

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: Irene Bennett

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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	£253.74	£30.00	154
OLA	£357.16	£166.43	104
SJV	£610.94	£136.55	373

*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:

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

26th July 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR A



The theme of the Kingdom of Heaven continues in today's Gospel passage. Jesus gives three examples, one of which is the merchant who deals in pearls. On finding the most precious pearl in the world, he sells all his possessions to buy it. That 'pearl of great price' is Jesus Christ. We are asked to subordinate everything in our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ – then real and lasting joy will be ours



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We have reached the end of another academic year and wish all our staff and children

Happy Holidays and little rest from all the hard work.

Priests: Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Simon Hawksworth

Deacons: Rev Paul Marley (Rtd)

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

Sun: SEVENTEENTH IN YEAR A

5.30pm: (SJV) Fr R Billing – Silver Jubilee

6pm: (OLA) HSNL

6.30pm: (SJV) **NO** NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) Bernard Knights RIP

10am: (ST C) People of the parish

10.30am: (OLA) Rosaleen McElduff RIP

11.15am: (SJV) Peter Simcock RIP

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

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

Mon: of week 17

9.15am: (SJV) Souls in Purgatory

Tue: of week 17

9.15am: (SJV) Louise & Barbara Conroy RIP

9.30am: (OLA) **NO MASS**

Wed: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

9.15am: (SJV) Intentions of Connor Ferguson

12 noon: (St C) Fr Frank - recovery

6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs: of week 17

9.15am: (SJV) Cynthia Butler RIP

9.15am: (OLA) **NO MASS**

Fri: St Ignatius Loyola

9.15am: (SJV) Shiela Hall RIP

12 noon: (St C) Rev Tom Bland RIP

Sat: St Alphonsus

Sun: EIGHTEENTH IN YEAR A

5.30pm: (SJV) Mary Kearney RIP

6pm: (OLA) HSNL

6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist

9am: (SJV) Thomas & Tommy Cushen RIP

10am: (ST C) People of the parish

10.30am: (OLA) Michael Gardiner, Eileen, Gerry & Brian Salmon RIP

11.15am: (SJV) John Hebblethwaite RIP

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

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

EXPOSITION

During the time when 2 priests are away, Exposition on Saturdays is suspended.

First Sundays:
3pm SJV Rosary & Benediction

CONFESSIONS

During the time when 2 priests are away, Confessions will be by request before any Mass at any of our 3 churches.

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

Fr. FRANK: continues to make progress after his heart surgery. He has now reached that stage where his convalescence will continue staying with friends in Preston.

HUGE THANKS: to those who worked so hard to organise the Summer Fair and those who supported it. £701.87 was raised for parish funds.

FR SIMON: will be away on a few days holiday. Please note Mass times may vary.

PARISH ASSOCIATION DRAW: July Winners: List on notice board. Next draw: Our Lady of the Assumption on Sunday 2nd Aug.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Juliet Potter & Rhyss Eman baptised recently.

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. We are saying goodbye and hello to Mrs Anna Cocker leaving SJV and taking up the post of Deputy Headteacher at St Cuthbert's.

JUBILEE: Congratulations to Fr Billing the last priest to be ordained from SJV, now celebrating his Silver Jubilee.

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

VENEZUELA APPEAL: Thanks to those who made donations £310.00 has been forwarded to CAFOD.

DIOCESAN LADYEWELL PILGRIMAGE: Sat 26th Sept. Holy Mass St Mary's 11am followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine for Benediction.

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/>

CHRISTIAN DRUG EDUCATION CHARITY Hope UK is facing a funding crisis. Visit: hopeuk.org/appeal

FRIENDS OF CASTLERIGG: Please visit: castleriggmanor.com/friends for info on: A Quiet Retreat for Adults // October Half Term. **BOOTS; CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS.** 017687 72711

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