

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: 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	£206.14		75
OLA	£325.78		112
SJV	£562.03		379

*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*

17th December 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B



John the Baptist makes his second Advent appearance in today's Gospel. It is said of him that he came as a 'witness to speak for the light'. *The 'light'* was obviously Christ. John's vocation is the vocation of every Christian; when we live Christ-like lives we witness to the light. Advent is the time for readjustment, to realign our lives on Christ.



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 17 Dec

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASSES (24th Dec – Christmas Eve :) St Cuthbert: 5pm, St John Vianney: 5.30pm; Our Lady of the Assumption 6pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: St Cuthbert: 10am; Our Lady of the Assumption: 10.30am; St John Vianney: 11.15am

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. 3

SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

6.30pm (SJV) No 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*

Mon 18th December

9.15am: (SJV) Mary and Francis Walkden RIP

Tue 19th December

9.15am: (SJV) Tony Cusack RIP

9.30am: (OLA) Alwyn and Lena Bowness RIP

Wed 20th December

9.15am: (SJV) Vera and Raymond Long RIP

12.00: (St C) Vincent and Mary Westhead RIP

5.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs 21st December

9:15am: (SJV) Fr. W. Bootle RIP

9.30am: (OLA) Peter Lees RIP

Fri 22nd December

10.00am: (SJV) Charlie Sherrington Requiem Mass

12.00: (St C) Intentions WP

Sat 23rd December

SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30pm: (SJV) Private Intentions

6:00pm: (OLA) Test Results

6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am (SJV) People of the Parish

10am (ST C) Thomas V Fahey RIP

10.30am (OLA) Fr Joe O'Connor RIP

11.15am (SJV) Fr Francis Lindon RIP

3.30pm (ST C) *Mass in Polish*

5pm (SJV) *NoMass 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: Clergy continue to visit parish schools and High school to assist with liturgies. Saturday: usual Confessions and Exposition. Sunday: a rare (non) event, no baptisms but Father Christmas showed up at JPII Centre and later in the same venue a festive bingo. Advent Evening Prayer and Benediction. Monday: dear Mrs Wren's funeral and a meeting with diocesan official. Tuesday: Confessions SJV Y4,5&6, Deanery Clergy Christmas Supper. Wednesday: various Advent/Christmas activities in our schools & churches. Thursday: dentist! Catechists meeting and Carol Service at Sacred Heart. Friday: dear Mr Beckett's funeral and preparation for Reconciliation Service.

CATECHIST required for OLA First Communion Class. Due to unforeseen circumstances we need a volunteer catechist. Please see one of the priests asap.

FANTASTIC! Recent fund raising events: Raffle: £396; Bingo including auction: £961.97; Garden Club donation: £50. Total: £1407.97. Grateful thanks to those who worked so hard for these events, to those who sponsored and to those who supported them. A list of raffle winners is in the church porch.

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 DECORATIONS (SJV) will be put up on Thurs. 21st Dec after the 9.15am Mass – all welcome to help.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETINGS: For parents of children in KS2 and above. SJV: Parish Centre: Mon 15th Jan 3.30pm; St C: St Cuthbert's School Tue 16th Jan 3.30pm; Our Lady of the Assumption: to be arranged. For parents of children not attending a Catholic school, letters are available at church.

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.

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.

2024 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES: Now available at the back of Church £6.

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

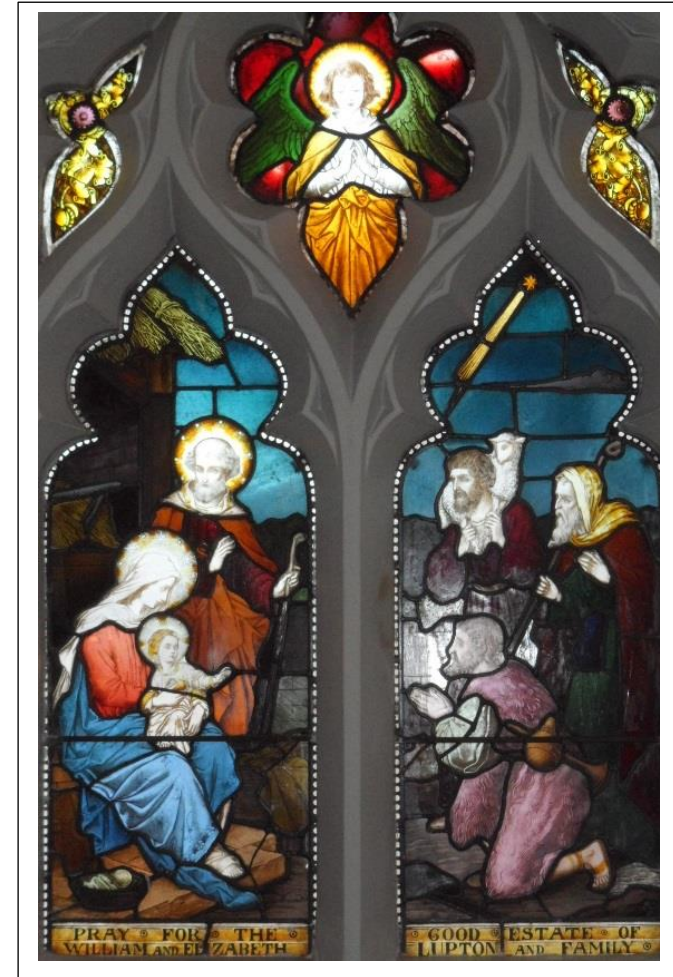
NEW YEAR'S DAY

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