

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: Martin Brown, Joyce Smith, Michael Dearnley, Frank De'leth

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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	£310.36		159
OLA	£409.21		154
SJV	£671.69		548

*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 1-3pm

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 March 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Today's Gospel passage, the raising of Lazarus, is significant on many levels. One important level is to be found in what Jesus calls out when Lazarus emerges from the tomb: Unbind him, let him go free. That could be the 'strapline' for the whole of Jesus' ministry. Lent is a special time for accepting the freedom that Jesus won for us upon the cross; the freedom from our sins.

**LENT AT A GLANCE
During Lent**

- Come to daily Mass
- Masses: see overleaf
- Attend Morning Prayer SJV 8.45am
- Attend Stations of the Cross

- Attend the Tuesday Meditation
- Attend Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Be generous to charity
- Read a spiritual book

NEW TAX YEAR:

Is almost upon us. New sets of Offertory Envelopes are available. **An appeal:** If you regularly contribute to the collection and are a tax payer, please join the Gift Aid Scheme. That means each £1 you give attracts an extra 25p. **What to do?** Sign a Gift Aid Form at the back of church and either join the envelope scheme or set up a Standing Order with your bank. More details on the Gift Aid Form in the porch

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

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) Pat Lord RIP
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*
4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Mon: of 5th week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) Fr Francis Lindon RIP

Tue: of 5th week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) Kathleen Booth RIP
9.30am: (OLA) Margaret Fallon RIP

Wed: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9.15am: (SJV) Tony Caveney RIP
12 noon: (St C) Rose Ely RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs: of 5th week in Lent

9.15am: (SJV) Findlay & Helen McCormack RIP
9.30am: (OLA) John Brown RIP

Fri: of 5th week in Lent

9.15am (SJV) Roger Family
12 noon: (St C) Souls in Purgatory

Sat: of 5th week in Lent

Sun PALM SUNDAY

5.30pm: (SJV) Tony RIP & Marie Butler
6pm: (OLA) Cheryl Turner RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) Pat Winters RIP
10am: (ST C) Holy Souls on November List
10.30am: (OLA) Ints of Sean & Kathy 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*

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.

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

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)

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

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Next Friday 27th March 7pm St Cuthbert's, Lytham Road

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 2nd Sat of the month at 10am. Please help if you can.

CAFOD: The recent Fast Day collection raised £523.84 – Thank you.

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

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/>

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

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 for an expression of interest form and a role description.