

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

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EASTER SUNDAY – 4th APRIL 2021

MASS & SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 3rd April

HOLY SATURDAY

5.30pm (SJV) Easter Vigil for Patrick Casey RIP
7.30pm (SC) Easter Vigil for Tony Butler (B/day)

Sunday 4th April

EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am (SJV) Mass for the people of our parishes
10.00am (SC) Mass for the Acton Family
11.00am (SJV) Mass for James Hoey RIP
3.30pm (SJV) Easter Benediction

Monday 5th April **EASTER MONDAY**

9.15am (SJV) Latin (EF) Mass for LISCF

Tuesday 6th April **EASTER TUESDAY**

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Robert Johnson L.D.
12noon (SC) Mass for the Holy Souls

Wednesday 7th April **EASTER WEDNESDAY**

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Andrew Napier RIP
followed by Confessions: 9.45am-10.15am (SJV)
12noon (SC) Mass for Mgr Michael Tully RIP
6.00pm (SC) Devotions & Benediction for St Joseph

Thursday 8th April **EASTER THURSDAY**

9.15am (SJV) Mass for James Berry RIP (Anniv)

Friday 9th April **EASTER FRIDAY**

12noon (SC) Mass for the O'Donoghue Family

Saturday 10th April **EASTER SATURDAY**

11.30-11.50 (SC) Confessions

12noon (SC) Mass for Jack Cunningham (Anniv)
5.30pm (SJV) Mass for Teresa & Sally Phillips

Sunday 11th April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)

9.00am (SJV) Mass for Lily McShane RIP
10.00am (SC) Mass for Victor John Milne (Anniv)
11.00am (SJV) Mass for James McLoughlin
3.00-3.20pm (SJV) Confessions
3.30pm (SJV) Benediction (*with Divine Mercy devotions*)

OPENING/CLOSING TIMES FOR OUR CHURCHES

Our two churches open just 15 minutes before Mass/confessions/devotions and close 15 minutes after Mass/confessions/devotions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Each of your Mass intentions, handed in **preferably a month ahead** and in writing, are deeply appreciated. Please keep them coming!

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! I greet you with the words that Christians have used for centuries during the season of Easter. The Resurrection of Christ is God's ultimate act of power and victory. We worship the God of the living, who has filled us with divine life in our baptism. Today we renew our baptismal promises and commit ourselves to living as the Lord's disciples today.

I greet everyone who has joined us for our Holy Week liturgies and Easter Masses. It is good to see so many faces back with us to worship in church and others worshipping with us too. We all belong together! I do hope you have been made to feel welcome among us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, or if you have been away from the practice of the Faith, we welcome you with open arms!

I do want to thank those parishioners and friends (including some new faces) who cleaned our churches and grounds for Easter, to those who worked so hard to prepare our churches (mostly behind the scenes) and to decorate them for the most important liturgies of the Church's year and to our organists, singers, our altar servers and readers. I remain particularly grateful to our stewards and to those who attend to the covid-secure cleaning after each Mass.

On behalf of Fr Sullivan and I, a very Happy Easter to you!

Fr D Etienne, Parochial Administrator

EASTER FLOWERS FOR OUR TWO CHURCHES

Thanks to each of those parishioners who have made an offering towards our lovely Easter Flowers in memory of:

Baby Jennifer
Gerard Bradley
Patricia Liptrott
Leonard Darnborough
Butcher, Slater and Winters Families
John Garner
Alan Smith
Catherine Moira Lord
Doyle and Butler Families
Barry R Fowler
Cath Simcock
Teresa Phillips
Sally Phillips
Baby Nyla
Pauline Westmoreland
Lal and Susan Hilditch
Yasmin Wisdom

People who have lost their lives to Covid

*OUR SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE PANDEMIC

We remain vigilant in our observance of the following:

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 self-isolating.
2. Always wear your (mandatory) face covering in church ensuring that both your nose and mouth are covered.
3. Once you have sanitised your hands, please leave your name and number on the List or use the phone app.
4. 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**. Do not move the benches or touch or attempt to alter the bench-ropes.
5. **Wrap up warm:** we will often need to keep the doors open during Mass so as to ensure fresh air and ventilation.
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 returning to your original place down the side aisles.
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. If you hear the organ at Mass please do not start singing.
10. Please leave church using the one-way system **without any mingling or gathering for chat whatsoever.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for Alan Cox, Molly Ince, John Radcliffe, Mario Paoli, Chris Duffy, Peggy Holland and for all our parishioners who are sick at this time, especially those suffering from COVID-19 and for all those caring for them. We also pray for Matthew Holmes, June Kenny and for all who have died recently.

UPDATE ON THE POPE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE & FIELD

Both the Pope John Paul II Centre & Field facilities remain closed to all users due to the ongoing pandemic. This situation should be re reviewed at the beginning of May in the light of the pandemic at that time and with a special care for the capacity of the Parish of St John Vianney & St Monica for managing all that is required and for our challenging financial situation since the pandemic began. Crucially, the Parish will need to assess its ability to rebuild after the pandemic according to the priorities of its own mission.

FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

- On the **First Wednesday of each month** we have a short service of devotions, sermon and Benediction at **6.00pm at St Cuthbert's**. Our next such service will take place **this week, 7th April. All are welcome!**
- On Wednesdays (outside of Eastertide), when there is no feast, we will offer the Mass that day as a votive Mass of St Joseph.
- Please do take, from the porches, our parishes' prayer card in honour of St Joseph.

EASTER WATER

If you bring your own bottle/receptacle, Easter (holy) water will be available after Easter Sunday Masses in both our churches, in the vat beside the baptismal font.

GIFT-AID ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the new financial year, 5th April remain available at the back of both our churches. This year you may well have a new number. If you have not got a box of envelopes (and you did before) and you are now in a position to come back to Mass, please speak to Fr Etienne who will make sure a set is made available for you. If you are a tax-payer and do not currently Gift-Aid your offerings to the parish, please consider doing so. This is a reliable and significant income to our parishes at a time when our income has been, and will continue to be, greatly affected. Thank you to all who continue to support us in this way and to those who have increased their offering. If you are not a tax-payer but you would like a reminder of your regular offering to your parish there are a few sets of *Planned Giving* envelopes available – please speak to Fr Etienne for details.

WARNING: TEXT MESSAGE SCAM

Should you receive a text message on your mobile phone claiming (falsely) to be from Fr Daniel Etienne asking for help, **please disregard and do not reply**. This is a scam pretending to be Fr Etienne and targeting those mobile numbers that are or have been in the public domain.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE

The April online edition of our Lancaster diocesan newspaper can be accessed from our own website:
<https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com/uncategorized/the-april-edition-of-the-catholic-voice-of-lancaster/>

BISHOP PATRICK O'DONOGHUE RIP

Memorial prayer cards for the late Right Reverend Patrick O'Donoghue, Fifth Bishop of Lancaster, remain available from the back of our churches.

CAFOD LENTEN APPEAL

Those of you who have made CAFOD your Lenten charity should bring any donations to church **by next Sunday (11th April)** please.

NUMBERS ATTENDING LAST WEEKEND

St Cuthbert's: 57
St John Vianney & St Monica's: 42 – 33 – 60
Sunday Benediction: 21