

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

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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) – 20th June 2021 – Welcome to Mass!

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & CONFESSIONS:

**Please note the time change for morning Confessions and Mass on Saturday 26th June.*

Saturday 19th June

5.00-5.20pm (SJV) Confessions

5.30pm (SJV) Mass for the People of our parishes

Sunday 20th June

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am (SJV) Mass for Edward Alban Lee RIP

9.30-9.45am (SC) Confessions

10.00am (SC) Mass for Norma Farricker RIP

11.00am (SJV) Mass for the Holy Souls

3.00-3.20pm (SJV) Confessions

3.30pm (SJV) Rosary & Benediction

Monday 21st June

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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

Tuesday 22nd June

St John Fisher & St Thomas More

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Patrick Dempsey RIP

12noon (SC) Mass for Norma Farricker RIP

Wednesday 23rd June

St Etheldreda

9.15am (SJV) Mass for the Holy Souls

12noon (SC) Mass for the Holy Souls

Thursday 24th June

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Veronica & Raymond Long RIP

12noon (SC) Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday 25th June

Our Lady of Fernyhalgh

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Rev Stuart Chapple

12noon (SC) Mass for Bishop Paul Swarbrick

Saturday 26th June

9.00-9.20am (SC) Confessions

***9.30am (SC) Mass** for Rev Stuart Chapple*

5.00-5.20pm (SJV) Confessions

5.30pm (SJV) Mass for Harry Walker RIP

Sunday 27th June

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am (SJV) Mass for the Holy Souls

9.30-9.45am (SC) Confessions

10.00am (SC) Mass for the People of our parishes

11.00am (SJV) Mass for Rosanna McLoughlin

3.00-3.20pm (SJV) Confessions

3.30pm (SJV) Rosary & Benediction

COMING BACK TO MASS!

Despite 'Freedom Day' being delayed, we are still hopeful of moving to a new kind of normal soon, whilst remaining vigilant and observing social distancing, hand-washing, etc. Even with this in mind, it has been especially good to have been able to welcome back parishioners returning to the celebration of Sunday Mass in recent weeks. Our Catholic faith is a bodily one and so 'in person' and intentional worship is essential!

REQUESTING SACRAMENTS

Baptism: In our Parishes of St John Vianney & St Monica and St Cuthbert, in order for a baby or child (under 7) to be baptised, Catholic parents, (living in these Parishes) are asked to join us regularly for Sunday Mass *before* a baptism date can be discussed. All initial enquiries for baptism are to be made by the parents themselves (not third parties) simply saying hello after a Sunday Mass.

First Confession/First Holy Communion/Confirmation: Similar to the above, any initial approaches for these sacraments are to be made by parents after a Sunday Mass, who feel they are ready to be present for Sunday Mass (given the pandemic, etc) and can now make genuine efforts to be part of our worshipping community in our Parishes.

Thank you: To all those parents who are following this approach already or are making steps to do so.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

To all fathers in our Parishes, have a happy and blessed Father's Day and thank you for all you do!

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Your prayers are requested for Rev Stuart Chapple who will be ordained a priest at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster on Saturday 26th June. Due to Covid-restrictions attendance is limited. Many will know Deacon Stuart, from Preston, from his regular visits to our Parishes, most-recently for our Triduum to the Sacred Heart.

Please pray for all our diocesan seminarians and for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life.

TODAY IS THE DAY FOR LIFE, in England and Wales, and so there will be a retiring collection for pro-life work. It is a day dedicated to praying for and raising awareness and support for the sacredness and protection of human life at every stage and in every condition, from conception to natural death.

OUR SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE PANDEMIC

We continue to remain vigilant in observing the following 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 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 (*at weekends and for funerals only*).
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 alter the bench-ropes.
5. There is still no sign of peace. Moreover, **please do not wander round church greeting people** and under no circumstances go into the sacristy.
6. Holy Communion, for the duration of the pandemic, is under the form of the Sacred Host only, so 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.
7. 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 place.
8. If you hear the organ please do not start singing.
9. Please leave church **without any mingling for chat whatsoever in church or on church grounds.**
10. Our two churches are open for the published Masses/Confessions/services on this newsletter and for the public liturgies of the Syro-Malabar and Polish communities *only* at this time.
11. All who worship in our churches are required to follow the above measures in full.

APPEAL FOR MORE CHURCH CLEANERS

On behalf of all parishioners, thank you to those who generously clean our churches each week at these times:

For St Cuthbert's on **Tuesdays at 10.30am**,

For St John Vianney's on **Thursdays at 10.00am**.

If you would like to help with this work, please do contact Fr Etienne to volunteer your service.

PLEASE PRAY:

- *For our sick*, including: Bob Priestly, Alan Cox, Molly Ince, John Radcliffe, Chris Duffy and Peggy Holland.
- *For our lately dead*: Michael Connor and Patrick Dempsey.

BEREAVEMENT

Fr Etienne wishes to thank all those parishioners who have sent him their condolences, prayers, cards and Masses upon the recent death of his grandmother.

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A sincere thank you to all those who continue to financially support our two Parishes and have done so since the beginning of the pandemic, even when not able to attend Mass. Your weekly offerings can be pushed through the presbytery letterbox or arranged by parishioners with their own bank as a bank transfer/standing order. For our two Parishes' bank details please go to:

<https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com/contact/giftaid/>

MASS INTENTIONS WELCOME

Please do continue to present us with your Mass intentions **well ahead of time** and in writing.

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE NUMBERS:

St Cuthbert: 69

St John Vianney & St Monica: 53 – 30 – 61

Sunday Benediction: 20

SUPPORTING THE MISSIONS

The Summer 2021 *Mission Today* magazine remains available for all at the back of both our churches. Red *Missio* box holders are requested to please empty your boxes, **placing the money in an envelope marked Missio, with your name and the amount**, and leaving it in the offertory basket or in the presbytery letter box. If you would like a red box, do ask Fr Etienne.

ST JOHN VIANNEY & ST MONICA'S PARISH CENTRE & FIELD

Although both the Pope John Paul II Centre and Field facilities remain closed to all users at this time, I am hoping that our Parish Centre and Field *might* reopen sometime in September. However, given the prevalence of the Coronavirus Delta Variant in the northwest of England, and the rates of its increased transmissibility, there is still a level of unavoidable uncertainty. Nonetheless, I would hope that an announcement *could* be made at the beginning of September, but not before. It will be necessary, before any reopening, however, to ensure that the Parish can realistically manage effectively all to be required of us, and that all user groups understand this and all that the Parish will require of each and every user group going forward. Most of all, all need to be mindful that our Parish Centre and Field serves, primarily, the needs of the worshipping community of our Parish and its mission and activities.

SINCERE THANKS

I wish to renew my thanks to each and every parishioner offering their prayers, practical support and help for me in the care of both our Parishes since I became parochial administrator on 27 July 2020. For what has possibly been the most challenging part of these parishes' recent histories, your generous support has been tremendous and I most grateful for it.

Fr D Etienne