

**PRAYERS:** *The Sick:* Jane Hindle, Dorothy Conroy, 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, Kath Smith, Elisha Swales, Karen Wainwright, Carrie Walmesley, Rita Fraser, Kathleen Perfect, Bernadette Bunting, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Pauline Lane, Liz Duffy, Sam Marlow-Wrigley Marie Fahey, Mary Hayton, Julie Benson, Jim Bryson, Edward Fahey, Duncan Campbell

*Lately Dead:* Bernard Knights, Martin Brown, Joyce Smith, Mary Morrison, Michael Durnley.

**OUR SCHOOLS:**

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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	£237.77		165
OLA	£495.21		
SJV	£810.04		504

*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:** Every Tuesday will meet weekly 1.30pm

**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*

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**



In today's Gospel passage we see Jesus curing the man born blind but there is more to it than just a healing. Jesus tackles and debunks the common thought that suffering, such as blindness, is a consequence of sin; that this is God visiting punishment upon those who are evil. Suffering comes to good and bad people alike, it is part of our human condition. Jesus teaches us that it is not the wrath of God.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> March 10-4pm**

**Ladyewell Shrine**

**Sign-up sheet in Porch**

**Bring a Packed Lunch –**

**drinks provided**

**Donation to the Shrine on**

**the day.**

**LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

St Cuthbert's, Lytham Road

**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 LENT**

5.30pm: (SJV) Dean Simcock - Health  
6pm: (OLA) Special Intention (Luca)  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) Louise Rea RIP  
10am: (ST C) Guido De Feo RIP  
10.30am: (OLA) Wally Thompson 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 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

9.15am: (SJV) Tony Butler RIP

**Tue: ST PATRICK**

9.15am: (SJV) Alan Cox RIP  
9.30am: (OLA) Cheryl Turner RIP

**Wed: of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

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

**Thurs: SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH**

9.15am: (SJV) D M Sumner Family  
9.30am: (OLA) HSNL

**11.15am: (SJV) Bernard Knights Requiem Mass**

**Fri: of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

9.15am (SJV) HSNL  
12 noon: (St C) Meg Pendlebury  
**12.15pm: (OLA) Mary Morrison Funeral Service**

**Sat: of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

**Sun FIFTH IN LENT**

5.30pm: (SJV) Francis & Joan Pope RIP  
6pm: (OLA) Bernadette Bunting - Health  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) People of the parish  
10am: (ST C) Vincent & Mary Westhead RIP  
10.30am: (OLA) Jim Fish RIP  
11.15am: (SJV) People of the parish  
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)

**Sat 21 March  
NO Exposition or  
Confessions**

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for March:** For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**SITES TO VISIT:** Complete Guide to Lent

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqYrg\\_CBB8k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqYrg_CBB8k) Fr. Mike Schmitz's Top 10 Tips for Lent <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNszyCNI4Hs>

**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 weekdays during Lent at 7am.

**EASTER 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.

**OLA GARDENING CLUB:** to maintain the grounds will recommence on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month at 10am. Please help if you can.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on June 29<sup>th</sup> for Y7 and above age group. More details soon.

**MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF HYNING:** individually guided retreat in the Ignatian tradition Fri April 24<sup>th</sup> – Sun May 3<sup>rd</sup> OR Sat April 25<sup>th</sup> – Sat May 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more info visit: [hyningbookings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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 8-10<sup>th</sup>; 22-24<sup>th</sup>; 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/>

**FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS:** Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)

Called to Love, 2 - 3 May: **A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults** who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of **staying Friday night**. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/> See flyers.

**DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:** New members required. See poster in porch for more details. Contact: [safeguarding@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lrcd.org.uk) for an expression of interest form and a role description.

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