

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: Christopher Eagle, Cecelia Duckworth, Rosalita Watts

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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	£179.58		140
OLA	£459.00		146
SJV	£689.20		510

*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

21st December 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Nearly there! On Thursday we shall celebrate the Saviour's Birth. Today we get a foretaste of the event in the Gospel. Here we find Joseph a little confused and in need of assurance. God gives that reassurance and Joseph moves forward and plays his part in the plan of salvation. Emmanuel (God-with us) has come to reassure us of God's merciful love. Now it is our turn to play our part in the plan of Salvation.



ADVENT

Evening Prayer & Benediction:

SJV 3pm. Dec 21



EMMANUEL



MIDNIGHT MASS at St Kentigern's

Priests: Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawksworth

Deacons: Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

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Sunday: Yr. A; Weekdays: Yr. 2. Psalter Week 4

Sun FOURTH IN ADVENT

5.30pm: (SJV) Stephen (Ken) Wooding

6pm: (OLA) Stephan Fodden RIP

6.30pm: (SJV) No NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) People of the parish

10am: (ST C) Maureen Blackmore RIP

10.30am: (OLA) Colin Archer RIP

11.15am: (SJV) Siobhan Gallagher RIP

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

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

Mon: of 22nd December

9.15am: (SJV) Wency, Cheryl & Max RIP

Tue: of 23rd December

9.15am: (SJV) Sean Glen RIP

9.30am: (OLA)

Wed: of 24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30pm: (St C) Ints SDH

5.30pm: (SJV) William & Isabel Loughran RIP

6.30pm: (OLA) People of the parish

9pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs: CHRISTMAS DAY

9am: (OLA) Ints CCL

10am: (St C) WP - Health

11.15am: (SJV) Mary & Francis Walkden RIP

Fri: ST STEPHEN

10am: (SJV) Bernard Walkden RIP

Sat: ST JOHN Apostle

Sun THE HOLY FAMILY

5.30pm: (SJV) Bill & Vie McGarvie RIP

6pm: (OLA) William Hayton RIP

6.30pm: (SJV) No NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) People of the parish

10am: (ST C) Sr Gertrude

10.30am: (OLA) Pauline Lane - Recovery

11.15am: (SJV) Mark Billing 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

**NO
EXPOSITION**
Sat 11am-12Our
Lady of the
Assumption &
St Cuthbert's.
First Sundays:
3pm SJV Rosary
& Benediction

NO 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.

FOND FAREWELL: To Mr Peter Duffy as he leaves his post as Deputy Head Teacher at SJV after 25 years of service.

THE PARISH BINGO NIGHT at St John Vianney's raised an amazing £593.50. Grateful thanks to all who donated prizes and to those who organised it and came along and supported it. Thanks also to our bingo caller John and to all who helped. A great evening was had by all!

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

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.

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS: Today: Dec 21 - Childrens' Christmas Party OLA. See poster in porch. Sunday 25th January "TOMBOLA" at the back of St Cuthbert's Church after 10am Mass, in aid of Lourdes Medical Team and Mary's Meals

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/>

*The Priests of the Parish wish you all a
very Happy & Holy Christmas.
And look forward to seeing you at
New Year's Day Mass - 12 noon!*