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, Bernadette Bunting, Shelia Haslam, Laura Farrand, Pauline Lane, Liz Duffy, Sam Marlow-Wrigley, Mary Hayton, Julie Benson, Edward Fahey, Michael O'Brien

Lately Dead: Lesley Childs, John Singleton

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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	£199.70	£33.65	125
OLA	£537.82	£134.32	147
SJV	£684.18	£86.18	466

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: has now finished meeting until early spring.

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

Special Collection: Today: Poor Missions

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

29th November 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we enter into the Season of Advent; it is a season of preparation with a mildly penitential tone. The flowers are removed from Church, the Gloria is not sung and the priest is vested in purple. The Gospel adjures us to 'stay awake;' that means to use this time well, to be on the lookout for opportunities to pray. The scriptures too, should be taken into account. It would be so sad to reach the end of Advent unprepared by it for the Christmas feast.



CHRISTMAS Advance Notice
MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve
4pm St Cuthbert's
5.30pm St John Vianney
6pm Our Lady of the Assumption
Christmas Day
10.30am St John Vianney
(midnight Mass St Kentigern's)

Parish Christmas Fair
Next Sun 6th Dec 12 noon in the JPII Centre & School Hall.

Thank you for all donations for the Fair. We are very grateful. Message Linda 07738022054 if you can help on the day! Finally, please come along to the Fair, there's lots of stalls, refreshments, cakes, hot dogs, St Mary's choir singing carols, and the draw will take place for the Grand Christmas Raffle. Raffle ticket stubs & money to be returned by Sunday morning of 6th Dec.

Grand Christmas Raffle tickets still at the back of church. Tickets are 50p per ticket in books of 5 book cost £2.50. First prize is £100 with lots of other prizes.

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Sunday: Yr. B; Weekdays: Year 1. Psalter Week 1

Sun: FIRST IN ADVENT
5.30pm: (SJV) Margaret & David Sanderson RIP
6pm: (OLA) HSNL
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) People of the parish
10am: (ST C) HSNL
10.30am: (OLA) Jennifer Finlay RIP
11.15am: (SJV) Wally Thompson RIP
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*
4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Mon: ST ANDREW
9.15am: (SJV) Michael Docherty

Tue: Advent week 1
9.15am: (SJV) Kathy MacLeod RIP
9.30am: (OLA) Jackie Horner RIP

Wed: Advent week 1
9.15am: (SJV) W P - Health
12 noon: (St C) Kathleen Perfect RIP
6.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Thurs: St Francis Xavier
9.15am: (SJV) Rev Tom Bland RIP
9.30am: (OLA) Ana Eliz Mason RIP

Fri: Advent week 1
9.15am: (SJV) Shiela Hall RIP
12 noon: (ST C) Mike Lang RIP

Sat: Advent week 1

Sun: SECOND IN ADVENT
5.30pm: (SJV) Holy Souls on November Lists
6pm: (OLA)
6.30pm: (SJV) NeoCatechumenal Eucharist
9am: (SJV) People of the parish
10am: (ST C) Paul & Helen Hayward - Health
10.30am: (OLA) Lynn Cray RIP
11.15am: (SJV) Alan Smith RIP
3.30pm: (ST C) *Mass in Polish*
4.30pm: (SJV) *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

Sunday: 3pm SJV Advent Evening Prayer & 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

EXPOSITION
Sat 11am-12 Our Lady of the Assumption & St Cuthbert's.

Pope's Prayer Intentions December: For Single-parent Families: Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

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

HOLY HOUR & NOVENA DEVOTIONS: These have been suspended for the time being.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Reggie Hopkins recently baptised.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: Sun 29th Nov 3pm Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction SJV; Sun 6th Dec 12noon Parish Christmas Fair JPII Centre & SJV School & 3pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SJV; Fri 11th Nov Advent Service of Reconciliation 7pm St C; Sun 13th Dec 11.30am Children's Christmas Party OLA & 3pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SJV; Fri 18th Dec 7pm Carols with Candles SJV; Sun 20th Dec 3pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SJV

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE 2027: SJV June 20; St C. June 20; OLA June 27. Initial Parents / Registration Meetings: SJV Jan 11; St C Jan 13; OLA Jan 14. More details to follow.

ASSOCIATION DRAW WINNERS: November: £50 Tony Evans; £40 Mary Fowler; £30 Rosaleen Johnson; £20 Gill Wade; £20 & £15 Michelle Reynolds.

CHRISTMAS 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 PTFA SCHOOL FAIR: in the School Hall on Saturday 12th December from 1pm till 3pm and all welcome.

AFFORDABLE CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREATS IN THE LAKES
Castlerigg Manor the Diocesan youth retreat centre, Keswick. Yearly, they offer two retreats to families with under 18s. Here families can enjoy the lakes and spend time reflecting, praying, and doing creative activities. The next is Dec 11-13, then March 12-14. From £175 En-suite for a family of 4. To find out more, email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or check out castleriggmanor.com/events.

CATHEDRAL SPIRE APPEAL: Please visit: www.saveourspire.com

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: with South Ribble Concert Band **to support local SVP.** St Kentigern's Parish Centre Fri 4th Dec 7.30pm Tickets £5. See poster.

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE EVENTS: Praying with St Elizabeth of the Trinity 15th–17th Jan; Men's Retreats: The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius 26th Feb–3rd Mar or 5th–10th Mar. All three retreats take place at Theodore House, Stonyhurst, Lancashire. Please visit: https://christianheritagecentre.com