

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, Bernadette Bunting, Kathleen Booth, Lorri Ford, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Peter Borysiewicz

Lately Dead: Mary Wren, Fr W Bootle, Christopher Beckett, Charlie Sherrington

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	£242.16	£81.86	92
OLA	£391.74	£127.04	123
SJV	£562.59	£165.84	461

*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 - None

THE PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

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

10th December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B



That great Gospel character John the Baptist makes his first appearance today. His Message is one of preparation; an apt message in these days leading up to Christmas when lots of frenetic activity go into preparing: shopping, presents, cards etc. But John's call to preparation was simple, direct and straight forward: Repent! The invitation is to clear a path in your life for Christ to come again. Confession is the wonderful Sacrament of God's loving mercy. See the inset in this bulletin. Confessions every Saturday 11-12 noon at OLA & St C. Reconciliation Service Friday 15th December at 7pm at SJV.



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 at Our Lady of the Assumption.

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

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

**Advent Reconciliation
Service Next Fri 15th Dec
7pm SJV**

Priests: Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawksworth

Deacons: Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

ADDRESS: St John Vianney Presbytery

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Sunday: Yr. B; Weekdays: Proper of Advent; Psalter: Wk. 2

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 Murray 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*

Mon of Advent, week 2

9.15am: (SJV) Margaret Woodward RIP

12.30pm: (St C) Mary Wren Funeral Service

Tue of Advent, week 2

9.15am: (SJV) Joy RIP

9.30am: (OLA) Special Intentions (BG)

Wed St Lucy

9.15am: (SJV) Fr Draper

12.00: (St C) Intentions WP

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

Thurs St. John of the Cross

9:15am: (SJV) Dorothy Holliday RIP

9.30am: (OLA) James Rodgers RIP

Fri of Advent, week 2

10.30am: (SJV) Christopher Beckett Requiem Mass

12.00: (St C) Roy Dickinson RIP

Sat of Advent, week 2

SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30pm: (SJV) Bill and Vie McGarrie RIP

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

6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am (SJV) People of the Parish

10am (ST C) Maureen Blackmore and Daniel Long RIP

10.30am (OLA) Michael Clewes RIP

11.15am (SJV) HSNL

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

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: First Friday Eucharistic Devotions and then on, Saturday: the Novena Mass of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Sunday: and only one baptism; Advent devotions. Our Indian friends continue to gather in great number for Holy Qurbana (Mass). A series of meetings of one kind or another and then 2 Advent Service by Y3&4 SJV. Tuesday: amongst other things a meeting of some SJV governors and a NCW Penitential Service. Clergy visits to all of our schools. Wednesday: various admin matters but then, over come by the lurgie, apologies for the OLA governors. Thursday: general pottering around in the office and a quick visit to the Reception Nativity.

PARISH FUND RAISING: CHRISTMAS BINGO TODAY: 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 Harriet Nedwell-Lovatt who was recently baptised.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Thurs 14th Dec 7pm Sacred Heart followed by refreshments. **Also** one at St Mary's Academy 5pm.

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 15th December. See poster in porch.

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.

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.

Tuesday December 26th ST STEPHEN

Mass: 10am SJV

Wednesday December 27th ST JOHN

Masses: 10am SJV

Thursday December 28th HOLY INNOCENTS

Masses: 10am SJV

Friday December 29th ST THOMAS BECKETT

Masses: 10am SJV

Saturday December 30st The Sixth Day of Christmas

No Confessions or Exposition Today

Sunday December 31st THE HOLY FAMILY

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

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

11.15 SJV; Polish Mass 3.30pm St C;

Syro-Malabar Mass 5.30pm SJV

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Start the New Year well with Holy Mass
12noon at St John Vianney's

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

The Parish of Guardian Angels, Blackpool
Incorporating: St John Vianney, St Cuthbert
& 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*

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

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

Sunday December 17th Third 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 18th

Mass: 9.15am SJV

Tuesday December 19th

Masses: 9.15am SJV; 9.30am OLA

Wednesday December 20th

Masses: 9.15am SJV; Noon St C

Thursday December 21st

Masses: 9.15am SJV; 9.30am OLA

Friday December 22nd

Masses: 9.15am SJV; Noon St. C.

Saturday 23rd December

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

Sunday 24th December Fourth Sunday in Advent:

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

Polish Mass 3.30pm St C

Christmas Eve

Masses: for Christmas: 5pm: St C; 5.30pm SJV; 6pm OLA

Syro-Malabar Mass 10pm SJV