

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

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES & CONFESSIONS:

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**5.00-5.20pm (SJV) Confessions**

**5.30pm (SJV) Mass for Agnes & Andy Boyle**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**9.00am (SJV) Mass for the Holy Souls**

**9.30-9.45am (SC) Confessions**

**10.00am (SC) Mass for Tommy & Thomas Cushen**

**11.00am (SJV) Mass for Bernard Walkdeen**

**3.00-3.20pm (SJV) Confessions**

**3.30pm (SJV) Rosary & Benediction**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**St Joachim & St Anne**

**No Mass today**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**9.15am (SJV) Mass for Edward Alban Lee RIP**

**12noon (SC) Mass for Eugene Kelly Jr RIP**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**12noon (SJV) Requiem Mass for Donald Clough**

**12noon (SC) Mass for Aileen Rourke RIP**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**St Martha**

**9.15am (SJV) Mass for Eva Scholl (health)**

**12 noon (SC) Mass Mary Ann Ball RIP**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**St Peter Chrysologus**

**9.15am (SJV) Mass for the Holy Souls**

**12noon (SC) Requiem Mass for John Connelly**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**St Ignatius of Loyola**

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

**12noon (SC) Mass for Canon Edward Lupton RIP**

**5.00-5.20pm (SJV) Confessions**

**5.30pm (SJV) Mass for the Holy Souls**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**EIGHTEENTH 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 Margaret Landsborough**

**11.00am (SJV) Mass for David Hall RIP**

**12.30pm (SJV) Baptism of Carter Eastwood**

**3.00-3.20pm (SJV) Confessions**

**3.30pm (SJV) Rosary & Benediction**

**N.B: Our two churches are open only for published service times at present.**

### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

A warm welcome to any visitors to Blackpool joining us for Mass. We are delighted to have you with us!

### THE GOSPEL OVER THE NEXT FIVE SUNDAYS

Over the next five Sundays we shall read from chapter six of St John's Gospel: 'The Eucharistic Discourse'. Every three years when these readings recur, we have the opportunity to reflect on the central truth of our Catholic Faith—The Mystery of Faith—which is the Blessed Eucharist. In the Eucharistic Banquet—Jesus our Lord feeds us with His very own Body and Blood.

### OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please do keep a careful eye on our parish newsletter for any changes, in these days, to the weekly Mass schedule, so as to allow for funerals and the holiday season now upon us, etc. Feel free to take a newsletter to neighbours and friends unable to attend church.

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION IN ENGLAND & WALES

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales issued the following statement (on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021):

*"It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church."*

Read the complete statement at:  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

### THANKS FROM THE BISHOP OF CHANDA, INDIA

Bishop Ephrem Nariculam of Chanda has very kindly written to acknowledge and thank our parishioners for the generous assistance given to his diocese in the face of the Covid pandemic. The money we raised is being used for covid relief activities in the diocese.

### UPDATE ON WORKS AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S CHURCH

- Following my decoration of the inner porch to the winter chapel, replacement matting has now been fitted. The previous matting had been severely damaged by water ingress in poor weather over some years.
- A new floor surface has been fitted to the sacristy.
- I have decorated and had a new carpet to the confessional fitted.

### **OUR SAFETY MEASURES (From 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021):**

In our two Parishes, we remain vigilant and so prudently observe the following measures until further notice:

- We *ask* you do not come to church if you have symptoms of COVID-19 yourself or if you live with someone with symptoms or if you are self-isolating.
- We *recommend* you continue to wear your face covering for the duration of your time in church. Please remain sensitive to those who will still want to observe social distancing.
- We *ask* that you sanitise your hands upon arrival at church, and leave your name and number on the list provided or use the phone app (*only for our Sunday Masses and for funerals*).
- We *retain* the use of designated benches, where possible, for the confidence of all, particularly those who feel vulnerable. Please do not move the benches or touch or alter the bench-ropes.
- There is still no physical 'sign of peace' in church.
- Holy Communion, remains under the form of the Sacred Host *only* and following the protocols in our two parishes established over the last 16 months.
- At this time, there is still no *congregational* singing in our two churches (given everyone is wearing masks in church), but in time we will review this.
- Although the one way-system now ceases, please do not congregate in or block the entrances and exits to church, so that those who wish can get in or out of church *directly* and easily. Please do not come into the sacristy.
- Both our churches continue to receive regular cleaning.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Please consider making a request that Mass is celebrated for a particular intention. Envelopes are available at the back of both our churches for this purpose. Please present these intentions **well ahead of time**. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: i.e., in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

### **ENQUIRING FOR BAPTISM**

If you wish for your child to be baptised, please do speak to Fr Etienne, after any of our Sunday Masses.

### **LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE NUMBERS:**

St Cuthbert: 64

St John Vianney & St Monica: 53 – 42 – 60

Sunday Benediction: 23

### **PARISH GARDENING GROUP**

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

### **HOLY WATER**

Given that we cannot yet refill our holy water stoups in church, please know that both of our churches have a vat (St Cuthbert's has a new one!) full of holy water – just bring your own bottle and help yourself!

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY**

The new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated for the first time today (Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July) by institution of Pope Francis. The Pope has also granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly, and all those who participate in a solemn celebration of this day as well as to those who spend time (actually or virtually) with an elderly brother or sister in need on this day.

To read the Pope's message for this day, visit: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2021/6/22/messaggio-giornata-nonni.html>

### **PLEASE PRAY:**

- *For our sick*, including: Bob Priestly, Alan Cox, Molly Ince, John Radcliffe, Chris Duffy, Tony Butler, Alice McGowan & Peggy Holland.
- *For our lately dead*: Don Clough and John Feeney Connolly.

### **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>

### **FOR YOUR SAFETY & SECURITY**

CCTV is in operation in both our churches.

### **JOHN BRADBURNE CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE**

John Bradburne was born in Skirwith in Cumbria on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1921, was a convert to Catholicism and a lay third order Franciscan who ran a leper colony in Zimbabwe. He was killed by nationalist guerrillas there on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1979. On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome issued a formal *nihil obstat* for John's cause of beatification to proceed.

You are invited to follow in John's footsteps and to come and climb Cross Fell, England's highest hill outside the Lake District, located 5 miles from Skirwith where John's earliest years were spent. The climb and return will take 5-6 hours. Total distance is 12 km and involves a climb of 700m, so this is a fairly strenuous walk. Prayers are being said by Bishop Paul Swarbrick, at the top of the Fell. To book your place and make a donation, please visit the *John Bradburne Memorial Society* website:

<https://www.johnbradburne.com/product/walk/>

For more information on John Bradburne, Servant of God, and his cause go to: [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com)