



**Newsletter for the
Catholic Parishes of
St John Vianney & St Monica
and St Cuthbert, Blackpool
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
4th/5th January 2020**

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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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK: Please remember in your prayers all who are facing illness at this time: Fr Valentine Farrell, 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, John Murdoch, Dorothy Douglas, John Malone, Lacey Fahey, Eddie Rogan & also those who receive pastoral visits from our priests at the Harbour Hospital.

MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE: We pray for Deacon John Kennedy, Anne Mary Lee, Peter Sidebottom, Jason Goldrick, Cecilia Schofield, John Flynn, Caroline Taylor, Arthur Molloy and all who have died recently & for all whose anniversaries occur around this time. We also call to mind all our loved ones who have died in 2019.

THANK YOU & NEW YEAR GREETINGS! The Priests of the Parish wish to thank you for your support throughout 2019 – especially with our sacramental, liturgical and devotional celebrations and with our catechetical, social and fundraising events. Thank you most sincerely for your Christmas greetings, gifts and generous offerings.

A very Happy New Year & New Decade to each of you!

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE CRIB IN OUR CHURCHES: It's our opportunity to visit Bethlehem and reflect upon the amazing mystery of God who took on our human nature in Jesus. Come and spend some time in prayer and reflection before our Cribbs during this holy season.

CRIB COLLECTION: This year this is in aid of the 'Friends of the Holy Land' at the recommendation of Bishop Swarbrick.

ST CUTHBERT'S SVP & ST JOHN VIANNEY & ST MONICA'S CARITAS: Thank you to all who have so generously supported the charitable works of our parishes over the Christmas period – especially for families in need; also, to Bishop Swarbrick for his £1000 contribution to St Cuthbert's SVP from the 'Good Shepherd Fund'. Our donation boxes remain at the back of both St Cuthbert's and St John Vianney churches throughout the year.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS' - OUR NEW FAITH FORMATION COURSE ON THE SCRIPTURES FOR 2020 (the 'Year of the Word'). Come along to the Pope John Paul II Centre tomorrow (Monday), **6th January 2020 at 7.00pm**. This course is open to all within our Blackpool deanery. This first session focuses on the Early World, so please read Genesis chapters 1- 3. Sheets of questions for guided reading are available at the back of church for anyone who may wish to join.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR BOTH PARISHES: Anyone who would like baptism for their child is asked to collect a leaflet and form from one of the priests in the sacristy after any of the weekend Masses. Following this, the next preparation session will be on Tuesday 14th January at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's presbytery.

ON SALE: 2020 Lancaster Diocesan Directories - price £3.50 - can be purchased from one of the priests after Mass.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE POST: A new and additional 'Lead Diocesan Education Officer' post is being advertised for the Diocesan Trustees. See the poster in the porch for the details.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS:

If you would like to have your house blessed, between Epiphany and the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February), please approach one of our priests or send us an email - mindful that Fr Kopec has already started this and has a couple of hundred or so Polish houses to bless. Let us use this wonderful opportunity to have our homes sanctified through this beautiful tradition.

PARTY FOR PARISH HELPERS: The priests would like to invite all parish helpers (**from both parishes**) to a social gathering in order to thank them for their contribution to parish life - to be held at St John Vianney's presbytery on Thursday 23rd January at 7.00pm. If you are able to come please do let Fr Etienne know by Tuesday 21st January (for numbers).

TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE AFTER MASS at St John Vianney's begins again this week - on Tuesday 7th January.

OUR STATISTICS:**FOR 21st/22nd December 2019:**

St John Vianney & St Monica - Attendance: 240 Collection: £ 659.59

St Cuthbert - Attendance: 98 Collection: £ 282.87

FOR 24th/25th December 2019:

St John Vianney & St Monica - Attendance: 582 Collection: £ 1,589.23

St Cuthbert - Attendance: 134 Collection: £ 580.27

FOR 28th/29th December 2019:

St John Vianney & St Monica - Attendance: 216 Collection: £ 608.40

St Cuthbert - Attendance: 95 Collection: £ 359.85

BUILDING WORK UPDATE: At St John Vianney's, the broken church windows and frames overlooking Park Road will be replaced shortly. At St Cuthbert's a new and sustainable church heating system will be installed soon. Costing surveys are well-underway on St Cuthbert's church so as to put together a programme of works for its much-needed repair and restoration including most importantly - the Rose Window. This will be a massive, complex and protracted project given that St Cuthbert's is a historic church and so conservation regulations strictly apply. Such a project will, of course, have major ramifications on parish finances and energies. Thank you for your support.

OTHER LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS CELEBRATED IN OUR CHURCHES:

Mass in Polish is celebrated each week at St Cuthbert's on Sunday at 12noon and 7.00pm

Syro-Malabar Qurbana is usually celebrated each week at St John Vianney's on Sunday at 5.30pm

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 4 th January		
12noon	SJV	Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5.30pm	SJV	Mass for John J Thornton RIP
6.00pm	SC	Mass <i>pro Populo</i> (with the NeoCatechumenal Way)
Sunday 5 th January		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9.00am	SJV	Mass for Ted Peacock RIP
10.00am	SC	Mass for Marie Cochrane RIP
11.00am	SJV	Mass <i>pro Populo</i>
3.30pm	SJV	Benediction
Monday 6 th January		
12noon	SJV	Latin Mass (E.F) for Mr & Mrs Matheson & Family
Tuesday 7 th January		<i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Ted Peacock RIP
10.00am	SC	Mass for Aileen Rourke RIP
Wednesday 8 th January		
9.15am	SJV	Mass for the Kelly Family
10.00am	SC	Mass for Betty Priestley L.D.
Thursday 9 th January		
9.15am	SJV	Mass for William Cusack (Wed Anniv)
Friday 10 th January		
9.15am	SJV	Mass for the Dilworth Family
10.00am	SC	Mass for Marie Cochrane RIP
6.30pm	SJV	Latin Mass (E.F) for Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund
Saturday 11 th January		
9.30am	SJV	Requiem Mass for Ann Mary Lee
5.30pm	SJV	Mass for Julie Mellor (sick)
6.00pm	SC	Mass <i>pro Populo</i> (with the NeoCatechumenal Way)
Sunday 12 th January		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9.00am	SJV	Mass <i>pro Populo</i>
10.00am	SC	Mass for Mrs A Etienne Ints
11.00am	SJV	Mass for Christian Unity
3.30pm	SJV	Benediction