

**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, Mary Hayton, Julie Benson, Jim Bryson, Edward Fahey

*Lately Dead:* Norman Lunn

**OUR SCHOOLS:**

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

Head: Mrs S Smith. Email: [admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk)

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

Head: Mrs. C Evans. Email: [admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk)

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

Head: Mr. P Duffy. Email: [admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk)

**St Mary's Catholic Academy: St Walburga's Road FY3 7EQ**

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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    | £293.46   |         | 132      |
| OLA     | £512.02   |         | 287      |
| SJV     | £614.06   |         | 450      |

*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: Today: Stella Maris (those who look after Seafarers)**

**Next Sunday: Good Shepherd Fund**

**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*

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR A**



Nearly every time we switch on the television we are met with a gardening programme. So the parable of the 'the sower' which we find today in the Gospel should make abundant sense. By now we should know that the right growing conditions are vital if a plant or a crop is to do well.

Of course, the parable is about the Word of God and whether or not we provide the right medium for it to take root and grow. Week by week we are presented with the Word, but if our hearts and minds aren't open to receive and accept and, yes, be challenged by this Word, then the harvest will be meagre and our relationship with the Lord will be all the poorer.



**ANNUAL MASS**

In honour of our local martyr:  
Blessed Edward Bamber  
At the home for retired priests  
St Winefriede House  
Low Moor Road  
FY2 0PA  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm**

**SUMMER FAIR TODAY Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 12 noon.**

St John Vianney Pope JPII Centre and grounds.

Lots of stalls, games, cakes, refreshments. Don't miss the choir & dancers.

See the poster at the back of church!

**Priests:** Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawksworth

**Deacons:** Rev Paul Marley (Rtd)

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

**Sun: FIFTEENTH IN YEAR A**

5.30pm: (SJV) Gerald Spencer RIP  
6pm: (OLA) Jackie Horner RIP  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) People of the parish  
10am: (ST C) W P - Health  
10.30am: (OLA) Teresa & Bernard Baines RIP  
11.15am: (SJV) Fr Francis Lindon RIP  
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*  
4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**Mon: of week 15**

9.15am: (SJV) John Oates RIP

**Tue: of week 15**

9.15am: (SJV) Rev Tom Bland RIP  
9.30am: (OLA) **NO MASS**

**Wed: St Bonaventure**

9.15am: (SJV) School Leavers' Mass  
12 noon: (St C) Christine & Victor Footit. RIP  
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

**Thurs: Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

9.15am: (SJV) Terry & Margaret Chason RIP  
9.15am: (OLA) School Leavers' Mass

**Fri: of week 15**

9.15am: (SJV) Fr Frank - Health  
12 noon: (St C) W P - Health

**Sat: of week 15**

**Sun: SIXTEENTH IN YEAR A**

5.30pm: (SJV) Bill McGarvie RIP  
6pm: (OLA) Anne Carroll RIP  
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist  
9am: (SJV) Alan Cox RIP  
10am: (ST C) People of the parish  
10.30am: (OLA) Patrick Ferguson RIP  
11.15am: (SJV) Mike Sumner - Health  
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.  
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.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for July:** Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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

**LOURDES PETITIONS:** A few members of the parish will be going to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. If you would like prayer petitions placing at the Grotto then please place in an envelope marked Petition. If you would like a candle lit for an intention, please place £5 in an envelope with the named intention, marked Candle

**Fr. FRANK:** underwent heart surgery last Thursday. He has now returned to the Presbytery where, in the first instance, he will be convalescing for several weeks.

**PARISH ASSOCIATION DRAW: July Winners:** £50.00 223 ANDREW LOYND; £40.00 73 PAULINE HARVEY; £30.00 21 ZAC BARLOW; £20.00 116 SYLVIA MARLEY; £20.00 85 TIM YOUNG; £15.00 226 GERLIE DARBY. Next draw: Our Lady of the Assumption on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Poppy Taylor baptised recently. To the First Communicants at OLA, and thanks to the catechists who prepared them.

**FAREWELL & WELCOME:** Goodbye to Mr Simon Eccles who is leaving his post of Headteacher at St Mary's High School for pastures new, and also to Mrs Sarah Smith who has worked tirelessly as Headteacher at St Cuthbert's and is now to concentrate on Christ the King school. We say 'hello' to Juliet Morgan taking up the reins at St Mary's and to Louise Freeman appointed to St Cuthbert's.

**DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** 28/9 to 1/10. The theme is: "Mary, Cause of our Joy." See poster or email [charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk)

**VENEZUELA APPEAL:** any monies handed in for this (envelope marked Venezuela) will be forwarded to CAFOD.

**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE:** Free Will & Grace, 28 - 31 August 2026  
Theme: Human freedom and Divine grace. This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/>  
Heart to Heart women's retreat, 19 - 22 June 2026 led by Fr Bernard Murphy, CFR and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal.  
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/heart-to-heart-retreat/>

**CHRISTIAN DRUG EDUCATION CHARITY Hope UK** is facing a funding crisis.  
Visit: [hopeuk.org/appeal](http://hopeuk.org/appeal)

**FRIENDS OF CASTLERIGG:** Please visit: [castleriggmanor.com/friends](http://castleriggmanor.com/friends)  
Also, A Quiet Retreat for Adults // October Half Term 2026. **BOOTS:** The Diocesan Youth Centre is looking for boots to equip (poorer) young people for a walk on the Keswick fells. Can you help? **CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS:** During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out [castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us](http://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711  
Visit: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1MO1F2S0UED7G>

**CAFOD PETITION:** we are collecting signatures for a Cafod petition for the global debt crisis. See items in the porch.