

APRAYERS: *The Sick:* Jane Hindle, Anne Corcoran, Bob Priestly, Alan Cox, John Radcliffe, Tony & Marie Butler, Alice McGowan, 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, Karen Wainwright, Carrie Walmesley, Dorothy Conroy, Rita Fraser, Kathleen Perfect, Charlie Sherrington, Bernadette Bunting, Kathleen Booth, Lorri Ford, Fr Joe O'Connor, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand,
Lately Dead: Diana Howe, Celia Fawl.

OUR SCHOOLS:

St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy: Lightwood Avenue FY4 2AU
 Head: Mrs S Smith. Email: admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School: Glastonbury Avenue FY1 6RD
 Head: Mrs. C Evans. Email: 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
St Mary's Catholic Academy: St Walburga's Road FY3 7EQ
 Head: Mr S Eccles. Email: 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	£253.24	£49.48	88
OLA	£377.85	£91.61	131
SJV	£517.13	£130.31	382

*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: 1pm-3pm on the Parish field at SJV. All welcome. Bring a drink!

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

Special Collections: (Today) – Bishop's Administration Fund- now next week because of the Missionary Appeal.

THE PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

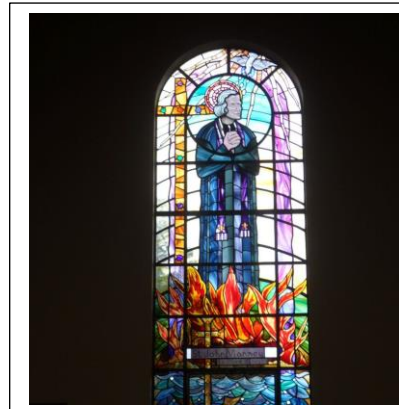
Serving the congregations of:
**ST CUTHBERT, OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND
 ST JOHN VIANNEY**

24th September 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Union reps amongst us may balk at today's Gospel cocking a snook, as it seems, at employment law. But to read it in that way is to miss the whole meaning of what Jesus is saying. His context is the Kingdom of Heaven and his message is that it is never too late to turn to God's mercy-even the 11th hour. The reward is the same for all who turn to God, no matter when; the reward is the Joy of heaven.



PARISH REUNION LUNCH:
 Following the success of last year's Parish Lunch for the opening of our new Parish (Guardian Angels), we will hold a reunion lunch at The Carousel Hotel 663 New South Promenade FY4 1RN, Sun 15th Oct 1.30pm. A 3 course meal will be available followed by tea/coffee at £22.95 per person. We need to pre-order our menu choice. Forms with this bulletin and need to be returned by Sunday 6th October. Payment will be taken on the day.

**THIS WEEKEND:
 MISSIONARY APPEAL:**
 by the Xaverian Missionary
 Fathers

Priests: Christopher Loughran & Frank Osman

Deacons: Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

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

SUNDAY: TWENTY-FIFTH IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30pm: (SJV) Intentions of WP
6:00pm: (OLA) St John's Stevenston
6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am (SJV) HSNL
10am (ST C) Clair Kilgallon RIP
10.30am (OLA) Dorothy Dowd and Jim Fish RIP
11.15am (SJV) People of the Parish
3.30pm (ST C) *Mass in Polish*
5pm (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Mon week 25

9.15am: (SJV) Wendy Hocter - Sick
12:00 (St C) Diana Howe Requiem Mass

Tue week 25

9.15am: (SJV) HSNL
9.30am: (OLA) Rosie Gahan RIP

Wed St. Vincent de Paul

9.15am: (SJV) Cath and Tom – Grief [Class Mass]
12.00: (St C) Tom King RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs week 25

9:15am: (SJV) Leslie Lawrence RIP
9.30am: (OLA) Brian Salmon RIP [Class Mass]

Fri SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL

9:15am: (SJV) HSNL
12.00: (St C) Lorri Ford - health

Sat St. Jerome

SUNDAY: TWENTY-SIXTH IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30pm: (SJV) Mark Billing RIP
6:00pm: (OLA) Intentions WP
6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am (SJV) Rev D Pope and family
10am (ST C) Special Intention (CL)
10.30am (OLA) Tony Smith RIP
11.15am (SJV) People of the Parish
3.30pm (ST C) *Mass in Polish*
5pm (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

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

SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS: available at the back of church.

PARISH PETITION BOOK: There is one of these in each of our churches for your intentions prayed for each Sunday.

CONFESSIONS:

At St Cuthbert's:
Sat: 11.30am.
At Our Lady of the Assumption:
Sat 11-11.30am.
St John Vianney:
Sat: 5pm &
Sun: 8.30am.
Or by request to any priest in church.
Also by appointment.

First Sunday in Month:
3.30pm SJV
Rosary & benediction
EXPOSITION
Sat 11am-12noon
Our Lady of the Assumption &
St Cuthbert's.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

THIS WEEK: Friday: what a tour de force the 90th Anniversary celebrations were. Holy Mass with concelebrants and a scrumptious buffet afterwards. Also usual 'on-call' for the hospital. Saturday: Confession and exposition and the evening Masses. Sunday: the usual routine of Masses and baptism. Three children who had been baptised in another place had the 'ceremonies supplied' here. In the afternoon 3 young teenagers were found running amok in the church and impervious to adult remonstrance! Later the Indian community had their 4-5pm Catechesis – nearly 100 children! We celebrated dear Mr King's funeral on Monday. Tuesday: SJV School held an RE Workshop for parents which was well attended and which I led with prayer. A plethora of baptism meetings. Wednesday saw the Requiem Mass for dear Mr Dunigan and the joy of a governor's meeting at OLA. Thursday: some safeguarding update training. An interview with our Church student as he prepares to return to seminary. Friday: the usual visits to the sick & housebound and preparations for the weekend and the Missionary Appeal.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: If there are any enquirers, this course, for those wishing to become Catholic, will begin in early October. See leaflet.

THANK YOU: to those parishoners and friends who worked hard for our 90th Anniversary celebration Mass and reception afterwards.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE: Sun 12th Nov, 3pm at SJV to pray for the Holy Souls and in particular for those whose funerals have been conducted by the parish clergy in the last year

CONGRATULATIONS: to Luca Schofield baptised recently and to Joni, Daisy and Rohan Fisher-Parr.

NEW PRIEST: For the Indian Community of St Kuriakose Elias who worship at SJV: Fr. John Keeramthadathil whom we welcome and seek God's blessing for his ministry.

MUSICIANS: At 3 of our 6 Sunday Masses we are blest with musicians, but not at the other 3. If you have a musical competence (mainly keyboard, but also guitar) please consider supporting the liturgy. Speak with one of the priests.

THE PARISH PUMP, *Blackpool's Ecumenical Magazine*, is desperately in need of more advertisers. The rates are quite simple £30 per month for a half page and £10 per month for the smaller third of a page. Further details from Bob Milner editorial team on 07912255413

EDUCATION MASS: Friday 6th October 2023 at 6:30 pm - St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster LA1 3BT. All involved in Education: teachers, governors, catechists welcome.

DIOCESAN FAITH & JUSTICE COMMISSION: '**Care of Creation**' event, Sat 7th Oct. 9.30 – 3.00pm, St Bernadette's Lancaster, LA1 4HT. Theme: 'Let Justice and Peace flow'. Speakers: Sr Margaret Atkins, Dr Stephen Garsed, Dr Paul Kelly and John Paul de Quay. Drinks provided *but please bring your own lunch*. Info or to confirm your attendance contact Sue Grubic ldfjsue@gmail.com or text 07791444417

SYNODALITY AND OUR CHURCH To help us to understand this Synod we invite you to a deanery meeting: English Martyrs' Church, Poulton Thurs 28th Sept 7pm

DAY OF RENEWAL: Sat 14th Oct '*Hearing the Heart of Mary in Scripture*' led by the Brother Jonathan of the Franciscan Friars of Renewal. At 10-4pm at St Clare's Church.

Each of our sessions will generally follow the same format, though this may vary from time to time.

The sessions will be divided into 4 parts:

- 1) Gathering Welcome & Introduction;
- 2) Presentation of Topic;
- 3) Discussion;
- 4) Prayer time.

Refreshments will be served.

Usually one of the priests of the parish will lead the sessions which will be held in the Parish Hall.

There will be approximately 23 sessions. There will also be an opportunity for a Retreat Day.

AN INVITATION

You are invited to
join us for an
information evening
at

St John Vianney

St John Paul II Centre

Parish Hall on

Thursday 5th October

7.30pm

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Welcome to our

JOURNEY

IN

FAITH

Autumn 2023

Each year every Catholic Parish organises a course of instruction on 'what Catholics believe' i.e. the Teaching of the Catholic Church.

This Parish runs this course from autumn to Easter. Each Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm the priest and a small group of parishioners gather to share their faith with 'enquirers.'

The course, which is informal in nature, is suitable for:

- Catholics wishing to know more about their Faith or who were never Confirmed and wish to be so
- Non-Catholics interested in learning what the Church teaches (maybe with a view to entering the Church)
- Parents (Catholic and non-Catholic whose children are:
 - Beginning at a Catholic School
 - Beginning or have completed Sacramental preparation for First Confession/Holy Communion
 - Beginning or have completed Sacramental preparation for Confirmation
 - About to be or have recently been Baptised
- Those preparing for Marriage.

Journey in Faith (JinF): Most Catholics enter the Church through baptism as infants and receive Reconciliation and the Eucharist (First Communion and Confession) and Confirmation when young. However, there are many people who become Catholics, or receive the Sacraments they have previously missed, later in life. The Journey in Faith programme is the preparation for this.

The Format: People enquiring about the Catholic Faith can feel nervous. This is an important decision, but you are not alone. Thousands of people across the country are doing the same thing. There will be others at Guardian Angels Parish in a similar situation with the same basic questions. The JinF programme besides being informative, is an enjoyable, social occasion and the opportunity to make good friends.

The Timetable: Starting in the early autumn, we will meet on Monday evenings over several months (with breaks). Each week we look at an aspect of our faith, e.g. the existence of God, who Jesus really is, what we do at Mass, how being a Catholic affects our daily life. There is plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. You may feel drawn to enter the Church but you are the person who decides at the right time for you. If you decide to enter, you will normally be welcomed into the Church at the beautiful Easter Vigil Service when we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. At that evening Service you will be baptised (if you are not already a baptised Christian),

Confirmed and make your First Holy Communion. In doing so, you become a full member of the Catholic Church and will receive a very warm welcome into the parish.

Can anyone become a Catholic? Yes. All that is required is belief in God and the teachings of the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ. This should be borne out in our daily lives, e.g. by prayer, coming to Mass on Sundays, living moral lives of truth and charity. If this isn't entirely the case currently, then the JinF programme is the opportunity to investigate further. All we ask is a willingness to explore in good faith and openness to the call of Jesus to become more faithfully His disciple. There are lots of misunderstandings about what the Catholic Church actually believes and why. This is your chance to find out for yourself.

I was brought up as a Christian in another denomination. Do I have to reject my past life? No – if it isn't contrary to our faith and morals. God has brought you to this point where you are considering becoming a Catholic. We rejoice in the goodness and truth you have experienced elsewhere. We willingly admit that elements of the truth are found amongst other Christians, but the fullness of truth is found in the Catholic Church. You are simply asked to state your belief in the teaching of Jesus and His Church.