

**PRAYERS:** *The Sick:* Jane Hindle, Dorothy Conroy, 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, Bernadette McDaid, Michael Moughton, Kenzie McDermott, , Colleen O'Donoghue, Rose Price, Baby Sean John, Amy Rose Sanderson, Anne Marie Seabury, Kath Smith, May Stocky, Elisha Swales, Karen Wainwright, Carrie Walmesley, Rita Fraser, Kathleen Perfect, Bernadette Bunting, Kathleen Booth, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Peter Borysiewicz, Pauline Lane, Liz Duffy, Tina Howarth, Sam Marlow-Wrigley Marie Fahey, Mary Hayton, Julie Benson, Tina Howarth.

*Lately Dead:* Sean Cusack, Thomas Hilton, Thomas Robinson

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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	£280.42	£57.30	135
OLA	£449.94	£64.09	106
SJV	£775.49	£125.43	352

*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:** Is open on Tuesdays 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: Today: Catholic Education Service  
Next Sunday: Home Missions Collection**

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

## THE PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

Serving the congregations of:  
**ST CUTHBERT, OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND  
ST JOHN VIANNEY  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



There are some startling words on the lips of Jesus in today's Gospel; he calls us to hatred! What in fact he is doing is using exaggerated language to get a point across, we call it hyperbole and do not take it as literal. Jesus is asking that we put him and our relationships with him in the first place and then all other relationships or responsibilities will fall in place. Putting Christ first makes us a better husband/wife, son/ daughter, mother/father and so on.

Take Up  
Your Cross



#### JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME

Each year the priests of the parish run a course for those enquiring about the Catholic Faith. The Introductory Evening will be on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the St John Paul II Centre. See leaflet within.

**ANNUAL PARISH LUNCH:** for the Feast of The Guardian Angels. Our celebratory lunch will be held on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm at the Carousel Hotel. Booking forms (printed on scrap) in the porch.

**RECRUITING!** Altar Servers: men & women, young & old and with any eye to our First Holy Communion children are invited to this special act of service. Please see one of the priests

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

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Sunday: Yr. C; Weekdays: Yr. 1. Psalter Week 3  
**Sun TWENTY THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME**

5.30pm: (SJV) Mark Billing RIP  
6pm: (OLA) Holy Souls on November List  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) People of the parish  
10am: (ST C) HSNL  
10.30am: (OLA) Eileen Guerin RIP  
11.15am: (SJV) Sean Cusack RIP  
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*  
4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*  
**Mon: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY**  
9.15am: (SJV) James Parkinson RIP

**Tue: of week 23**

9.15am: (SJV) Souls in Purgatory  
9.30am: (OLA) Mary & Ernie Bibby RIP

**Wed: of week 23**

9.15am: (SJV) Gerald Spencer RIP  
12noon: (St C) Our priests  
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**Thur: of week 23**

9.15am: (SJV) Mary Walkden RIP  
9.30am: (OLA) HSNL

**Fri: of week 23**

9.15am: (SJV) Mark Billing RIP  
12noon: (St C) Harry Robertson RIP

**Sat: of week St John Chrysostom**

**Sun THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

5.30pm: (SJV) Louise & Barbara Conroy RIP  
6pm: (OLA) Michael Hickey RIP  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) People of the parish  
10am: (ST C) Peter Nicholls RIP  
10.30am: (OLA) Fr Geoff Bottoms B'Day  
11.15am: (SJV) Special Intention (CL)  
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*  
4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for September:** For our relationship with all of creation  
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence  
with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** (SJV) at the 11.15am Mass during term time

**CONFESSIONS**

*At St Cuthbert's:* Sat:  
11.30am & *Our Lady*  
*of the Assumption:*  
Sat 11-11.30am  
*St John Vianney:*  
Sat: 5pm &  
Sun: 8.30am. (On  
request)  
By request to any  
priest in church.  
Also by appointment.

**EXPOSITION**

Sat 11am-12Our Lady of  
the Assumption &  
St Cuthbert's.  
First Sundays: 3pm SJV  
Rosary & Benediction

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE CENTENARY OF THE  
DIOCESE** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am will be celebrated by the Bishop at the  
Cathedral. Each church has been allocated 2 tickets. For the chance to get a  
ticket: put your name and church on an envelope, put in the large envelope in  
the sacristy and, if necessary, a public draw will be held.

**DONATIONS BY CARD:** there is a hand-held card machine in the porch at SJV.

**LADIES LUNCH:-**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at The Dunes for 1pm, after 12  
o'clock Mass. Ring Anne on 345267 or Maureen on 345268

**HELP!** Those who look after the grounds at OLA would like some assistance. Are  
you able to give an hour or two on the second Saturday of each month?

**DEANERY QUIZ NIGHT:** St Kentigern's Parish Centre, FY38BT Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Sept,  
8.30pm. Cost, £10 per team (5 players max.) Light refreshments served during the  
interval. Fully stocked bar.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** it would be gratefully appreciated at the end of Mass, if you  
would return hymn books and Mass leaflet neatly to where you got them.

**PERMANENT DIACONATE:** is a ministry in the Church open to men 35-55 who  
feel called to serve Christ in the community of the Church. There are leaflets in the  
porch with more details or speak to one of the priests.

**NEWS FROM CASTLERIGG MANOR:** Open Day Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. from Midday.  
Mass with Bishop 2pm. For more info [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or  
[www.castleriggmanor.com/open](http://www.castleriggmanor.com/open)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** 20-24 Oct All-inclusive cost is £475-£550  
details Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742 732 or email  
[charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk](mailto:charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk) Poster.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Advance Notice the Bishop invites you in this centenary year  
to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. See notice in sacristy

**THE SEASON OF CREATION:** The theme this year is 'Peace with Creation'  
The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October,  
the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Oorr0z\\_GrFfYaqVpQ1nS\\_knnTe9nzrv/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Oorr0z_GrFfYaqVpQ1nS_knnTe9nzrv/view?usp=sharing)

**THE MARTYR-SAINTS OF THE NORTH-WEST,** 12 – 14 Sept. A weekend  
studying some of the Reformation-era martyrs of England's recusant North-West  
For more information and to book: [https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/)  
[martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/) Download The Martyr-Saints – JPG flier

Each of our sessions will generally follow the same format, though this may vary from time to time.

The sessions will be divided into 4 parts:

- 1) Gathering Welcome & Introduction;
- 2) Presentation of Topic;
- 3) Discussion;
- 4) Prayer time.

Refreshments will be served.

Usually one of the priests of the parish will lead the sessions which will be held in the Parish Hall.

The sessions will break for half term and Christmas holidays. There will also be an opportunity for a Retreat Day.

#### AN INVITATION

You are invited to  
join us for an  
information evening  
at

**St John Vianney**

**St John Paul II Centre**

**Parish Hall on**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
7.30pm**

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Our Lady of the Assumption



**Welcome to our**

**JOURNEY**

**IN**

**FAITH**

**Autumn 2025**

Each year every Catholic Parish organises a course of instruction on 'what Catholics believe' i.e. the Teaching of the Catholic Church.

This Parish runs this course from autumn to Easter. Each Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm the priest and a small group of parishioners gather to share their faith with 'enquirers.'

The course, which is informal in nature, is suitable for:

- Catholics wishing to know more about their Faith or who were never Confirmed and wish to be so
- Non-Catholics interested in learning what the Church teaches (maybe with a view to entering the Church)
- Parents (Catholic and non-Catholic whose children are:
  - Beginning at a Catholic School
  - Beginning or have completed Sacramental preparation for First Confession/Holy Communion
  - Beginning or have completed Sacramental preparation for Confirmation
  - About to be or have recently been Baptised
- Those preparing for Marriage.

**Journey in Faith (JinF):** Most Catholics enter the Church through baptism as infants and receive Reconciliation and the Eucharist (First Communion and Confession) and Confirmation when young. However, there are many people who become Catholics, or receive the Sacraments they have previously missed, later in life. The Journey in Faith programme is the preparation for this.

**The Format:** People enquiring about the Catholic Faith can feel nervous. This is an important decision, but you are not alone. Thousands of people across the country are doing the same thing. There will be others at Guardian Angels Parish in a similar situation with the same basic questions. The JinF programme besides being informative, is an enjoyable, social occasion and the opportunity to make good friends.

**The Timetable:** Starting in the early autumn, we will meet on Thursday evenings over several months (with breaks). Each week we look at an aspect of our faith, e.g. the existence of God, who Jesus really is, what we do at Mass, how being a Catholic affects our daily life. There is plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

You may feel drawn to enter the Church but you are the person who decides at the right time for you. If you decide to enter, you will normally be welcomed into the Church at the beautiful Easter Vigil Service when we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. At that evening Service you will be baptised (if you are not already a baptised Christian),

Confirmed and make your First Holy Communion. In doing so, you become a full member of the Catholic Church and will receive a very warm welcome into the parish.

**Can anyone become a Catholic?** Yes. All that is required is belief in God and the teachings of the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ. This should be borne out in our daily lives, e.g. by prayer, coming to Mass on Sundays, living moral lives of truth and charity. If this isn't entirely the case currently, then the JinF programme is the opportunity to investigate further. All we ask is a willingness to explore in good faith and openness to the call of Jesus to become more faithfully His disciple. There are lots of misunderstandings about what the Catholic Church actually believes and why. This is your chance to find out for yourself.

**I was brought up as a Christian in another denomination. Do I have to reject my past life?** No – if it isn't contrary to our faith and morals. God has brought you to this point where you are considering becoming a Catholic. We rejoice in the goodness and truth you have experienced elsewhere. We willingly admit that elements of the truth are found amongst other Christians, but the fullness of truth is found in the Catholic Church. You are simply asked to state your belief in the teaching of Jesus and His Church.