

PRAYERS: *The Sick:* Bob Priestly, Alan Cox, Molly Ince, John Radcliffe, Chris Duffy, Tony Butler, Alice McGowan, Br John de Montalt, Louise Lavery (Cheetham), John Adamson, John Corcoran, Janina Crow, Peter Doherty, Moya Eastwood, Jakki Errington, Pat Fishwick, Beattie Flannigan, Cathy Gaughan, Maureen Gillespie, Joe Higgins, Rose Hornby, Baby Roseanna Howcroft, Bernadette McDaid, Lorna Manning, Amanda Martin, Michael Moughton, Kenzie McDermott, Veronica Morris, Peter Nicholls, Colleen O'Donoghue, Rose Price, Baby Sean John, Amy Rose Sanderson, Anne Marie Seabury, Kath Smith, May Stocky, Elisha Swales, Zara Taylor, Karen Wainwright, Carrie Walmesley, Dorothy Conroy, Rita Fraser, John Welton, Dorothy Holliday, Edna Smith

Lately Dead: James O'Neill, Christina Wilde, Ian Richardson., Dorothy Holliday

OUR SCHOOLS:

St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy: Lightwood Avenue FY4 2AU

Head: Mrs S Smith. Email: admin@st-cuthbert.blackpool.sch.uk

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School: Glastonbury Avenue FY1 6RD

Head: Mrs. E Allen. Email: admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School: Common Edge Road FY4 5DE

Head: Miss M Haggarty: admin@our-lady.blackpool.sch.uk

St Mary's Catholic Academy: St Walburga's Road FY3 7EQ

Head: Mr S Eccles. Email: admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk

CATHOLIC VOICE: latest issue (December) available at the back of church

SJV SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB: Closed on Dec 15th and is not likely to reopen; numbers have substantially reduced since the easing of lockdown. Grateful thanks to those who worked hard in the service of this activity.

NEW DEANERY: The Bishop has combined Blackpool and Fleetwood Deaneries, to facilitate the collaboration of pastoral work in these areas, and to encourage fraternal support for the clergy. Fr Peter Sharrock is the new dean.

A WARM WELCOME: to new parishioners. Please make yourself known to one of the priests. Welcome too, to those visiting Blackpool for a holiday break.

ENQUIRIES: regarding Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, First Communions, Confirmations or those wanting to become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office. Also, for all enquiries regarding the newsletter.

FIGURES	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL	ATTENDED
St C	£236.80		57
OLA	£335.40		118
SJV	£535.33		129

NB The above figures do not take into account offertory given by Standing Order

**THE PARISHES OF ST CUTHBERT, OUR
LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND
ST JOHN VIANNEY WITH ST MONICA
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
19th December 2021**



The great feast of the incarnation – God taking on human flesh – is almost upon us. Today's readings set the scene; Mary is found sharing her joy of the impending arrival of her Christ Child with Elizabeth. Micah, the prophet, points to Bethlehem as the place where it will happen. Yes, the scene is set, but are you ready, has Confession been on your list? It is not too late!

MASS TIMES

Please be aware that over the Christmas period these may differ from the norm. Find with this bulletin a Christmas Mass Schedule



AN INVITATION:

To all our parishioners: SJV, OLA & St C to start the New Year well with Holy Mass at 12 noon at St John Vianney. A sure way of seeking God's blessing for 2022

Priests: Christopher Loughran, Frank Osman & Timothy Sullivan

Deacons: Rev Tom Bland & Paul Marley (Rtd)

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MASSES THIS WEEK: 19th December 2021

Sunday: Yr C; Weekdays: Year 2; Office: Psalter Wk 4

Sun. FOURTH IN ADVENT

5.30pm Vigil (SJV) Bill & Vie McGarvie RIP

6pm Vigil (OLA) People of the Parishes

9am (SJV) Special Int (JR)

10am (ST C) Milne & O'Donoghue Fams

10.30am (OLA) Peter Lees

11am (SJV) Betty Jones

3pm (ST C) *Polish Mass*

5pm (SJV) *Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite*

Mon. Advent 20th December

9.15am (SJV) Private Intention

Tue. Advent 21st December

9.15am (SJV) Maureen Blackmore RIP

12.00 (ST C) Canon Sullivan

7pm: (OLA) Holy Souls on November List

Wed. Advent 22nd December

9.15 (SJV) Norman Nelson RIP

12.00 (St C) Barbara Swarbrick RIP

1.30pm (SJV) James O'Neill Requiem Mass

6.30pm (SJV) *Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite*

Thur. Advent 23rd December

9.15am (SJV) In thanksgiving (KS)

9.30am: (OLA) John (Health)

12.00 (ST C)

Fri. 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm (SJV) Waddingham Family

7pm (ST C)

6pm (OLA)

Sat. 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

9am (SJV)

10am (St C) William & Isabel Loughran RIP

10.30am (OLA)

11am (SJV) People of the Parish

Sun. FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

5.30pm Vigil (SJV) NO MASS

6pm Vigil (OLA) NO MASS

9am (SJV)

10am (ST C) People of the Parishes

10.30am (OLA)

11am (SJV) NO MASS

3pm (ST C) *Polish Mass*

5pm (SJV) *Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite*

Blank spaces indicate no intention has been requested.

**BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT &
VESPERS**

St John Vianney:

Sun: 3.30pm

Not on 26/12

EXPOSITION

Sat 11am-12noon

Our Lady of the

Assumption &

St Cuthbert's.

Not 25/12 & 1/1

CONFESSIONS:

St Cuthbert's:

Sat: 11.30am.

St John Vianney:

Sat: 5pm &

Sun: 8.30am.

Our Lady of the

Assumption:

Sat 11-11.30am.

Or by request to any

priest in church.

Also by appointment.

Not Christmas Weekend

**OFFERTORY
COLLECTION:**

Now to be taken, as
previous, at the offertory
of the Mass.

THIS WEEK: This busy time continues. Last Sunday's Prize Bingo was well attended and seemed to go down a treat and raised parish funds to boot. A workshop for Readers was run at SJV and subsequent commissionings took place. The week itself was a mixture of funerals and school activity in church activity - how hard the school staff work. The architect's assistants, Bill & Ben (seriously) came to take exact measurements at OLA & St C presbyteries in the hope of putting these properties to good use serving the mission of the Church. The recent storms took their toll on the fences at OLA & St C. It took £1,000 to remedy the one at St C. We still await action at OLA. Various meetings took place and time for people wanting appointments for confession and other spiritual matters. Seasonal questions had to be answered: Where should I put the Christmas tree?

COVID 19 – UPDATE: With the arrival of Omicron: ***DO NOT COME TO CHURCH IF YOU HAVE ANY SIGNS OF COVID 19.*** In church: wearing of face coverings is now a requirement, hand sanitising too. More seating is available but please keep a space from the next person. Holy Communion under one kind. Please use the one-way system. To receive on the tongue, please come forward at the end of Communion. Singing is now permitted. We are asked to use the NHS Track & Trace app accessing the QR codes in each church. Wrap up warm for church as ventilation is a key strategy. We must avoid complacency. The virus is still active in our area.

ADVENT: LAST WEEK: The following will be available for this holy season: Mon – Thur 7-8am at SJV Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer at 7.45am; at St Cuthbert's 7am Mon-Fri Morning Prayer with NeoCatechumenal Community. Vespers in the context of Benediction 3.30pm Sundays in Advent SJV.

CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO: What a spectacular effort: £648 raised. Grateful thanks to the organisers and those who supported the event.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: See Mass list opposite *No evening Masses on Christmas Day (Vigil for Sunday.)* Sunday: SJV 9am; St C 10am; OLA 10.30am. **No 11am Mass SJV.** New Year's Day Mass: Noon SJV. **No evening (Vigil) Masses**

CHRISTMAS DUTIES: volunteers for Reading, Eucharistic Ministry & Collection needed. Sign-up sheet in porch.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We want the church to look good at Christmas. Would you like to give a donation in memory of a loved one? Put your contribution in an envelope with your intention written on it and we will display the intentions on the Lady Altar. We need to act soon!

RIGHT TO LIFE: has contacted us with important details but too lengthy for our bulletin. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now.

CONGRATUALIONS: to Elijah Cleary baptised last weekend.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December: We pray for catechists summoned to announce the word of God: may they be witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**The Parishes of St John Vianney with St Monica,
St Cuthbert and Our Lady of the Assumption,
Blackpool**

Sunday December 26th The Holy Family (Boxing Day)

Masses: 9am SJV; 10am St C; 10.30am OLA

Polish Mass 3.30pm St C; Syro-Malabar Mass 5.30pm SJV
No 11am Mass or Afternoon Devotions

Monday December 27th St John Apostle

Mass: 10am SJV

Tuesday December 28th The Holy Innocents

Masses: 10am SJV; Noon St C

Wednesday December 29th St Thomas Becket

Masses: 10am SJV; 10am OLA

Thursday December 30th of Christmas octave

Masses: 10am SJV; Noon St C

Friday December 31st of Christmas octave

Masses: 10am SJV; 10am OLA

Saturday January 1st Mary, Mother of God

Mass: 12 noon (excellent way to begin the New Year)

No evening Masses

Sunday January 2nd Second after Christmas

Masses: 9am SJV; 10am St C; 10.30am OLA; 11am SJV

Polish Mass 3.30pm St C; Syro-Malabar Mass 5.30pm SJV

Abbreviations: SJV – St John Vianney, St C – St Cuthbert's
OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption



Nativity Window St Cuthbert's Church

*The Priests of the
Parish
Wish you a
Very Holy Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year*

Sunday December 19th

Fourth Sunday in Advent:

Masses (Vigil Sat) 5.30pm: SJV; 6pm: OLA

Sunday: 9am: SJV; 10am St C; 10.30am OLA; 11am SJV

3.30pm Vespers & Benediction SJV

Polish Mass 3.30pm St C; Syro-Malabar Mass 5.30pm SJV

Monday December 20th

Mass: 9.15am SJV

Tuesday December 21st

Masses: 9.15am SJV; Noon St C; 7pm OLA

Wednesday December 22nd

Masses: 9.15am SJV; Noon St C

Thursday December 23rd

Masses: 9.15am SJV; 9.30am OLA; Noon St C

Friday December 24th Christmas Eve

Masses for Christmas: 5pm SJV; 6pm OLA & 7pm St C

Syro-Malabar Mass 9.30pm SJV

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

Masses: 9am SJV; 10am St C; 10.30am OLA & 11am SJV

Polish Mass 3.30pm St C

No evening Masses