

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

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)



**'IN HIS NAME...'**

At the time of Our Lord, to know someone's name was to be on intimate terms with them; you knew not only their name but also their thoughts, their attitudes, what made them 'tick,' even the desires of their heart! So in today's Gospel, when we hear Jesus saying, 'When two on earth ask for anything in my name it will be granted...,' we have to remember that it will only be granted if it is requested in prayer, with great faith and is in accord with the will of Christ; simply tagging the name of 'Jesus' on to the end of a prayer will guarantee nothing.

**WELCOME** to all our Illuminations visitors and holidaymakers at Mass this weekend. We hope that your visit to Blackpool is enjoyable.

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

Thank you to all those who came to celebrate the feast last Friday at St Cuthbert's church, and to those who prayed for us from home! Let us maintain a spirit of mission as we continue to proclaim the kingship of Christ today in Blackpool.

### OUR NEW WEBSITE

Marking the Feast of St Cuthbert & 140 years since the founding of St Cuthbert's mission here in Blackpool we have launched a brand new website that serves *both* our Parishes of St Cuthbert *and* St John Vianney & St Monica, Blackpool as 'Catholics in South Blackpool': <https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com>  
Do take a good look & Like and Follow us on our associated social media accounts.

The Parish Newsletter is posted prominently on this attractive and up-to-date website as well as daily Catholic news items and information on parish life!

### WELCOME BACK...SAFETY MEASURES

Thankfully, we have large churches and so can easily accommodate well-spaced out congregations at Mass. However, we are still far from normality and so need to follow the appropriate guidance at all times:

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.**

### 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 12noon & 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.

### STEWARDS/CLEANING REQUIRED

Stewarding at Mass and cleaning after Mass will be with us for some time, so new volunteers are needed and are asked to contact Fr Etienne with their details. Thanks, too, to those who have offered and are contributing to do the more routine cleaning. 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.

### 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 and 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, Mary Connelly and Sarah Owen.

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

### RETIRING COLLECTION

*Next weekend* there is a retiring collection on behalf of the Catholic Education Service. Thank you.

### OUR MASS TIMES THIS WEEK ARE:

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

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)

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

**12noon** (SJV) for +Vincent Malone RIP (EF\*)  
\*Traditional Latin Mass

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.15am (SJV) for a Private Intention  
10.00am (SC) for the People of the Parishes  
*Followed by Adoration & Confessions*

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> St Peter Claver

9.15am (SJV) for Phyllis Hatton Ints  
*Followed by Adoration & Confessions*  
10.00am (SC) for Priestly Vocations

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

9.15am (SJV) for Iain Lindsay-Thinn (Health)  
7.00pm (SC) for the Housebound

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

9.15am (SJV) for Moni Brown RIP  
10.00am (SC) for +Patrick O'Donoghue

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Most Holy Name of Mary

9.15am (SJV) for Ron Hall RIP  
5.30pm (SJV) for Stuart Chapple

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am (SJV) for the People of the Parishes  
10.00am (SC) for Carmel Kilgallon RIP (Anniv)  
11.00am (SJV) for Mr & Mrs K Buckley  
3.30pm *Sunday Benediction* (SJV)

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<https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/VoiceSept2020.pdf>