

# Extraordinary Newsletter for the Catholic Parishes of St John Vianney & St Monica and St Cuthbert, Blackpool

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS!

Please feel welcome at Mass in our Parishes!

### 140 YEARS OF THE MISSION OF ST CUTHBERT'S

This year marks 140 years since the founding of St Cuthbert's mission in Blackpool. In 1880 a young Fr Edward Lupton (29) was sent to Blackpool to set up and be in charge of a new mission, in the hope also that the sea-air would do his health some good. It certainly did – for him and for us; Canon Lupton founded the mission in South Blackpool and remained here until his death in 1944. That mission became the parish of St Cuthbert and out of Canon Lupton's drive and zeal the daughter parishes of St Joseph, St John Vianney and Our Lady of the Assumption and their respective schools were later established.

Though it is not possible to have a big solemn celebration this year, you are invited to join the [Feast of St Cuthbert, this Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September](#). Mass will be offered that day at 10.00am at St Cuthbert's and later on that day, Benediction with an Act of Thanksgiving will be given at 6.00pm. Of course, the now-usual Covid-19 safety measures will apply.

### WELCOME TO CHURCH!

It is great to welcome all who have come back to Mass at this time. We hope to see more of you when you feel confident to return. Thankfully, we have large churches and so can easily accommodate well-spaced out congregations at Mass. We are still far from normality and so need to follow the appropriate guidance:

1. To wear your own (mandatory) face covering in church - remembering, however, that some people have medical exemptions.
2. To leave your name **and number** on the (Track & Trace) list coming into church and spread out in church!
3. To always keep physical distance from others, including at entrances, exits, the porches and car parks
4. Not to wander round church or go into the sacristy.
5. For Holy Communion, to unloop one's face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving away.
6. Not to come to church if you feel unwell or live with a coronavirus sufferer.
7. If the organ plays, **please do not join in singing**.

### STEWARDS/CLEANING REQUIRED

Stewarding at Mass will be with us for some time, so new volunteers are needed and are asked to contact Fr Etienne with their details.

Thank you to those who have offered and are contributing to do the more routine cleaning, aside from after Masses. If you helped to clean our churches before the pandemic and would like to resume this now, please do speak to Fr Etienne to see how this may happen.

### EXPERIMENTAL CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Our churches are open for prayerful visits around Mass/Service times only. These opening times will be reviewed again through the summer period:

#### ON SUNDAYS:

St John Vianney's church will open from 8.30am and will close at 12.30pm & open again at 3.00pm and close again immediately after Benediction.

St Cuthbert's will open at 9.30am and close after Mass.

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY** (only on days when there is a morning Mass in that particular church):

St John Vianney's church will open at 9.00am and will close at 10.30am.

St Cuthbert's church will open at 9.30am and will close at 11.00am. On Thursday; opening will be at 6.30pm and we will close immediately after Mass.

#### ON SATURDAYS

St John Vianney's church will open at 9.00am and close at 10.30am and open again at 4.45pm and close again immediately after the evening Mass.

**N.B:** However, on a day when there is a funeral the opening times above will not apply. Instead, the church in question will open 30 minutes before the time of the funeral and will close immediately afterwards.

### RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY

**This weekend** there is a special retiring collection for the *Catholic Trust for England and Wales* (CaTEW) which helps run the secretariat and some other agencies of the bishops' conference. Our parishes are levied for this and all donations offset the assigned levy.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

We send our prayers and very best wishes to all staff and pupils of the schools associated with our parishes as they return this week in these changed times.

## PARISH CENSUS FORMS

Census forms for the updating of parish records can still be found in the porches of our churches. Thank you to those who have completed these so far. These replace any details given to our parishes in the past, which will be destroyed so as to fully comply with GDPR.

Please do note that the reverse page of the census form serves as a review of our parish 'stewardship' for the up-building of our parishes. Thank you to those currently volunteering and those now offering their help to build up parish life.

## EXPERIMENTAL TIMES FOR CONFESSION

The following experimental Confession times are currently in operation will be subject to further review:

### AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S:

Wednesday 9.45am – 10.15am

Saturdays 9.45am-10.30am

Sundays 3.00pm-3.20pm

### AT ST CUTHBERT'S:

Tuesdays 10.30am-11.00am

Thursdays 6.30pm-6.50pm

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY

At this time the weekly offertory collection is taken at the end of Mass as you leave church and not during Mass. Collection offerings can otherwise be pushed through the presbytery letterbox or arranged by standing order and bank transfer. Details for doing this are found on our parish websites.

Most of all, thank you for the financial support!

## GIFT AID

If you usually use envelopes to Gift Aid your offering and have not yet collected your envelopes, please do collect them from the church porches.

**Gift Aid envelopes are the following numbers at each church: St John Vianney: 1-50 and St Cuthbert: 1-30.**

**Please check your own details:** If you no longer pay enough tax to cover your offering please be in contact with Fr Etienne to adjust our records and your number. If anyone would like to start to Gift Aid your offerings then please speak to Fr Etienne.

## PRAYERS

Please join us as we pray especially for the sick: Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, Andree Etienne, Trudi Denham, Joan Edge, Phyllis Hatton, Matthew Barlow & Jean Baugh.

We continue to pray too for all victims of Covid-19. Of your charity, please pray for our recently-deceased: James McCartan (SJV).

## THE CARE OF CREATION

Pope Francis established 1<sup>st</sup> September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home – the environment. This World Day of Prayer begins the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi; a time of prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

## EXPERIMENTAL SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Our Mass times this week are:**

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

5.30pm (SJV) for Teresa McConnon RIP

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am (SJV) for Alan Cox & Family, Thanksgiving

10.00am (SC) for Patricia Buston RIP

11.00am (SJV) for Rosanna McLoughlin (Anniv)

3.30pm *Sunday Benediction* (SJV)

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne

9.15am (SJV) for Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy (EF\*)

\*Traditional Latin Mass

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

9.15am (SJV) for the People of the Parishes

10.00am (SC) for Catherine Moira Lord (Anniv)

*Followed by Adoration & Confessions*

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

9.15am (SJV) for Joyce Weston RIP

*Followed by Adoration & Confessions*

10.00am (SC) for Andrew Lamont Birnie RIP

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Gregory the Great

9.15am (SJV) for Kathleen Smith Ints

7.00pm (SC) for Edward Alban Lee RIP

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> PATRONAL FEAST OF ST CUTHBERT

9.15am (SJV) for Joyce Weston RIP

10.00am (SC) In Thanksgiving

**6.00pm (SC) Benediction**

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> St Herbert

9.15am (SJV) In Thanksgiving (Wedding Anniv)

5.30pm (SJV) for Mary Kearney RIP

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am (SJV) for Lily McLennon Ints

10.00am (SC) for Jack Cunningham

11.00am (SJV) for Connor O'Carroll Ints

3.30pm *Sunday Benediction* (SJV)

**WORK ON WEBSITE:** The St John Vianney & St Monica website is currently undergoing maintenance work – so for this week only the **Parish Newsletter** can be accessed on the home/front page of St Cuthbert's website only and from there on Facebook & Twitter.