

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

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## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

### OUR SAFETY MEASURES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Please remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended and so it would be quite acceptable to make one of the weekday Masses your own. Also, the Saturday 5.30pm Mass and the Sunday 9.00am Mass both have room.

Mindful that we are now in Tier 3 (Very High) in Lancashire – including Blackpool,

(<https://blackpoolcouncil.org/1L8J-736F6-15E5554923A699BB38T4L8FFEA32525AF0462E/cr.aspx>) when coming to either of our two churches, we continue to strictly adhere to the following guidance:

1. Wear your own (mandatory) face covering in church - remembering, however, that some people may have medical exemptions.
2. Once you have sanitised your hands, leave your name and number on the Track & Trace List or use the *Test & Trace* app on your mobile phone with the QR code on display coming into church.  
(*Stewards: do remember that some people will check-in using their phone app - rather than by the List*).
3. Be vigilant to keep physical distance from others as you come into church and at all times in the building. Spread out in church!
4. Do not to wander round church greeting people and do not to go into the sacristy.
5. For Holy Communion, come out calmly, bench by bench (starting from the front), forming **one single-file queue** in the centre aisle and keeping well-spaced behind the person in front, using the full spacing available at the front (i.e. at St John Vianney's around the altar steps) returning to your original place down the side aisles as per usual.
6. At Holy Communion, unloop one's face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving immediately back to your original place.
7. **Not to come to church if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or if you live with a Covid-19 sufferer.**
8. If the organ plays, **please do not start singing.**
9. Leave church using the one-way system.
10. Do not congregate at entrances, exits, porches and car parks (no gathering at all on church premises).

*Thank you!*

### BEHIND THE SCENES

As well as being cleaned after each Mass, our two church buildings are also regularly sanitised using a 'fogging machine' (using Electrox sterilizing water).

### NUMBER OF MASSES IN THE WINTER MONTHS

In the light of the need for daily stewarding, regular cleaning and adherence to the robust safety measures in these days of pandemic, the actual numbers of people at each Mass as well as significant church heating costs, I am currently reviewing the number of Masses over our two parishes for the winter months.

A further complication in these days of Covid-19 is that the Diocesan Property Office recently informed me that the Diocesan Property Committee have advised that St John Vianney's church 'fan assisted' heating system needs to be switched off half-an-hour before the services begin so as to avoid too much air circulation.

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES AT PRESENT

#### ON SUNDAYS:

Currently, St John Vianney's church and the next-door car park opens from 8.30am and closes at 12noon & opens again at 3.00pm and closes again immediately after Benediction.

Presently, St Cuthbert's opens at 9.30am and closes immediately after Mass.

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

Currently, St John Vianney's church and the next-door car park opens at 9.00am and closes at 10.30am.

Presently, St Cuthbert's church opens at 9.30am and closes at 11.00am. **On Thursday** the church opens at **5.00pm** and closes immediately after Mass.

#### ON SATURDAYS

At present, St John Vianney's church and the next-door car park opens at 9.00am and closes at 10.30am and opens again at 5.00pm, to close again immediately after 5.30pm Mass.

**N.B:** On a day when there is a funeral, the church in question will open 30 minutes before the time of the funeral, closing immediately afterwards.

### FROM THE UK GOVERNMENT

Baptisms (outside of Mass) are now restricted to **six** people and Weddings to **fifteen** people.

**CLOCKS GO BACK!** – next Saturday night 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### **OUR CURRENT TIMES FOR CONFESSION**

#### **AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S:**

Wednesday 9.45am – 10.15am

Saturdays 9.45am-10.15am

Sundays 3.00pm-3.20pm

#### **AT ST CUTHBERT'S:**

Tuesdays 10.30am-11.00am

**Thursdays 5.00pm-5.20pm**

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Weekly offerings can be left in the basket as you leave Mass or can be pushed through the presbytery letterbox or arranged by standing order & bank transfer (details at:

<https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com/contact/gift-aid/>

### **GIFT AID SCHEME**

If you are a taxpayer and wish to start Gift Aiding your offering go to:

<https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com/contact/gift-aid/> for all the details.

### **OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray especially for the sick: Andree Etienne, Trudi Denham, Joan Edge, Phyllis Hatton, Matthew Barlow, Jean Baugh, Patricia Doherty and Grace Braithwaite and for all the sick and housebound in our parishes.

Please also pray for our recently-deceased: Barbara Newman. May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

### **NOVEMBER LISTS**

November List envelopes are now available at the back of our churches for you to enclose and return a list of your deceased loved ones. These lists/envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket or posted through the presbytery letterbox.

Each week in November at least one Mass in each of our churches will be celebrated for all those on our collected November Lists.

### **'YOUR DAY BY DAY' BOOKLETS**

These daily scriptural booklets are available for sale at the back of our two churches (at £1.00 each – just place this in the offertory basket).

### **TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

By supporting *Missio*, (**today's second collection**) the Pope's charity for world mission *ad gentes*, you help missionaries share the love of Christ.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

*Next week*, there is a second collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Please do request Masses *well in advance* so to avoid any disappointment.

**We are Parishes of the Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: Registered Charity No. 234331.**

### **OUR MASS TIMES THIS WEEK ARE:**

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

5.30pm (SJV) for the people of our parishes

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

9.00am (SJV) for Edward Alban Lee RIP

10.00am (SC) for Pauline Tugwell

11.00am (SJV) for Peter L Aitken RIP

3.30pm *Sunday Benediction* (SJV)

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> North American Martyrs**

9.15am (SJV) for Grace Gordon (EF/Latin Mass)

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.15am (SJV) for Veronica Fishwick RIP (B/day)

10.00am (SC) for Fr J D'Amacourt OP RIP

*Followed by Adoration & Confessions*

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

9.15am (SJV) for Mary Challenger RIP

*Followed by Adoration & Confessions*

10.00am (SC) for Mary Tingle RIP

#### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> St John Paul II**

9.15am (SJV) for William Cusack RIP

**5.30pm** (SC) for Fr J Maley RIP

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> St John of Capistrano**

9.15am (SJV) for Annie Lee RIP

10.00am (SC) for Mgr T.G. Turner RIP

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> St Anthony Mary Claret**

9.15am (SJV) for Ann Lee RIP

5.30pm (SJV) for Elizabeth Casey

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

9.00am (SJV) for Lawrence & Monica Slater RIP

10.00am (SC) for Raymond Ashton RIP (Anniv)

11.00am (SJV) for the people of our parishes

3.30pm *Sunday Benediction* (SJV)

### **A NOTE OF THANKS**

The devastation caused and anxiety experienced over the spread of Covid-19, have affected us all and changed most of our routines and practices. The same is true of our parishes as Catholics in South Blackpool.

Allow me, however, to register my deep and personal gratitude to our parishioners for the courageous way you have coped - both in your own neighbourhood and families; looking after and helping each other - but also within the parishes; including your devotion to the Mass and Benediction, those stewarding and cleaning in our churches, your financial support for your parishes and to all following all the safety measures whilst helping parish life to continue as well as possible.

In all of this, I want to especially thank Fr Sullivan and all those numerous individuals who have offered me their immediate and practical help, prayers and support since I took over the leadership of our two parishes in late July.

As ever in Christ,

Fr Etienne