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: John Gradwell, Roselyn Haslam

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

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Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School: Common Edge Road FY4 5DE

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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	£199.89		132
OLA	£534.00		181
SJV	£614.21		491

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

28th JANUARY 2024 FOURTH IN ORDINARY TIME



In today's Gospel passage we are told that Jesus' teaching made a deep impression because he *taught them with authority*. People naturally listened to Jesus because he was authentic. He did not rely on others to bolster his statements – he was the 'real thing.' He still is! Jesus' teaching found in the Gospels and through the Church will guide us to peace and to life – 'will guide us' – if we are open to them, and live by them.

FRIDAY: CANDLEMAS DAY Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The day on which the candles are blessed that will be in church over the next 12 months



THE GIFT AID SCHEME: This government scheme helps charities, like the Church, to boost their funds at no extra expense to the individual. With this bulletin there is a 'flyer' seeking information from parishioners regarding the scheme.

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Sunday: Yr. B; Weekdays: Yr. 2. Psalter wk. 4 SUNDAY: FOURTH IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30pm: (SJV) Elizabeth Gray RIP

6:00pm: (OLA) HSNL

6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) People of the parish 10am: (ST C) Albert E Forster RIP 10.30am: (OLA) Brian & Eileen Guerin

11.15am: (SJV) Mr & Mrs & Martha D'Sousa

3.30pm: (ST C) Mass in Polish

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

Mon of week 4

9.15: (SJV) Kathleen Yates RIP

Tue of week 4

9.15: (SJV) Mary Kearney RIP

9.30am: (OLA) Peter Smith - surgery

Wed St John Bosco

9:15: (SJV) Charlie Sherrington RIP [class Mass]

12.00; (St C) Molly Foran RIP

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

Thurs week 4

9.15am: (SJV) Colette Caveney - health 9.30am: (OLA) Elizabeth Gray [class Mass]

Fri THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.15am: (SJV) Sr Gertrude RIP 12.00: (St C) Maureen Baldwin RIP

Sat of week 4

9:30am (SJV) Novena Mass

SUNDAY: FIFTH IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30pm: (SJV) Carrie Fishwick RIP 6:00pm: (OLA) Mike Clowes RIP

6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) Kay Brown RIP

10am: (ST C) Kathleen Wisdom RIP

10.30am: (OLA) Michael Gardiner and Gerry Salmon

11.15am: (SJV) People of the parish 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.

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.

First Sunday in Month: 3.30pm SJV Rosary & benediction EXPOSITION

Sat 11am-12noon Our Lady of the Assumption & St Cuthbert's.

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.

First Friday Feb 2nd HOLY HOUR 7-8 SJV Novena Mass Sat 9.30am SJV LAST WEEK: Friday: Holy Mass at St C was preceded by Holy Communion to the sick and housebound and followed by a funeral arrangement meeting; Present at the 'Awards Assembly' at SJV school. Friday night and Saturday: BVH on-call, mercifully quiet! Exposition and Confessions this week at OLA; sick visiting in the afternoon prior to the Vigil Masses. Sunday; usual Masses but with the added joy of enroling the boys and girls for the First Holy Communion Course. Photographs on website. Monday: visit to the bank where many of the automated stations are awaiting repair – happily back to face to face interaction. Checked out the extentions to some of the classrooms at SJV. Tuesday: Office work; meeting with new Gift Aid Organiser trying to sort out paperwork / records; baptism meeting; Wednesday: Year Mass for SJV Y3 [Masses also celebrated at St C & OLA]; preparation for OLA Communion Class, Baptism meetings X 3. Thursday: dear Mrs Brandon's funeral; catching up on emails and other paperwork.

CONGRATULATIONS: to the boys and girls who enrolled in the First Holy Communion Programme.

LOURDES TRIP: Linda Wisdom will be travelling to the shrine and will take any petitions which need to be handed in by Feb 4th.

LADIES LUNCH: Wednesday 7th February – Mass 12 Noon at St. Cuthbert's – *The Dunes:* Lunch 1pm. Two courses for £6.99 or three courses for £7.99.

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

CHC Marriage Preparation Courses at the CHC run over two Saturdays: 27 Jan & 3 Feb. Info: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life.16-18 February 2024. Liverpool. Info: Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

ON-LINE WORKSHOPS: for parents & youth workers covering: Confidence & self-esteem, Vaping, Use of Nitrous Oxide. Each last 1 hour and cost £10. Visit: www.hopeuk.org/events

FROM CAFOD: the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with lancaster@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk "

HELPING HAND FOR UKRAINE: Afternoon Tea Sat 10th Feb 1-4pm St Andrew's Church Cleveleys. Funds to build bomb shelter.