

PRAYERS: *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, Karen Wainwright, Carrie Walmesley, Dorothy Conroy, Rita Fraser, Kathleen Perfect, Charlie Sherrington, Bernadette Bunting, Kathleen Booth, Lorri Ford, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Peter Borysiewicz

Lately Dead: Mary Wren, Fr W Bootle, Deacon G Lavery, Christopher Beckett

OUR SCHOOLS:

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

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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	£227.09	£31.48	74
OLA	£364.05	£18.70	118
SJV	£536.59	£42.00	365

*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! CLOSED UNTIL SPRING!

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

Special Collections: This week - Poor Missions Fund

THE PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

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

3rd December 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B



Today we enter into the Season of Advent; it is a season of preparation with a mildly penitential tone. The flowers are removed from Church, the Gloria is not sung and the priest is vested in purple. The Gospel adjures us to 'stay awake;' that means to use this time well, to be on the lookout for opportunities to pray. The scriptures too, should be taken into account. It would be so sad to reach the end of Advent unprepared by it for the Christmas feast.



ADVENT ITEMS

Mon – Fri 7am Sung Morning Prayer with the NCW at St Cuthbert's.

Tue & Thurs 8.30am – 9.20am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Our Lady of the Assumption

Sat 11am-12 Confessions & Exposition St C & OLA

Sun 3.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SJV 3,10 & 17 Dec

Advent Reconciliation Service
Fri 15th Dec 7pm SJV

Priests: Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawksworth

Deacons: Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

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Sunday: Yr. B; Weekdays: Proper of Advent; Psalter: Wk. 1

SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30pm: (SJV) HSNL

6:00pm: (OLA) HSNL

6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am (SJV) Alan Cox - Health

10am (ST C) Thomas Val Fahey RIP

10.30am (OLA) People of the Parish

11.15am (SJV) Siobhan Gallagher RIP

3.30pm (ST C) *Mass in Polish*

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

Mon of Advent, week 1

9.15am: (SJV) Intentions WP

Tue of Advent, week 1

9.15am: (SJV) HSNL

9.30am: (OLA) OLA School

Wed of Advent, week 1

9.15am: (SJV) Alan Smith RIP [Class Mass]

12.00: (St C) Tom King RIP

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

Thurs St. Ambrose

9.15am: (SJV) Bridget and Patsy Mahoney RIP

9.30am: (OLA) Gerard Sheil RIP

Fri THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.15am (SJV) HSNL

12.00: (St C) Roy Dickinson RIP

Sat of Advent, week 1

SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30pm: (SJV) HSNL

6:00pm: (OLA) Fr Joe O'Connor RIP

6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am (SJV) HSNL

10am (ST C) James Murry RIP

10.30am (OLA) Peter Lees RIP

11.15am (SJV) People of the Parish

3.30pm (ST C) *Mass in Polish*

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

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.

Sundays in Advent:

3.30pm SJV

Evening Prayer & Benediction

EXPOSITION

Sat 11am-12noon

Our Lady of the Assumption & St Cuthbert's.

Also at OLA Tues & Thurs 8:30 - 9:20am

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

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

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

LAST WEEK: Friday: Bingo & Quiz at OLA – what a grand do. Hospital 'on – call' uneventful but Fr F called to a dying parishioner. Saturday: SJV thronging with Syro-Malabar prayer meeting. Sunday: quadruple baptism! Monday: usual office catch up, various meetings and (at last) plumber arrived. Tuesday: among other things, PPC meeting. Wednesday: Y3 Mass SJV. Thursday: meeting with folk for spiritual guidance, bereavement meeting and a wedding couple. Friday: Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

PARISH FUND RAISING: CHRISTMAS BINGO: Dec 10th St JP II Centre 6pm. To book a table phone Carole 07866 543 107 – enjoy pies from Bennett's bakery. Can you help with raffle & tombola prizes for the bingo? **Also** Santa will be in his Grotto after 11.15 Mass: 10th Dec. We are looking for 'pressies' from Santa.
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Prizes & donations gratefully accepted.

MUSICIANS: still needed for 3 of our Masses. Speak with one of the priests.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Tyler and Kaiden Harvey and Poppy and Penelope Donnelly who were recently baptised.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Advance notice of the date: Sun 12th May 2024. Advice will be available in due course.

A GRAND DO: £402 was raised at OLA Bingo & Quiz and £200 from the Sunday Coffee Mornings. Thanks to organisers & supporters. All helps to get the roof repaired.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Thurs 14th Dec 7pm Sacred Heart followed by refreshments.

TRIP TO BURY MARKET: 13th Dec. 9.30am-4.30pm. Coach will leave outside church, Park Road. £12. To book a seat phone Carole: 07866 543 107.

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.

CHC Marriage Preparation Courses at the CHC run over two Saturdays: **27 Jan & 3 Feb.** For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/>

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal: Donate this at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: With Advent readings. St Teresa's, Cleveleys, 7pm Friday 8, & 15 December. See poster in porch.

UKRAINE FUND RAISING EVENT: netted a whopping £1,400. Thanks to all supporters.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: to collect the Catholic Voice from St Mary's High School and deliver to the deanery churches monthly. Please speak with one of the priests.

UNIVERSE – CATHOLIC WEEKLY PAPER: This longstanding Catholic newspaper can be made available at the back of church for those who wish to order it. The cost is £3.50 a week. See sign-up sheets in the porch.