



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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Welcome to our Two Linked Parishes in the Diocese of Lancaster

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**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** We extend a warm welcome to Paul Larkin who comes to us this weekend to speak briefly at our Sunday Masses and to invite us to a time of prayer **this Sunday afternoon, 15<sup>th</sup> March. At 3.30pm** Stations of the Cross will be celebrated with meditations written for persecuted Christians and Benediction afterwards for their intentions. A talk will follow this, in order to help in our awareness of the persecution of our brothers and sisters.

**'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS':** Our course on the Scriptures for 2020 will next meet at St John Vianney's presbytery **this Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** and again on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. New participants are always welcome to join this growing group! This month we will be looking at Egypt and the Exodus. Do come along!

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK:** Please remember, all those who have requested our prayers: Alan Cox, Gail Colton, Adam Billing, Eileen Whalley, Norma Farricker, Margaret Slater, Lina & Bill Kirton, Phyllis Hatton, Kathryn Barlow, Joan Edge, Jo Hickman, Josie Gleeson, John Murdoch, Dorothy Douglas, Lacey Fahey, Eddie Rogan, Tony Butler & also those who receive visits from our priests at the Harbour Hospital. We pray for all affected by the Coronavirus at home and abroad.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:** We pray for our recently deceased, especially: Archbishop Peter Smith, Fr Gerald O'Mahony SJ, Margaret Martin, James Berry, Richard Cavey, and Richard Astley-Clemas and for Fr L Wells and for all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**CORONAVIRUS:** Further to the Instruction from our Bishop issued last week and found on the church noticeboards, the up-to-date Bishops' Conference (national) guidance can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/COVID19-Guidelines-3-090320-1648.pdf> (also available on the noticeboards). We want to act responsibly, as parishes, and to actively play our part in containing this virus - but all with a sense of calm and trust in the Lord's protection – making the Church's prayer and Sacred Liturgy (whether in public or in private) our essential support and consolation in these times. Things will continue to develop, so thank you for your understanding and ready cooperation as the priests take the necessary practical steps required in our liturgical/church arrangements.

## LENT 2020:

**BLACKPOOL DEANERY STATION MASSES:** Our next Deanery Station Mass will take place **this Wednesday at 12noon (18<sup>th</sup> March) at Holy Family**. Following this, these Wednesday Masses will be celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Our Lady of the Assumption and on 1<sup>st</sup> April at St Kentigern's – both at 12noon. These Masses are supposed to take the place of individual parish Masses across the Deanery on these dates.

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are publicly celebrated in Lent after the 10.00am Mass on Friday at St Cuthbert's and at 3.30pm on Sundays before Benediction at St John Vianney's. All are welcome!

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!** This successful initiative continues **each Monday in March: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00pm-7.00pm** with a Holy Hour at St John Vianney's Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) available throughout. Do consider using this experience of the Lord's real presence and gift of Lenten mercy!

**MORNING PRAYER AT ST CUTHBERT'S** is celebrated each weekday of Lent at 6.30am.

## BEHOLD 2020: REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND

**TRIDUUM OF PRAYER:** In preparation for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary, our two parishes will come together at St Cuthbert's for the three consecutive evenings leading up to 29<sup>th</sup> March. This Triduum will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm and concluding on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm. On these evenings, our prayers will be accompanied by a Sermon and conclude with Benediction. All are most welcome!

**REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY:** On the weekend of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>/ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we will be joining with Catholics all across the country for the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry. This is part of the official Behold 2020 initiative as found on their website: <https://www.behold2020.com/> In our two parishes a simple Act of Dedication will be made after each Mass over that weekend and our more solemn Act of Consecration will take place together at our usual Benediction at 3.30pm at St John Vianney's.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DAY:** This is for our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and is also open to all parish volunteers and group leaders. The day is to be held at Our Lady & St Edward's, Preston on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 10.30am-3.30pm and the cost is £20.00 - please speak to one of the priests about this.

Email: [admin@safeguardinglrccd.org.uk](mailto:admin@safeguardinglrccd.org.uk) or call Rachel Whittle on 01772 728433 ext 2069 in order to book your place.

**OUR STATISTICS FOR 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** Thank you for your continuing generosity in support of our parishes.

**St John Vianney & St Monica** - Attendance: 234 Collection: £ 639.25

**St Cuthbert** - Attendance: 100 Collection: £ 326.86

**Table-Top Sale** (7<sup>th</sup> March): £ 192.00 – with thanks for all who supported and organised this event.

**Our sister Syro-Malabar Parish in Blackpool** regularly make a contribution for their use of St John Vianney's church and so we are very grateful to them for their **additional donation of £1000** towards building works and refurbishment.

**GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2020/2021:** If you are not already signed up to Gift Aid, and wish to do so, please complete a declaration form found at the back of the church. This is a simple way to make your contribution go further - we get an extra 25p for every £1 given. In filling out a declaration no details are ever given to third parties. On completion please bring the form to the sacristy for one of the priests. Many thanks for the continued support from our current subscribers! **Envelopes for Gift Aid and now Planned Giving are ready to collect at the back of church at St John Vianney's and in the sacristy at St Cuthbert's.**

### REGULAR 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 5.00pm

**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 14 <sup>th</sup> March		
5.30pm	SJV	Mass Pro Populo
6.00pm	SC	Mass Pro Populo (with the NeoCatechumenal Way)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
9.00am	SJV	Mass for Aid to the Church in Need
10.00am	SC	Mass for Cowsill Family
11.00am	SJV	Mass for Persecuted Christians
12.30pm	SJV	Baptism of Henry Edward Bibb
3.30pm	SJV	Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March		
12noon	SJV	Latin Mass (E.F) for Betty Larson
6.00pm – 7.00pm	SJV	<b>The Light is ON for YOU! – Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>ST PATRICK</b>
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Mary Kearney RIP
10.00am	SC	Mass for the McMonagle Family
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>LENTEN STATION MASS – at Holy Family</b>
<b>12noon</b>	<b>HF</b>	<b>Deanery Station Mass</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Pauline Westmoreland RIP
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March		
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Trevor Robinson
10.00am	SC	Mass for Nola Doyle – followed by Stations of the Cross
6.30pm	SJV	Latin Mass (E.F.) for Jane Cooke & Pam Pearce
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March		
12noon	SJV	Mass for Margaret Houston
5.30pm	SJV	Mass for Mary Kearney RIP
6.00pm	SC	Mass Pro Populo (with the NeoCatechumenal Way)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
9.00am	SJV	Mass for Clarence White (Anniv)
10.00am	SC	Mass for Eileen Cowsill
11.00am	SJV	Mass Pro Populo
3.30pm	SJV	Stations of the Cross & Benediction for Persecuted Christians