

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

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24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Monday 14th September, the feast of the Triumph of the Cross, Stuart Chapple will be ordained as a deacon in the chapel of Oscott College. God willing, next summer he will be ordained as a priest. Please keep Stuart and the other seminarians for our diocese in your prayers as they begin/resume their studies and pray for more priestly vocations for our diocese.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Recently, we 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, Our Mass and Confession times and other information on parish life!

WELCOME BACK....OUR SAFETY MEASURES

Thankfully, we have large churches and so can easily accommodate well-spaced out congregations at Mass. The recent 6-person limit for gatherings do not apply to public worship. However, we are still far from normality and so need to follow the appropriate guidance carefully at all times:

1. To wear your own (mandatory) face covering in church - remembering, however, that some people have medical exemptions.
2. Once you have sanitised your hands, 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.**

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

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 to those who have offered and are contributing to do the more routine cleaning as well as stewarding and cleaning after each Mass.

PARISH CENSUS FORMS

Please do complete and return your 2020 Census form (for each household). Thank you to those who have already done so.

Thanks also to those currently volunteering in areas of parish life and to those now offering their help to build up parish life using their completed census form.

TIMES FOR CONFESSION

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. Your offerings can also be pushed through the presbytery letterbox or arranged by standing order and bank transfer. Details for doing this are found on our new parish website.

Most of all, thank you for your generous and steadfast financial support for our parishes!

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 personally 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 & Patricia Martin.

We continue to pray too for all victims of Covid-19. Please pray for our recently-deceased: Sarah Owen.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend there is a special collection on behalf of the Catholic Education Service. This contributes to the work done at national level to support our Catholic schools.

Next weekend there is a special collection for Home Mission Sunday. Thank you on behalf of these national agencies of the bishops' conference.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE CATHOLIC VOICE

is available online at:

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

OUR MASS TIMES THIS WEEK ARE:

Saturday 12th

5.30pm (SJV) for Stuart Chapple

Sunday 13th 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 Buckley
3.30pm *Sunday Benediction* (SJV)

Monday 14th Exultation of the Holy Cross

No Public Mass today

Tuesday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

9.15am (SJV) for David Hall RIP
10.00am (SC) for Carmel Kilgallon RIP
Followed by Adoration & Confessions

Wednesday 16th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

9.15am (SJV) for Bill Kavanagh RIP
Followed by Adoration & Confessions

10.00am (SC) for Mary Connelly RIP

Thursday 17th St Robert Bellarmine

9.15am (SJV) for Margaret Smith RIP
7.00pm (SC) for Mary Tingle RIP

Friday 18th

9.15am (SJV) for John Murdock RIP
10.00am (SC) for Sarah Owen RIP

Saturday 19th St Januarius/ St Theodore of Tarsus

9.15am (SJV) for Lily McLennon
5.30pm (SJV) for the People of our Parishes

Sunday 20th TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am (SJV) for Stan Weston RIP
10.00am (SC) for Christopher & Eileen Robertson
11.00am (SJV) for Edward Alban Lee RIP
3.30pm *Sunday Benediction* (SJV)

SAINTS, SCHOLARS AND SPIRITUAL MASTERS

Free online talks organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst, take place on Thursdays at 7:30pm over the coming months. To register go directly to:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saintsscholars-spiritual-masters/>

or by emailing: events@christianheritagecentre.com

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

We celebrate the Season of Creation between 1st September to 4th October. CAFOD ask us particularly to pray the Novena to St Francis which can be accessed at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This begins next Sunday (20th September), and lasts for four weekends.