

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, Rose Price, Baby Sean John, Amy Rose Sanderson, Anne Marie Seabury, Kath Smith, 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, Jim Bryson, Edward Fahey.

Lately Dead: Fr Tony Walsh (former Parish Priest), Ken Wooding, Wallace Thompson. Anne Marie Kneale

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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	£246.81	£31.85	145
OLA	£521.13	£111.80	146
SJV	£712.15	£45.39	500

*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 closed now until spring,

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

Special Collections: Today: For Poor Missions Fund

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

PARISH OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

Serving the congregations of:

ST CUTHBERT, OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND

ST JOHN VIANNEY

30th November 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ADVENT: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. "Advent" means the Lord "is coming". It encourages us to prepare to welcome Christ now, to get ready to welcome Him in Glory at the end of time, and of course to celebrate His birth with real joy. It marks the beginning of a new Church year and the beginning of a 4 week period of preparation. As with any new beginning, it is an opportunity to re-evaluate things. Three words can sum up our 'Advent task': **Listen** to what God is saying; **change** direction in those areas that take me away from God; **welcome** Christ into my life.



ADVENT BEGINS TODAY – BE READY

Evening Prayer & Benediction

**SJV 3pm. Nov 30th,
Dec 7, 14 & 21**

Service of Reconciliation:

Fri 12th Dec 7pm SJV

Priests: Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawsworth

Deacons: Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

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Sunday: Yr. A; Weekdays: Yr. 2. Psalter Week 1

Sun FIRST IN ADVENT

5.30pm: (SJV) Bridget & Jack Woods RIP

6pm: (OLA) Margaret & Henry Plant RIP

6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) Pat Winters RIP

10am: (ST C) Carmel & Michelle Kilgallon RIP

10.30am: (OLA) Betty Brodie RIP

11.15am: (SJV) People of the parish

3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*

4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Mon: of Advent week 1

9.15am: (SJV) Fr John Baron RIP

Tue: of Advent week 1

9.15am: (SJV) L & D Health & Support

9.30am: (OLA) Special Intention

Wed: St Francis Xavier

9.15am: (SJV) Conversion & world Peace

12noon: (St C) Janet Grady

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

Thurs: of Advent week 1

9.15am: (SJV) Mark Billing RIP

9.30am: (OLA) HSNL

Fri: of Advent week 1

9.15am: (SJV) WP - Health

12noon: (St C) James Murphy RIP

Sat: of Advent week 1

9.30am: (SJV) Novena Mass

Sun SECOND IN ADVENT

5.30pm: (SJV) Souls in Purgatory

6pm: (OLA) Linda Porter RIP

6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) People of the parish

10am: (ST C) Val Fahey RIP

10.30am: (OLA) Thanks to God, BVM, Saints & Angels

11.15am: (SJV) For prayers answered.

3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*

4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

EXPOSITION

Sat 11am-12Our

Lady of the
Assumption &
St Cuthbert's.

First Sundays:
3pm SJV Rosary
& Benediction

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.

Next Friday (Dec 5th)
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY
HOUR 7-8pm
Next Saturday (6th)
Miraculous Medal Novena
in the 9.30am Mass

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December: For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle
East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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

FAMILY CRIBS: The priests are very happy to come along and bless your home
crib. Write your name and phone number on the sheet on the notice board.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: will be celebrated on: SJV 21st June; St C
28th June; OLA 5th July. There are letters in the church porch with details. This
Sunday: Nov 29th / 30th distribution of attendance cards. Parent Meeting: SJV 9/2/26;
St C (school) 10/2/26; OLA 11/2/26.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING: OLA Tue 2 Dec 7pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE: Thanks for all the donations received. Great
generosity. If you are a 'baker', cakes would be gratefully received the afternoon of
6th or morning of 7th Dec. We need a few helpers on the day to cover stalls (even for
an hour or so), please call Linda on 07738022054. The Fair (7th Dec) will be held
in the Pope John Paul II Centre and in the School hall. Anyone wishing to rent a stall
at the Christmas Parish Fair @ £15 please contact Dom on 07511908219

CHRISTMAS CARDS: We are once again selling Christmas Cards at the back of
church. Both designs from last year are still available along with a new design for
this year. Illustrations are produced by our parishioner Jenny. All proceeds for
church funds. Small - £3.00 per pack of 5 Large - £4.50 per pack of 5

GRATEFUL THANKS: for the £100 collection from the Ladies Lunch on
Wednesday for MARYS MEALS - 1,000 Meals for needy children abroad

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS: Dec 7 – Christmas Fair St JP II Centre; Dec
14 – Christmas Prize Bingo St JP II Centre; Dec 21 - Childrens' Christmas Party
OLA. See flyers & poster in porch.

TRY: YOU TUBE SEARCHES FOR: Word on Fire; Professor John Lennox;
Gavin Ashenden; Bishop Barron; Fr. Mike Schmitz; Fr Casey Cole (Breaking the
Habit); Scott Hahn; Monsignor James Shea. A boost to faith.

ADVENT: Moring Prayer with the NeoCatechumenal Community at St Cuthbert's
presbytery Mon – Fri 7am

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SESSIONS: preparing for Christmas. 7-8pm English
Martyr's Wed 3, 10 & 17 Dec. See poster

MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF HYNING: individually guided retreat in the
Ignatian tradition Fri April 24th – Sun May 3rd OR Sat April 25th – Sat May 2nd.
For more info visit: hyningbookings@yahoo.co.uk or phone: 01524 732684.

THE PRESTON RETREAT – Youth 2000: 13th Dec. 9am-9pm. Young adults
(aged 16-35 or Year 10+) are invited to a one-day retreat at Corpus Christi High
School. To register, please visit: <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/s8vr6vf2>