

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:

OUR SCHOOLS:

St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy: Lightwood Avenue FY4 2AU

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St John Vianney Catholic Primary School: Glastonbury Avenue FY1 6RD

Head: Mrs. C Evans. Email: admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk

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

Head: Dr. E Allen: admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk

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Head: Mr S Eccles. Email: admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk

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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	£256.59		148
OLA	£541.54		127
SJV	£945.77		521

*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: None

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

14th December 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



What an accolade – to be called a ‘great man’ by Jesus. He was speaking of John the Baptist. Why was he great? Because he prepared a way for the Lord in himself and in others. Our greatness too, will reside in the way we prepare to receive Christ and encourage others to do the same.



ADVENT

**Evening Prayer &
Benediction:**

SJV 3pm. Dec 14 & 21

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: 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

Advance Notice of Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4.30pm: St Cuthbert's;

5.30pm: St John Vianney

6.30pm: Our Lady of the Assumption

Christmas Day: 9am: Our Lady of the Assumption;

10am: St Cuthbert; 11.15am: St John Vianney

MIDNIGHT MASS at St Kentigern's

Priests: Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawsworth

Deacons: Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

ADDRESS: St John Vianney Presbytery

26, Glastonbury Avenue, Blackpool FY1 6RD Tel. [01253] 762227

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Sunday: Yr. A; Weekdays: Yr. 2. Psalter Week 3

Sun THIRD IN ADVENT

5.30pm: (SJV) Bill & Vie McGarvie RIP
6pm: (OLA) Lena & Albert John RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) Lawrence & Monica Slater RIP
10am: (ST C) Peter Nichols RIP
10.30am: (OLA) Holy Souls on November List
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 3

9.15am: (SJV) Dorothy Holliday RIP

Tue: of Advent week 3

9.15am: (SJV) Our unborn child
9.30am: (OLA) Mary & Ernie Buck RIP

Wed: of 17th December

9.15am: (SJV) Souls in Purgatory
12noon: (St C) Val Fahey RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs: of 18th December

9.15am: (SJV) WP - Health
9.30am: (OLA) Eleanor Mangan RIP

Fri: of 19th December

9.15am: (SJV) Fr Francis Lindon
12noon: (St C) In thanks B & B RIP

Sat: of 20th December

Sun FOURTH IN ADVENT

5.30pm: (SJV) Stephen (Ken) Wooding
6pm: (OLA) Stephan Fodden RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) People of the parish
10am: (ST C) Maureen Blackmore RIP
10.30am: (OLA) Colin Archer RIP
11.15am: (SJV) Siobham Gallagher RIP
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*
4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

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

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.

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.

OLA SCHOOL Recruiting for a Welfare Assistant. Visit:
<https://www.ourladyassumption-sch.co.uk/>

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. Parent Meeting: SJV 9/2/26; St C (school) 10/2/26; OLA 11/2/26.

We enjoyed a very successful **CHRISTMAS FAIR** - with thanks to all who donated prizes and for all helped in the organising and running of stalls. The attendance and support on the day was amazing. We raised £1132.90. The Christmas Draw brought in £453. **CHRISTMAS Bingo** Today, 14th Dec - eyes down @ 6.30pm in the Pope JPII Centre. Please book your place as we will only provide pie & peas if you have booked. Please call Linda 07738022054.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Mila Barnes, Alejandro Del Prado and Everly & Primrose Salanki recently baptised.

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS: Dec 21 - Childrens' Christmas Party OLA. See poster in porch.

ADVENT: Morning 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 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.

B&B STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR: in Keswick, will be available for a few days in Jan & Feb Jan 5-7th, Feb 9-11th & Feb 16-18th. Visit <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> For a bit 'posher' Castlerigg Manor Lodge a luxury holiday cottage! <https://castleriggmanor.com/lodge-last-minute/>