

**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:* William Isherwood, Eric Pollard, Margaret Edwards

**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. C Evans. 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	£199.47		106
OLA	£756.57		103
SJV	£605.92		243

*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*

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**



This weekend presents us with a hybrid. Up to the Sunday evening Masses are firmly in the season of Advent, that period where we prepare for the coming birthday of our Saviour. The talk in the scripture for Sunday is of Houses – not the sort you live in but rather dynastic Houses. King David is told that his house and line will be secure, and this prophetic word is realised in the Gospel when the angel tells Mary that her, yet-to-be-born Son, will be given the throne of his ancestor, David. All this prepares to celebrate a most awesome event. With the birth of the Christ child everything changes, God becomes human eventually to reverse the sin brought into the world by humans. No wonder the shepherds and Magi fell on their knees to worship – will we do the same?

*The Priests of the Parish*

*Wish you a Blessed Christmas & a Happy New Year*



**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mass 12 noon SJV**

Begin the New Year well,  
seek God's blessing  
on all that will unfold in  
2024

**Priests:** Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawksworth

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

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Sunday: Yr. B; Weekdays: Proper of Christmas;  
**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) *No Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL**

5pm: (ST C) Thomas Val Fahey RIP

5.30pm: (SJV) People of the Parish

6pm: (OLA) HSNL

**Mon CHRISTMAS DAY THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

10.00am: (ST C) Molly Foran RIP

10.30am: (OLA) Fr Joe O'Connor RIP

11.15am: (SJV) William and Isabel Loughran RIP

**Tue ST STEPHEN**

10.00am: (SJV) Gerard Waddingham RIP

**Wed ST JOHN**

10.00am: (SJV) John and Veronica Baines RIP

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

**Thurs THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

10.00am: (SJV) Colette Caveney - Health

**Fri ST THOMAS BECKET**

10.00am: (SJV) Bernard Walkden RIP

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sixth Day of Christmas Octave**

**SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY**

5:30pm: (SJV) Knott and McGlynn Families RIP

6:00pm: (OLA) Special Intentions (CG)

6.30pm (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am (SJV) Charlie Sherrington RIP

10am (ST C) Teresa and Bernard Baines RIP

10.30am (OLA) Joy Sherry - Health

11.15am (SJV) People of the Parish

3.30pm (ST C) *Mass in Polish*

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

**CONFESSIONS NONE**

**This Week**

*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.

**NONE THIS WEEK**

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**

**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: Advent Penitential Service led by Fr S. Saturday: Pre Christmas visits. Sunday: usual Mass and, in the afternoon, vespers and Benediction; in the evening the young people from the Syro-Malabar Community told the Christmas Story with song and presentation – a fusion of Boney M and (a toned down) Bollywood. Monday: card and flowers delivered to OLA school for a TA retirement; at SJV Y5+6 led a superb Carol Service; at last a replacement cooker has been installed in the JP II Centre. Tuesday: clergy visits to the schools; School staff Mass SJV. Wednesday: food items delivered to Sacred Heart for distribution to the poor; heating engineer called to St C – boiler malfunction. Thursday: engineer arrived, part sent for; churches being festooned in anticipation of the Christmas feast; end of year service and carol service with the children in our schools.

**CHRISTMAS WEEK:** with Fr F and Fr S away on a well deserved rest, weekday Masses will only be at SJV at 10am.

**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.

**BEAUCOUP DE RICHES:** Thanks to those who organise and support the post Mass Coffee Mornings. £500 was received from SJV and £200 from OLA.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Donor's intentions list is on the Lady Altar.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Malachy-Drew Barker who was recently baptised.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.30pm; St C: St Cuthbert's School Tue 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> ST STEPHEN**

Mass: 10am SJV

**Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup> ST JOHN**

Masses: 10am SJV

**Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup> HOLY INNOCENTS**

Masses: 10am SJV

**Friday December 29<sup>th</sup> ST THOMAS BECKETT**

Masses: 10am SJV

**Saturday December 30<sup>st</sup> The Sixth Day of Christmas**

No Confessions or Exposition Today

**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mass: 9.15am SJV

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

Masses: 9.15am SJV; 9.30am OLA

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

Masses: 9.15am SJV; Noon St C

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

Masses: 9.15am SJV; 9.30am OLA

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

Masses: 9.15am SJV; Noon St. C.

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

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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