

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

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) – 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 – SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

### CHURCH WORSHIP IN LOCKDOWN

As we look ahead into 2021, let us be hopeful that, with the rollout of the vaccine and the safety precautions we have established here in our parishes, we will experience in-person worship in church as one of the safest activities we can participate in.

Just this past week, I was shopping through the supermarket aisles and was surprised with the lack of social distancing. I have heard so many of you comment on how safe you feel when coming to Mass, and I am so grateful to our devoted stewards who help support this.

Meanwhile, let us pray that we can be even more united in our care for one another in our parishes and in our common care and concern for those most vulnerable among us and in our families and wider community.

I do renew my thanks to each of you for your cooperation with all the safety measures we have in place! \*

Fr Etienne, *Parochial Administrator*

### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

With his Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart");

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

[ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html) Pope Francis declared a special holy year in honour of St Joseph to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

It would be a pity to let this year in honour of St Joseph slip past, because of the pandemic, without finding some small way of honouring the great St Joseph and seeking anew his intercession and protection – needed now more than ever.

Traditionally, Wednesday was a day when, if no other feast was commemorated, St Joseph would be honoured. As such, for the remainder of the year, when no other feast is kept on Wednesdays the priests will offer the Mass that day as a votive Mass of St Joseph. Moreover, on the First Wednesday of the month (beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February) we will honour St Joseph with a short service of devotions, sermon and Benediction at 6.00pm at St Cuthbert's for all in our two parishes.

### \*OUR SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE PANDEMIC

We remain extra vigilant in our strict adherence to the following safety measures:

- 1. Please do not come to church if you have symptoms of COVID-19 yourself or if you live with someone with such symptoms or if you are 'shielding', self-isolating or feel in any way vulnerable.** Given that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended you might consider attending a quieter Mass during the week.
- 2. Do always, wear your (mandatory) face covering in church ensuring that both your nose and mouth are covered. Some will have an exemption.**
- 3. Wrap up Warm** - we need to have fresh air circulating to ensure your safety from COVID-19, so the church doors will often be left open during Mass. (Yes, even in winter!)
- 4. Once you have sanitised your hands, please leave your name and number on the Track & Trace List or use the app on your mobile phone with the QR code on display.**
- 5. Do keep a physical distance from others as you come into church and at all times in the building. Spread out in church and sit strictly in households/bubbles only. Please do not move the benches or touch or attempt to alter the bench-ropes.**
- 6. For the duration of the pandemic, there is no sign of peace. Please do not wander round church greeting people and under no circumstances go into the sacristy.**
- 7. For Holy Communion, which for the duration of the pandemic, is under the form of the Sacred Host only, 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.**
- 8. 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. Upon your return try not to cross by others.**
- 9. There is no congregational singing in church, so if you hear the organ at Mass please do not start singing.**
- 10. After a brief act of thanksgiving, please leave church using the one-way system without any mingling or chatting whatever.**

## OUR MASSES & CONFESSIONS

Please note, with care, the times and location for  
Masses and Confessions in the coming week:

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

**5.00pm – 5.20pm (SJV) Confessions**

**5.30pm (SJV) Mass for Margaret Woodward RIP**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**9.00am (SJV) Mass for the people of our parishes**

**10.00am (SC) Mass for Norma Farricker RIP**

**11.00am (SJV) Mass for Alan Smith RIP (B/day)**

*No Confessions & Benediction at St John Vianney's*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**Conversion of St Paul**

**9.15am (SJV) Latin (EF) Mass for Duncan**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**Sts Timothy & Titus**

**9.15am (SJV) Mass for Kate & Edward Kanavros**

**Confessions (SC): 11.30am-11.50am**

**12 noon (SC) Mass for the Holy Souls**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**St Angela Merici**

**9.15am (SJV) Mass for Doreen Caveney RIP followed**

**by Confessions: 9.45am-10.15am**

**12noon (SC) Mass for Rick Astley-Clemas RIP**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**St Thomas Aquinas**

**9.15am (SJV) Mass for Frank Harrington RIP**

*Day for church sanitisation (SC) – No Mass at SC*

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**12 noon (SC) Mass for Vera Cottingham RIP**

*Day for church sanitisation (SJV) – No Mass at SJV*

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Confessions (SC): 11.30am-11.50am**

**12 noon (SC) Mass for Denis Smith (anniv)**

**Confessions (SJV): 5.00pm – 5.20pm**

**5.30pm (SJV) Mass for Eileen Brown RIP**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**

**9.00am (SJV) Mass for Edward Alban Lee RIP**

**10.00am (SC) Mass for the people of our parishes**

**11.00am (SJV) Mass for Annie Keyes**

*No Confessions & Benediction at St John Vianney's*

**PLEASE NOTE:** At this time both our churches open just 15 minutes before Mass/confessions/devotions and close 15 minutes after Mass/confessions/devotions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Please do continue to present us with your Mass intentions **well ahead of time** and in writing. The Mass is the most powerful prayer we can offer as the offering of the whole Church.

## THE CRIBS IN OUR CHURCHES

The cribs in our churches remain *in situ* until Candlemas Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. All devotional donations to our Crib boxes will be sent, after that date, to *The Friends of the Holy Land* which supports projects in aid of the Christian population of the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your offerings can still be pushed through the presbytery letterbox or arranged by parishioners with their own bank - via bank transfer/standing order. For details go to: <https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com/contact/giftaid/>

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Molly Ince, John Radcliffe, Bishop O'Donoghue and for all our parishioners who are sick, especially for all those suffering from COVID-19 and for those caring for them.

Please be in *direct* contact with Fr Etienne, should you wish to be placed on this list yourself. However, data protection regulations do require third parties offering a name for this list to also present us with **written consent from the person concerned**.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

We pray for our recently-deceased: Gerry O'Garr, Doreen Caveney and Patricia Doherty. May they each rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

## LANCASTER DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021

Copies of the new Diocesan Directory remain **on sale** at £4.00 upon request to the priests.

## A JOURNEY OF SALVATION

*(every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday until 25<sup>th</sup> March)*

This is a free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst examining the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. For further details go to: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

## NEXT SUNDAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis speaks of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. You can take a look at some resources made available online at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021>