



Newsletter for the Catholic Parishes of St John Vianney & St Monica and St Cuthbert, Blackpool **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (30th November/1st December 2019)

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A WARM WELCOME TO MASS: At St John Vianney's, tea and coffee is served after the 9.00am & 11.00am Sunday Masses in the Parish Centre. At St Cuthbert's, refreshments are served after the Sunday 10.00am Mass in the presbytery.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE: We pray for Marie Cochrane and for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers all who are facing illness at this time: Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, Alan Cox, Gail Colton, Adam Billing, Eileen Whalley, Norma Farricker, Anne Mary Lee, Margaret Slater, Lina & Bill Kirton, Phyllis Hatton, Kathryn Barlow, Joan Edge, Jo Hickman, Josie Gleeson, David Cyples, John Murdoch, Dorothy Douglas, John Malone & also those who receive pastoral visits from our priests at the Harbour Hospital.

THIS WEEKEND: We have a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop to mark the beginning of the Advent Season.

FAITH FORMATION - 'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS': As an accompaniment to the 'Year of the Word' we will soon be offering an engaging, year-long course on the Sacred Scriptures at St John Vianney & St Monica's. **An Introductory Session** for this will be in the Day Chapel of St John Vianney's Church **on Monday 9th December at 7.00pm**. See the porch poster for more details. This course is open to all within our Blackpool deanery and beyond.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Please note that the Christmas Mass provision for our parishes, for this year, is as follows:
 Tuesday 24th December - First Masses of Christmas: 5.00pm & 7.00pm at St John Vianney's;
 Midnight Mass at Cuthbert's;
 Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am at St John Vianney's & 10.00am at St Cuthbert's.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & BENEDICTION: We hope you will be able to join us at St John Vianney's church on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 22nd December, at 3.30pm for a short carol service with readings and concluding with our usual Sunday Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **Confessions will also be heard during this time.**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Bishop Swarbrick is coming to St Cuthbert's Church this Tuesday, 3rd December at 6.30pm for Mass and Confirmation of 29 young people from between our two parishes and from the Polish Catholic Mission. All are welcome to this Mass! Please keep these young people in your prayers.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES 2019/2020: Today, Sunday 1st December, at the 10.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's we will mark the enrolment and commitment of those children and families who will be preparing for these Sacraments in 2020. Please do pray for and encourage them!

ST JOHN VIANNEY & ST MONICA CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Thank you to all parishioners and parish friends who supported our fayre last week and especially to all who worked tirelessly to make it such a success. We managed to raise an incredible **£2000**. Thank you so much for your support! This will be a big help towards our building works.

ST JOHN VIANNEY & ST MONICA CHRISTMAS BINGO takes place in the Pope John Paul II Centre next Sunday, 8th December at 6.00pm. Please book tables at the back of Church on the notice board or if it is easier just call Carole Cox on Tel: 07866543107.

FAMILIES IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS: In keeping with tradition, at both St John Vianney & St Monica's and at St Cuthbert's, we quietly help local families most in need at Christmas. Please give as you are able towards our Family Hampers and the SVP. Please mark bags or boxes for this intention and place them in the porch after Sunday Masses. Any monetary donation for this initiative would be deeply appreciated in a marked envelope placed in the regular weekend collection.

ST CUTHBERT'S ACADEMY ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: All parishioners are most welcome to join children from St Cuthbert's school at a carol service held at St Cuthbert's church on Thursday 5th December at 6.00pm.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: St Mary's Sixth Form students would like to invite parishioners, over 60, to their annual Christmas Party on Tuesday 10th December. See the porch poster for the contact details in order to book a place.

ALL NOTICES FOR THIS NEWSLETTER: should be sent directly to Fr Etienne in writing at St John Vianney presbytery marked 'for the Newsletter' or email them to: catholicsinsouthblackpool@gmail.com – by noon each Wednesday.

OUR STATISTICS FOR 16th/17th November 2019:

St John Vianney & St Monica - Attendance: 308 Collection: £ 712.79

St Cuthbert - Attendance: 100 Collection: £ 360.98

Special Collection for Diocesan Youth Services (both parishes): £184.05

THIS WEEKEND: IS A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE POOR MISSIONS FUND

CONFESSIONS, ADORATION & BENEDICTION, DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS:

Confessions at St John Vianney's: Saturdays: 11.00am - 11.45am & 5.00pm – 5.20pm

Confessions at St Cuthbert: Tuesday 10.30am – 10.50am & Saturday 5.30pm – 5.50pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday: 10.30 – 11.00am at St Cuthbert & Wednesday: 9.45am - 10.15am at St John Vianney's.

Sunday Benediction is at St John Vianney's at 3.30pm.

Rosary at St John Vianney's: Every Saturday at 11.30am before midday Mass in the Day Chapel (for Vocations).

Rosary at St Cuthbert's: Each Tuesday at 10.30am during Exposition.

Saturday 30 th November		
5.30pm	SJV	Mass for the Deceased Family Members of the late Owen Duffy
6.00pm	SC	Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> (with the NeoCatechumenal Way)
Sunday 1 st December		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9.00am	SJV	Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
10.00am	SC	Mass for Candidates for Confirmation
11.00am	SJV	Mass for Elizabeth Carroll L.D.
12noon	SC	Mass in Polish
12.30pm	SJV	Baptisms of Luna & Loki Browne
3.30pm	SJV	Benediction
5.30pm	SJV	Syro-Malabar Qurbana
7.00pm	SC	Polish Mass
Monday 2 nd December		
12noon	SJV	Latin Mass (E.F) for Gertrude Irwin (Anniv)
Tuesday 3 rd December		<i>St Francis Xavier</i>
9.15am	SJV	Mass for family & friends of Ted Peacock
6.30pm	SC	Mass with Confirmations
Wednesday 4 th December		
9.15am	SJV	Mass for John Woods
10.00am	SC	Mass in Thanksgiving for a safe delivery
6.00pm	SJV	Syro-Malabar Qurbana
Thursday 5 th December		
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Tess Carroll L.D.
Friday 6 th December		<i>St Nicholas</i>
9.15am	SJV	Mass for John (Jr) Finnan RIP
10.00am	SC	Mass for Ella Martin (L.D.)
6.30pm	SJV	Latin Mass (E.F) for the Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund
Saturday 7 th December		<i>St Ambrose</i>
12noon	SJV	Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5.30pm	SJV	Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
6.00pm	SC	Mass for Roy Dickinson (Anniv) (with the NeoCatechumenal Way)
Sunday 8 th December		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9.00am	SJV	Mass for Kevin Scholes
10.00am	SC	Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
11.00am	SJV	Mass for Sean Duffy
12noon	SC	Mass in Polish
3.30pm	SJV	Benediction
5.30pm	SJV	Syro-Malabar Qurbana
7.00pm	SC	Polish Mass