

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 Booth-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

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	£146.76		67
OLA	£429.49		119
SJV	£465.42		221

*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*

31st December 2023

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



The feast of the Holy Family is well situated in the heart of the Christmas season. The Holy Family of Nazareth is held up to us as an example of family life: each caring for and concerned about the others. This is not a 'pretend family,' they knew hardship and danger but their love and determination got them through. Today is a good day to pray for your family.



The Holy Family

The Priests of the Parish

Wish you a Blessed Christmas & a Happy New Year



**TOMORROW
NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 1st
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: 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*

Mon MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – New Year’s Day

12noon: (SJV) Fr. J O’Connor; WP – Health;

Tue Sts Basil & Gregory

9.15: (SJV) Bernard Broome RIP

9.30am: (OLA) Hilary Clowes

Wed Most Holy Name of Jesus

9.15am: (SJV) Patrick Dempsey RIP

12.00: (St C) Michael Gordon RIP

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

Thurs of Christmas Season

9.15am: (SJV) Fr M Poland

9.30am: (OLA) Sp Int. (BG)

Fri of Christmas Season

9.15am: (SJV) All priests

12.00: (St C) Tom & Winifrede Lacy RIP

Sat of Christmas Season

9.30am: (SJV) Novena Mass

SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:30pm: (SJV) Mark Billing RIP

6:00pm: (OLA) LAJ

6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) People of the parish

10am: (ST C) Sr Gertrude

10.30am: (OLA) Gladys Marley RIP

11.15am: (SJV) Alan Smith RIP

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

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

First Sunday in Month:

3.30pm SJV

Rosary & benediction

EXPOSITION

Sat 11am-12noon

Our Lady of the

Assumption &

St Cuthbert’s.

First Friday Jan 5th

HOLY HOUR 7-8 SJV

Novena Mass

Sat 9.30am SJV

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.

LAST WEEK: Friday: Dear Mr Sherrington’s funeral; Holy Communion to the sick & Housebound; Saturday: usual confession & exposition; visit from some close friends; preparation for the weekend Masses. Sunday: a busy day with the usual Sunday Masses and then the Christmas Vigil Masses which were so well attended. Monday: Christmas Masses celebrated; a sick call attended to and a degree of peace with Christmas ‘lunch’ at evening time. Gifts admired and pondered on the enormous generosity of people. Tuesday: St Stephen’s Day Mass celebrated; a trip to the hospital and close friends for supper. Wednesday: hospital visit after Mass; trip to the bank and a call to a funeral home for a blessing. Thursday: checked out St C and adjusted the heating clock, received a delivery of copier paper and did ‘catch up’ in the office.

GRATEFUL THANKS: from the priests of the parish for all your greetings, gifts and generous offerings.

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

RECENT MONEY MATTERS! Raffle: £396; Bingo: £961.97; post-Mass Coffee Mornings: £500 SJV; £200 OLA; Bingo & Quiz £402. Thanks to organisers & supporters

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

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.** Info: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/>

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

Pope’s Prayer Intentions for January:

For The Gift of Diversity in The Church: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.