation Service** Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm. OLA Saturday 11am: Quiet Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER:** December leaflets at the back of church.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:** Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm Sacred Heart Church Blackpool  
Wine and Mince Pies will be served after the service

**MARY'S MEALS:** Until January every £1 given will be matched by donors. Visit: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**FOODBANKS:** In the church porch you will find boxes in which to leave items to support the work of the local foodbanks.

**COLD:** Still installing the heating system at SJV – do wrap up warm!

**FROM CASTLERIGG:** Christmas Fayre // December 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm. **World Youth Day 2023 // July 31-Aug 6** Open to anyone aged 18-35 Lisbon with Pope Francis and a few million others. Info: [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) or get in touch. **Altar Servers Retreat // Jan 13-14** our one-night open retreat, £35 for Year 6+. Details - [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**The Parish of Guardian Angels, Blackpool  
Incorporating: St John Vianney, St Cuthbert  
& Our Lady of the Assumption.**

**Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> St Stephen**

Mass: 10am SJV

**Tuesday December 27<sup>th</sup> St John**

Masses: 10am SJV; 10am OLA

**Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents**

Masses: 10am SJV; Noon St.C

**Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup> St Thomas Beckett**

Masses: 10am SJV; 10am OLA

**Friday December 30<sup>st</sup> The Holy Family**

Masses: 10am SJV; Noon St. C.

**Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> Seventh Day of Christmas**

Masses: 5.30pm SJV; 6pm OLA

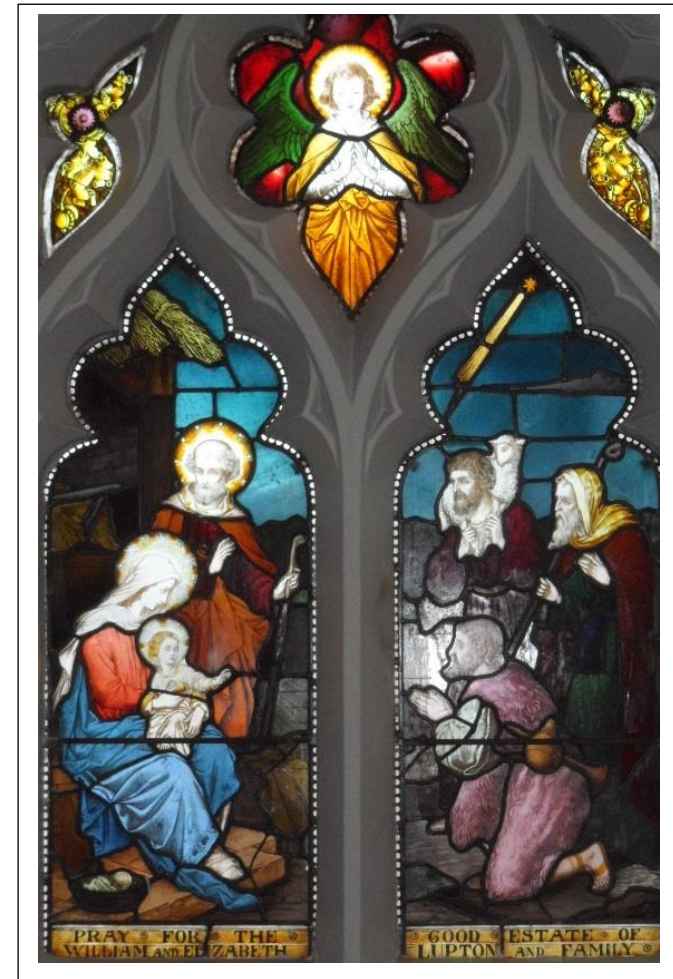
Neo-catechumenal Eucharist 6.30pm SJV.

**Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> Mary, Mother of God**

Masses: 9am SJV; 10am St C; 10.30am OLA; 11.15 SJV

Polish Mass 3.30pm St C; Syro-Malabar Mass 5.30pm SJV

Abbreviations: SJV – St John Vianney, St C – St Cuthbert's  
OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption



*Nativity Window St Cuthbert's Church*

*The Priests of the  
Parish  
Wish you a  
Very Holy Christmas  
and a  
Blessed New Year*

**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent:**

Masses (Vigil Sat) 5.30pm: SJV; 6pm: OLA

Sunday: 9am: SJV; 10am St C; 10.30am OLA; 11.15 SJV;

3.30pm Vespers & Benediction SJV

Polish Mass 3.30pm St C; Syro-Malabar Mass 5.30pm SJV

**Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass: 9.15am SJV

**Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Masses: 9.15am SJV; 9.30am OLA

**Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>**

Masses: ~~9.15am SJV~~; Noon St C

*11am Requiem SJV Arthur Williamson*

**Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Masses: 9.15am SJV; 9.30am OLA

**Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Masses: 9.15am SJV; Noon St. C.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

Masses: for Christmas: 5.30pm SJV; 6pm OLA

Syro-Malabar Mass 10pm SJV

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

Masses: 9am SJV; 10am St C; 10.30am OLA & 11.15 SJV

Polish Mass 3.30pm St C