

**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, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Peter Borysiewicz, Pauline Lane,

*Lately Dead:* Lorri Ford, Teresa Atkinson, Andrew Paraskeva, Jean Graham, Paul Sherrington

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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	£175.27		120
OLA	£437.18		155
SJV	£557.43		466

*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: Next Sunday: Return of CAFOD envelopes**

**THE PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS**

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

**18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**



Welcome to Lent! Today we enter into the first full week of this season. As ever, the Gospel reminds us of Jesus' period in the wilderness in preparation for his public ministry.

This season of Lent is given as a gift to us to realign ourselves and our spiritual lives on Jesus so as to celebrate Easter worthily and well.

The message of today's Gospel on the lips of Jesus is, "Repent!" That means, to change. This season will enable us to do that.

**LENT AT A LOOK**

Masses: see overleaf

**Exposition:**

Sat St C & OLA 11-12noon with Confessions.

**Morning Prayer:** Mon-Fri St Cuthbert's 7am.

**Stations:** Fri St C 11.15am; Sun OLA 2pm & SJV 3pm

**Holy Hour:** First Friday SJV 7pm.

**Meditation of Sunday's**

**Gospel:**

SJV 7pm Tues for an hour

**LENT SOUP LUNCH:**

On the Fridays following the noon Mass at St C a soup lunch will be provided in the presbytery. Funds raised will go towards sending a young person to Lourdes. Anyone wishing to make a pan of soup (non-meat) see sign-up list in porch. Invitation across our 3 churches.

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

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

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Sunday: Yr. B; Weekdays: Proper of Lent Psalter wk. 1

**SUNDAY: FIRST IN LENT**

5:30pm: (SJV) Dorothy Spencer RIP  
6:00pm: (OLA) People of the parish  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) Lawrence and Monica Slater RIP  
10am: (ST C) Mary O'Flynn RIP  
10.30am: (OLA) Tony Smith RIP  
11.15am: (SJV) Sean Duffy & Lily McShane RIP  
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*  
5pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**Mon of 1<sup>st</sup> week in Lent**

9.15: (SJV) Alan Cox - health

**Tue of 1<sup>st</sup> week in Lent**

9.15: (SJV) Thanks successful surgery  
9.30am: (OLA) Glynn Davies Special Intention

**Wed of 1<sup>st</sup> week in Lent**

9.15: (SJV) Elizabeth Gray RIP [Year 2 Mass]  
12.00: (St C) Deceased St C Parishioners  
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**Thurs THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**

9.15am: (SJV) Intentions WP  
9.30am: (OLA) Patrick and Sheila Smith RIP

**Fri of 1<sup>st</sup> week in Lent**

9.15am: (SJV) HSNL

**12.00: (St C) Lorri Ford Requiem Mass**

**Sat of 1<sup>st</sup> week in Lent**

**SUNDAY: SECOND IN LENT**

5:30pm: (SJV) Alan Smith RIP  
6:00pm: (OLA) Margaret and Henry Plant RIP  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) People of the parish  
10am: (ST C) Milly and Denny Smith RIP  
10.30am: (OLA) Andrew Fish RIP  
11.15am: (SJV) Pat Dempsey RIP  
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*  
5:30pm: (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.

**Sundays in Lent**

Stations of the Cross  
2pm OLA; 3:30pm SJV  
11:15am St C (Friday)

**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.

**Pope's Prayer  
Intentions for  
February:**

For The Terminally Ill:  
We pray that those with  
terminal illness, and their  
families, receive the  
necessary physical and  
spiritual care and  
accompaniment.

**LAST WEEK:** Friday: wedding couple; visits to the sick; blessing of a house; end of half term assembly SJV; Cenacolo Trustee Meeting via Zoom. Saturday: a visit to my aged aunt; baptism meeting; Eucharist with NCW. Sunday: all the joy of the Lord's Day and a baptism meeting; Monday: shipping of food gifts to Sacred Heart for distribution; preparing churches for beginning of Lent; meeting with proposed buyers of St Monica's. Tuesday: clergy Deanery Conference – unbounded joy! Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Masses – quite a good turn out; office work; preparations for soup lunches (checking hob!). Thursday: Change of day for Holy Communion to the sick, seminar on new Diocesan IT system; contractor turned up for first phase of attacking the wilderness behind SJV; baptism preparation meeting; dear Mrs Larkin's funeral.

**LENT DAY OF REFLECTION:** the priests of the parish have organised a *Day of Reflection* on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm at Ladyewell Shrine Preston (PR2 5ST). The day will include Holy Mass, Time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Lenten Reflections, Confessions etc. Drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch. Sign-up sheet at the back of church to gauge numbers.

**LENT FAST ENVELOPES:** were in last week's bulletin. Some still available in the porch. Friday is CAFOD Lent Fast Day when we are asked to go without something and put the money saved in the envelope to support those for whom fasting is not an option but a way of life.

**MASS REQUESTS:** Please use envelopes provided for information contained thereon. Whilst we will try to honour dates requested, this is not always possible.

**DAY OF RENEWAL: 'The Invisible Father'.** Speaker: Gary Stephens Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10am to 4pm at St Clare's Church, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston PR2 9HH.

**THE GIFT AID SCHEME:** This government scheme helps charities, like the Church, to boost their funds at no extra expense to the individual. At the back of church is a 'flyer' seeking information from parishioners regarding the scheme.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Myles Jones who was baptised recently.

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

**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](http://www.hopeuk.org/events)

**UKRAINE:** Ukrainian church service will be held at the church of St Wilfrid in Preston city centre on Saturday, 24 February at 9:45am.

## DAY BY DAY THROUGH LENT 2024

Sunday	Masses as usual & Stations of the Cross: 2pm OLA & 3pm: SJV
Monday	to Friday Morning Prayer 7am St C. Holy Mass 9.15am: SJV
Tuesday	Holy Mass 9.15am: SJV & 9.30am: OLA. Meditation on Sunday's Gospel 7pm SJV
Wednesday	Holy Mass 9.15am SJV & 12noon: St C.
Thursday	Holy Mass 9.15am: SJV & 9.30am: OLA
Friday	Holy Mass: 9.15am: SJV & 12noon: St C. Stations St C 11.15am
Saturday	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am-12noon: OLA & St C with Confessions and prayers for vocations

## SPECIAL DAYS, DATES AND EVENTS.

February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday: Blessing and Distribution of Ashes Masses: See front of leaflet (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rite of Election for New Catholics, Lancaster Cathedral.
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fast Day (CAFOD)
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	First Friday Holy Hour 7-8pm SJV
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miraculous Medal Novena & Mass at SJV 9.30am.
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Service of Reconciliation 7pm St C
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> -Blessing of Palms at all Masses.
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Thursday:</b> 11.30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 7.30pm St C: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by 'Watching'
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday:</b> 10am: Stations of the Cross OLA. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3pm: St C (Day of Fasting and Abstinence) 10am Ecumenical Walk of Witness with St Peter's Lytham Road, from St Cuthbert's
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 7.30pm St C Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>EASTER DAY</b> Mass: SJV 9am & 11.15am; St C: 10am; OLA 10.30am

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil all form one celebration over three days. Therefore, it is important that they are celebrated in one church. This year it will be St Cuthbert's. In other years it's hoped that it will move from church to church

## **GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH, BLACKPOOL**

*Serving the Congregations of: St Cuthbert, St John Vianney &  
Our Lady of the Assumption*

*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is ASH WEDNESDAY, the day on which the Season of Lent begins. These 'Lenten Notes' are designed to help you use this Season well, to develop your relationship with God. Inside there is information about what is going on in the parish during Lent and there are some hints and suggestions as to how you might personally use this special time.*

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Masses: SJV: 9.15am & 7pm;  
OLA: 9.30am;  
St Cuthbert's: 12noon

*Lent*  
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*Turn away from  
sin and  
be faithful  
to the Gospel.*

## **WHAT DOES 'LENT' MEAN?**

Our word 'Lent' is taken from the Anglo-Saxon and means 'Spring' or 'Lengthening.' Lent is that time of year when the days lengthen. The season begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates in the celebration of Easter. The 40-day Lenten Fast finds its origins in the scriptures. The Israelites had to tramp round the desert for 40 years but more importantly for us, Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness before beginning his public life. Our Lenten observance imitates that of our Lord.

## **WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?**

*Lent is that special time for renewing our Faith. It is a time to turn back to God and to the things that are really important. Below are some suggestions that might help you use this time well.*

**THE MASS:** for us who are Catholic is very special, it is *the* place where we meet Jesus Christ in his Word, in the Bread of the Eucharist and in his People gathered together. During Lent why not try to get to one of the daily Masses in church or nearby? See the bulletin for times.

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Lent is a journey; it is a pilgrimage of faith with our Lord to God the Father. On each Sunday of Lent at 3pm at SJV Stations of the Cross with Benediction, and 2pm at OLA. Also on Fridays at St C 11.15am. Come and unite yourself with Jesus in his journey to Calvary and to God. Alternatively, you could make the Stations' by yourself in the quiet of the church, just spending a few moments at each Station remembering our Lord's journey.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Prayer is a vital ingredient in any Lenten resolution. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed every morning 7am-8am Mon-Fri at SJV & on Saturday morning 11am to 12 noon with Confessions and prayers for vocations at OLA & St C.

**VISITING THE CHURCH:** Of course, we can call into church during the day just to spend five quiet minutes in prayer. A Lenten objective would be never to be in the area of the church without calling in for a moment's prayer. SJV & OLA are open 8am – 5pm.

**MORNING PRAYER:** at St C at 7am with the NeoCatechumenal Community commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** This is a Gospel Prayer, it is recited publically at OLA Sat 5.30pm. But you can pray it privately at any time. The Sorrowful Mysteries are appropriate for Lent.

**FIRST FRIDAY EVENING:** 7 – 8pm SJV a gentle Eucharistic Holy Hour in the style of Medjugorje and Cenacolo before the Blessed Sacrament with music and reflection. A must for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and all who serve.

**MEDITATION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL:** Each week Fr F will lead this in the chapel at SJV Tuesdays 7pm

**SPIRITUAL READING:** In Lent we are called to nourish our minds with wholesome reading. You could always settle down with one of the Gospels or some other Bible reading.

**DAY OF REFLECTION:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 4pm Ladywell Shrine, Preston. Mass, Talks, Reconciliation, Quiet Time, etc... Bring packed lunch, beverages provided. Sign-up sheet in church porch.

**PRIVATE ACTS OF PENANCE:** These acts are between you and God. They may range from giving up sugar in tea to fasting for a whole day; from visiting a sick neighbour or relative to wearing a hair shirt! But whatever penance or other act you choose to do, make sure that it is not beyond your limit. Aim at little things, do them well and thus avoid disappointment.

**'MY DAY BY DAY':** A few copies of this publication are available at the back of church. It is a day by day journey through Lent for spiritual reading.

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be held at St C Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm. Confessions are also available as per the usual schedule.

**ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS:** from St Cuthbert's with Christians from other churches at 10am on Good Friday. Down Crystal Road to the Prom and then to South Pier for a very short Service of hymns and readings. Thence to Holy Trinity Church for hot cross buns and hot drinks.

**A THOUGHT OR TWO FOR PARENTS:** Lent is a good time to do spiritual things with children; they understand the importance of the spiritual when they see that it matters to their parents and when the whole family takes part. There are many things that you can do together as a family: a short time in prayer each night, a family visit to church, going together to Mass during the week, reading a bible story etc.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** This leaflet is by no means an exhaustive list of what is going on in our and other parishes and beyond. Please keep an eye on the weekly bulletin which may signal other events of which we have been made aware.