

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

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) – 11th July 2021 – Welcome to Mass!

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 10th July

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

Monday 12th July

9.15am (SJV) Latin (EF) Mass for the Holy Souls

Tuesday 13th July

St Henry

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Cusack Family Ints

12noon (SC) Mass for Year 6 Leavers

Wednesday 14th July

St Camillus of Lellis

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Edward Alban Lee RIP

12noon (SC) Mass for Alex & Rachel Hey

Thursday 15th July

St Bonaventure

9.15am (SJV) Mass for Patrick Dempsey RIP

No 12 noon Mass at St Cuthbert's

2.00pm (SC) Requiem Mass for Cuthbert Nickson

Friday 16th July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9.15am (SJV) Mass for the Holy Souls

12noon (SC) Mass for Peter Burton

Saturday 17th July

11.30-11.50am (SC) Confessions

12noon (SC) Mass for Ann Fox RIP

5.00-5.20pm (SJV) Confessions

5.30pm (SJV) Mass for McGarvie Family deceased

Sunday 18th July

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

9.30-9.45am (SC) Confessions

10.00am (SC) Mass for Frank Hannigan

11.00am (SJV) Mass for Patrick Dempsey RIP

3.00-3.20pm (SJV) Confessions

3.30pm (SJV) Rosary & Benediction

JULY - MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers had a strong sense that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood:

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

WELCOME BACK TO MASS!

It is especially good to be able to welcome back our parishioners returning to the celebration of Sunday Mass in these days. As our Catholic faith is a bodily one, 'in person' and intentional worship is essential. I know our parishioners will be on the 'look-out' to gently welcome back other parishioners to Sunday Mass!

FURTHER PROGRESS ON OUR BUILDINGS

- The Pope John Paul II Centre has now had some new carpet added to certain areas. Some of this replaces older carpets that were smelling.
- I have now decorated the inner porch to the winter chapel at St John Vianney's church which had been damaged due to water ingress in poor weather over the years.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTACTED THEIR MP

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has offered his thanks to the thousands of people who contacted their MP to register their opposition to an amendment that could have led to abortion-on-demand in England and Wales. The controversial amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill was withdrawn on Monday, 5th July. The abortion clinic censorship zone amendment (New Clause 42) was also withdrawn.

See the full statement from Bishop Sherrington at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-thanks-those-who-opposed-radical-abortion-amendment-to-bill/>

SEA SUNDAY

Today is *Sea Sunday*, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's special collection is for *Stella Maris* (the *Apostleship of the Sea*) which is the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. 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 await revised instructions from the UK Government and Bishops' Conference as to measures in church for after 19th July. Until then, 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.

OUR OWN WEBSITE

Get all there is to know about our two parishes and plenty of daily Catholic news from our website at: <https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com>

ENQUIRING FOR BAPTISM

If you wish for your child to be baptised, please do speak to Fr Etienne, after a Sunday Mass, to begin the process of preparation.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Godspeed to our Year 6 pupils at St John Vianney's Catholic Primary School, at St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy and to those Year 6 pupils in other schools. As they take their leave and move on to secondary school, may the Lord bless each of you now and always!

PLEASE PRAY:

- *For our sick*, including: H.H. Pope Francis, Bob Priestly, Alan Cox, Molly Ince, John Radcliffe, Chris Duffy and Peggy Holland.
- *For our lately dead*: Fr Stan Swamy SJ, Philip Borseley, Don Clough, Andrew Runciman and Cuthbert Nickson.

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 still 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

Please do continue to present us with your Mass intentions, for the living and for the dead, **well ahead of time** and in writing. Envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of both our churches.

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE NUMBERS:

St Cuthbert: 76

St John Vianney & St Monica: 44 – 39 – 61

Sunday Benediction: 28

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FUND

Next Sunday there will be a special collection for *The Good Shepherd Fund*. This fund is used at the bishop's discretion to support his annual charitable causes.

PARISH GARDENING GROUP

St John Vianney & St Monica's Gardening group meets on Tuesday afternoons 1.00pm-3.00pm on our Parish Field. New gardeners are most welcome!

FAITH & REASON 3 DAY COURSE AT THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE, STONYHURST: 5 – 8th August

Suitable for all especially catechists and teachers. More information and registration is available at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>