

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

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) – 4th July 2021 – Welcome to Mass!

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3rd July

5.00-5.20pm (SJV) Confessions

5.30pm (SJV) Mass for Edward Alban Lee RIP

Sunday 4th July

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am (SJV) Mass for Margaret Smith

9.30-9.45am (SC) Confessions

10.00am (SC) Mass for Joseph Landsborough

11.00am (SJV) Mass for Roseller Meteo & Cita Cabil RIP

3.00-3.20pm (SJV) Confessions

3.30pm (SJV) Rosary & Benediction

Monday 5th July

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

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

Tuesday 6th July

St Maria Goretti

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Mark Hart RIP

12noon (SC) Mass for James Murphy (Anniv)

Wednesday 7th July

9.15am (SJV) Mass for the people of our parishes

12noon (SC) Mass for Bill Thompstone RIP

6.00pm (SC) Devotions & Benediction for St Joseph

Thursday 8th July

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Paul & Ann Cusack Ints

12noon (SC) Mass for Canon Edward Lupton RIP

Friday 9th July

St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Patrick Dempsey RIP

12noon (SC) Mass for Ann Fox RIP

Saturday 10th July

11.30-11.50am (SC) Confessions

12noon (SC) Mass for Bob Priestley (ill)

5.00-5.20pm (SJV) Confessions

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

Sunday 11th July

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am (SJV) Mass for the Holy Souls

9.30-9.45am (SC) Confessions

10.00am (SC) Mass for Barbara Cree RIP

11.00am (SJV) Mass Pio, Roberta, & Berdandino Garcia

3.00-3.20pm (SJV) Confessions

3.30pm (SJV) Rosary & Benediction

COMING BACK TO MASS!

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

MORE PROGRESS ON OUR BUILDINGS

- Thanks, again, for the many positive comments re: the new floor surfacing for the porch at St Cuthbert's church.
- The two fire doors in the Pope John Paul II Centre have now been replaced. The previous ones were original to the building and were in a poor state of disrepair.
- The parquet floor in the main hall of the Pope John Paul II Centre has been successfully stripped back and restored.
- The external doors (and panelling) onto the car park from the winter chapel at St John Vianney's church has now been replaced. The previous doors were especially vulnerable to water ingress in poor weather and this was a cause of a lot of damage.

GOOD NEWS!

We have now been officially notified that St John Vianney & St Monica's Parish is due a legacy from kindness of the Estate of the late Mrs Kathleen Kearns. We await the confirmation in due course.

THE FEAST OF ST THOMAS

Festal greetings to our Keralan friends of the Syro-Malabar Parish in Blackpool and beyond for the Feast of your patron, St Thomas, the Apostle.

ASK YOUR MP: NEW ABORTION LEGISLATION

Monday could see the biggest change to abortion legislation in England and Wales since 1967 (abortion up to birth) and so could leave us with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. *Right To Life UK* has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to our MP asking him to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact our MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!
www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

SEA SUNDAY

Next week is *Sea Sunday*. There will be a special collection for *Stella Maris* (the Apostleship of the Sea). For more information on the activities of *Stella Maris*, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

OUR SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE PANDEMIC

We continue to observe 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.

CHURCH CLEANING

On behalf of all our 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 join in 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, Don Clough, Cuthbert Nickson, Chris Duffy and Peggy Holland.
- For our lately dead: Philip Borsej.

'MY DAY BY DAY' FOR JULY

These scripture booklets are available in the porches of both our churches. (The £1.00 for these can be placed in the collection basket).

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 MOST WELCOME

Please do continue to present us with your Mass intentions, for the living and for the dead, **well ahead of time** and in writing.

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE NUMBERS:

St Cuthbert: 72

St John Vianney & St Monica: 42 – 38 – 67

Sunday Benediction: 25

OUR OWN WEBSITE

Get all there is to know about our two parishes and plenty of up-to-the-minute Catholic news from:

<https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com>

THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE, STONYHURST

'Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration'

This 3-day course (*from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th August*) offers lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with many frequently-asked questions, i.e., faith and science. Residential as well as non-residential options are offered. The course will go ahead assuming the lifting of Covid restrictions in July. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of an inevitable cancellation.

More information and registration available at:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

THE CATHOLIC VOICE OF LANCASTER

The online July edition of our Lancaster diocesan newspaper can be accessed on our own website:

<https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/VoiceJuly2021.pdf>