

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 Walmsley, Dorothy Conroy, Rita Fraser, Kathleen Perfect, Bernadette Bunting, Kathleen Booth, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Peter Borysiewicz, Pauline Lane,
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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	£215.01		104
OLA	£487.62		146
SJV	£637.51		476

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: Tuesday 1pm-3pm on the Parish field at SJV. All welcome. Bring a drink!

REFRESHMENTS: after Mass: 9am SJV, 10am St C & 10.30am OLA

Special Collections: Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) Appeal

THE PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

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

10th MARCH 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Nicodemus is to be found in today's Gospel; he was the one who came to see Jesus 'by night,' because he was embarrassed and fearful of being seen with Jesus. Many today hide away their Christianity. The good news that Jesus imparts to Nicodemus is most encouraging: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' The sad and shocking part is that Jesus also says that (despite this love) men and women prefer the dark, that is to live apart from God. Lent is a time for turning back.

LENT SOUP LUNCH:

Fridays at St C after the 12.00 Mass in the presbytery. Funds: to send a young person to Lourdes. Soup makers welcome sign-up list in porch.

TODAY: We welcome the Missionaries of Africa (aka White Fathers) for our annual mission appeal

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: This will be held at St Cuthbert's on Friday 22nd March at 7pm

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

Meditation of Sunday's Gospel:

SJV 7pm Tues for an hour.

No Confessions or Exposition of Sat 16th March

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.4

SUNDAY: FOURTH IN LENT

5:30pm: (SJV) Dorothy Spencer RIP
6:00pm: (OLA) Harry and Jean Wade RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) People of the parish
10am: (ST C) Margaret Kennedy RIP
10.30am: (OLA) Sherry Family
11.15am: (SJV) Tommy Kerr and Gerald O'Hagan
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*
5:30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Mon of 4th week in Lent

9.15: (SJV) Jane Judge RIP

Tue of 4th week in Lent

9.15: (SJV) Sherry Family
9.30pm: (OLA) In Thanksgiving JH

Wed of 4th week in Lent

9:15: (SJV) Nicola Lawrenson RIP [Y5 Mass]
12.00: (St C) Deceased Parishioners
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs of 4th week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) John Glossop RIP
9.30am: (OLA) Lynne - Health [Y5 Mass]

Fri of 4th week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) HSNL
12.00: (St C) Teresa Larkin RIP

Sat of 4th week in Lent

SUNDAY: FIFTH IN LENT

5:30pm: (SJV) Elizabeth Gray
6:00pm: (OLA) Beryl Horner RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) Lorri Ford RIP
10am: (ST C) Margaret Kennedy RIP
10.30am: (OLA) Jim Fish RIP
11.15am: (SJV) People of the parish
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.

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

Sundays in Lent

Stations of the Cross
2pm OLA; 3pm 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 March:

For The New Martyrs:
We pray that those who
risk their lives for the
Gospel in various parts of
the world inflame the
Church with their
courage and missionary
enthusiasm.

LAST WEEK: Friday: Usual duty towards the sick and housebound; first Confessions at OLA and later the first Friday Holy Hour. Following a call from BVH switch board a trip to a Lytham nursing Home to see a lady in periculo mortis! Saturday: more 1st Confessions St C (FO), Novena Mass, confessions and Exposition; Vigil Mass + NCW Eucharist. Sunday: the Masses for the Lord's Day; baptism; meeting with new members of the NCW; Stations of the Cross and scrutatio with youngsters of NCW. Monday: a morning in the office shuffling paper; an afternoon in SJV school monitoring class collective worship. Tuesday: an early call to OLA engineer waiting to install a smart meter; meeting with neighbour re vegetation rear of SJV; dear Mrs Gunn's funeral and also that of dear Mr Lavery; talk with Yr 4 about reconciliation followed by the Sacrament. Wednesday: we carry on with our class Masses in our schools; dear Mrs Graham's Requiem. Thursday: meeting at OLA re school admissions; dear Mr Sherrington's funeral; baptism meeting; Journey in Faith.

LENT DAY OF REFLECTION: the priests of the parish have organised a *Day of Reflection* next Saturday March 16th 10am – 4pm at Ladywell 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Lena Gil & Albert Hodgkiss who were baptised recently.

THANKS: Donation to parish funds from NCW £220.

AN INVITATION: from SJV School to parishioners to watch the Y4 Passion Play: Tue 26th Mar at 10:15am. Followed by refreshments.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: this year's venue is St Cuthbert's. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm followed by 'watching'. Good Friday: Solemn Passion 3pm. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 7:30pm.

EASTER FLOWERS: We want the church to look good at Easter. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS: required at the Diocesan Retreat Centre to join their team as Programme Leaders working in the heart of the Lake District. The post is residential; salary: £26-28k, made up of pay, accommodation, food etc. May suit someone with youth ministry experience possibly recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

LATEST EDITION: Parish Pump and Catholic Voice available at the back of church.

MANCHESTER BAROQUE: Good Friday, March 29th at Manchester Cathedral Bach's St. Matthew Passion. Tickets £10 plus. Details at: <https://bit.ly/3T6M9Kh>

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 th	Ash Wednesday: Blessing and Distribution of Ashes Masses: See front of leaflet (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)
February 17 th	Rite of Election for New Catholics, Lancaster Cathedral.
February 23 rd	Fast Day (CAFOD)
March 1 st	First Friday Holy Hour 7-8pm SJV
March 2 nd	Miraculous Medal Novena & Mass at SJV 9.30am.
March 22 nd	Service of Reconciliation 7pm St C
March 24 th	Palm Sunday -Blessing of Palms at all Masses.
March 28 th	Holy Thursday: 11.30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 7.30pm St C: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by 'Watching'
March 29 th	Good Friday: 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 th	Holy Saturday 7.30pm St C Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
March 31 st	EASTER DAY 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 14th 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 19th 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 16th 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 22nd 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.