

PRAYERS: *The Sick:* Jane Hindle, Dorothy Conroy, Bob Priestly, John Radcliffe, 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 Walmsley, Rita Fraser, Kathleen Perfect, Bernadette Bunting, Kathleen Booth, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Pauline Lane, Liz Duffy, Tina Howarth, Sam Marlow-Wrigley Marie Fahey, Mary Hayton, Julie Benson, Jim Bryson, Edward Fahey, Duncan Campbell

Lately Dead: Tony Butler, Bernard Knights, Margaret Fallon, Kathleen Booth, Karen Mould, Thomas Ainsworth

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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 | £306.32 | | 137 |
| OLA | £432.21 | | 167 |
| SJV | £641.01 | | 481 |

*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: restarting on Tue 24th Feb and will meet weekly

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

Special Collection This Week:

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

22nd February 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Today the first full week of Lent begins, it is a good time (if we have not already done so), to enter into the spirit of Lent so that we grow closer to God. Of course, we have to expect that we will be tempted away from our good resolutions. Look at the way Jesus, in today's Gospel, was tempted as he prepared in the wilderness to begin his public life. He just resolutely carried on going forward. That is our model too, even if we stumble, we can pick ourselves up and carry on along the path to God.

2026 is officially designated as *the Year of St. Francis of Assisi, a Franciscan Jubilee Year* running from Jan 10, 2026, - Jan 10, 2027, marking the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. It commemorates the 13th-century saint's life, with major events including the public display of his remains.

LENT AT A GLANCE

Masses: see overleaf

Exposition:

Mon – Fri SJV 7.45-8.45am.

Sat St C & OLA 11-12noon with Confessions.

Morning Prayer: Mon–Fri SJV 8.45am;

St Cuthbert's 7am.

Stations: Fri St C 11.15am;

Sun OLA 2pm & SJV 3pm

Holy Hour: First Friday SJV 7pm.

Lent Soup Lunch: Fridays St C after noon Mass

Lent Meditation Tues. OLA: 7pm for an hour

PARISH RETREAT DAY

Sat 21st March 10-4pm

Ladyewell Shrine

Sign-up sheet in Porch

Bring a Packed Lunch – drinks provided

Donation to the Shrine on the day.

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 LENT

5.30pm: (SJV) Jack Greaves RIP
6pm: (OLA) Margaret & Henry Plant RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) Lawrence & Monica Slater RIP
10am: (ST C) Eugene Kelly RIP
10.30am: (OLA) Tony Smith 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 1st week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) Souls in Purgatory

Tue: of 1st week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) Private Intention (SS)
9.30am: (OLA) Kath & Terry Whitfield RIP

Wed: of 1st week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) Norah & Clive Matthews RIP
12 noon: (St C) Imelda Keenan RIP
12 noon: (SJV) Margaret Fallon Requiem Mass
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs: of 1st week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) Barbara Clarke RIP
9.30am: (OLA) Church Volunteers
11am: (OLA) Tony Butler Requiem Mass

Fri: of 1st week in Lent

9.15am (SJV) In thanksgiving
12 noon: (St C) HSNL

Sat: after Ash Wednesday

Sun SECOND IN LENT

5.30pm: (SJV) Fr Peter Foulkes RIP
6pm: (OLA) Cheryl Turner RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) People of the parish
10am: (ST C) HSNL
10.30am: (OLA) Eileen Guerin RIP
11.15am: (SJV) Jayne Judge RIP
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*
4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

EXPOSITION

Sat 11am-12 Our
Lady of the
Assumption &
St Cuthbert's.
During Lent
SJV 7.45-8.45am
First Sundays:
3pm SJV Rosary
& Benediction
(In Lent replaced
by Stations of the
Cross)

**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**

Fri 11.15am St C
Sun 2pm OLA
3pm SJV

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.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for February: For children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive
the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

COMMUNION ETIQUETTE: following an enquiry, yes, there is still a one hour
fast from all food before receiving Holy Communion. Also, to receive on the hand,
please put one hand on top of the other, palm up and receive the host before walking
away.

SITES TO VISIT: Complete Guide to Lent

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqYrg_CBB8k Fr. Mike Schmitz's Top 10
Tips for Lent <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNszyCNI4Hs>

CONGRATULATIONS: to Henry Daniel Walters recently baptised.

THANK YOU: for £80 raised at OLA Cake Sale for Lourdes Fund.

FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP: St Cuthbert's will host soup and roll after 12 noon
Mass. Volunteer soup makers for one of the weeks, please contact Linda
07738022054. ALL WELCOME.

LAUDS IN ST CUTHBERTS with the NeoCatechumenal Way. Come and join us
for morning prayer - the psalms are sung and there is a scripture reading together
with a reading from the Fathers of the Church each weekday during Lent at
7.00am. Starting Monday 23rd of Feb. All welcome.

OLA GARDENING CLUB: to maintain the grounds will recommence on Sat
March 8th at 10am. Please help if you can.

DAY OF RENEWAL: St Clare's, Preston Sat 28th Feb 'Unpacking the Paschal
Mystery – to get the best celebration of Easter. Speaker: Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy.

A WEEK OF RETREAT AND A SCHOOL OF PRAYER: Online course. March
9-13 (7-8.30pm) plus day retreat (10am-3pm) on Saturday 14th March. 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, have a few empty slots
between now and the end of the summer and are offering them all for £60pp for two
nights, fully catered. May 8-10th; 22-24th; 29-31; July 3-5 Visit
<https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>
For a bit 'posher' Castlerigg Manor Lodge a luxury holiday cottage!
<https://castleriggmanor.com/lodge-last-minute/>

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