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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th/9th February 2020

Welcome to our Two Linked Parishes of the Diocese of Lancaster

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'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS': We invite you to this, our systematic course on the Scriptures. We meet next at St John Vianney's presbytery on **Monday, 17th February at 7.00pm**. All are welcome to this session – especially those involved in any kind of lay ministry in our parishes! In this session we will be looking at the Patriarchs - Jacob and Joseph.

REFRESHMENTS: 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. All are welcome!

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK: Please remember, all those who have requested our prayers, or those close to them have made this request: Fr Valentine Farrell, 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, Margaret Martin & also those who receive pastoral visits from our priests at the Harbour Hospital.

OUR BELOVED DEAD: We pray for our recently deceased: Constance White, Mary Carthy, Mary Kearney and for all whose anniversaries occur around this time. We also pray for the Lord's comfort for all those who mourn their passing.

TRIDUUM OF PRAYER: This year, we will be holding a special Triduum of Prayer in preparation for the Rededication of England (see notice below) as the Dowry of Mary, to be held at St Cuthbert's, but for both parishes. This Triduum will be held on Thursday 26th March at 6.00pm, Friday 27th March at 6.00pm and concluding on Saturday 28th 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 28th/ Sunday 29th March, we will be joining with Catholic communities all across the country for the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry. 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 Benediction at 3.30pm at St John Vianney's.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MASS: This deanery Mass for the diocesan solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes, will be held this year at St Kentigern's, **this Tuesday, 11th February at 6.30pm**. All are welcome. Bishop Swarbrick will celebrate this Mass, with the Anointing of the Sick (usual conditions apply) and lead a small procession.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST JOHN VIANNEY & ST MONICA: We could do with two or three more catechists for our Children's Liturgy of the Word so that such volunteers are not on the rota too often. Please do speak with Fr Etienne if you are interested in joining this team. Training and DBS support will be provided.

ST JOHN VIANNEY & ST MONICA PARISH GARDENING GROUP – have resumed meeting on Tuesday afternoons from 1.00pm-3.00pm on our Parish Field. New gardeners are most welcome – just come along!

PARISH BUILDINGS: St John Vianney's Church: After some years, the new windows have now been installed at the West End. This work brings to a conclusion to the 'Window Protection Fund'. Thank you to all those who contributed to this. **St Cuthbert's Church:** The new boilers and heating controls should be installed this week, pending an Asbestos (works) survey. Our Costings Survey has now been competed for the major works of St Cuthbert's Church. Of course, to undertake such works we would require *both* Trustee approval *and* parishioner support for a fundraising drive.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020: 24th – 31st July 2020. Pilgrims, Carers, Brancardiers (male carers), Nurses and Young People are warmly invited to be part of this annual diocesan pilgrimage. For these general bookings go to: https://www.joewalshtours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-lourdes-lancaster for more information.
Young people (Yr10+) of our parishes interested in joining the pilgrimage please do visit: https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-whats-on/ or telephone Castlerigg Manor on: 01768 772711.

STILL SUPPORTING THOSE LIVING LOCALLY IN NEED! Our donation boxes for the SVP remain at the back of both St Cuthbert's and St John Vianney churches for this purpose. Thank you for your generous support for this apostolate.

OUR STATISTICS FOR 25th/26th JANUARY 2020: Thank you for your continuing generosity in support of our parishes.
St John Vianney & St Monica - Attendance: 242 Collection: £ 620.35
St Cuthbert - Attendance: 100 Collection: £ 261.21
White Flower Appeal for SPUC (both parishes): £ 347.30
Crib Offerings for the Friends of the Holy Land (both parishes): £ 207.53
Table-Top (St John Vianney & St Monica): £ 206.10 – many thanks to those who kindly organised and supported this Sale.

***MISSIO* RED BOXES:** please empty your boxes and place the content of your *Missio* charity boxes onto the collection plate **using in the envelopes provided** before the end of February. *Missio* is very grateful for your great support.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: Contact details of our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are posted in the porches of both our churches. Our representatives are appointed in the name of the Lancaster Safeguarding Commission and are required to engage in regular training and diocesan communications so as to lead in national policy, best practice and awareness in our parishes. Among other aspects, representatives play an important practical part in the safe recruitment practice of all volunteers in parish ministry roles. We are grateful to our representatives and to all our parish volunteers for their help and vigilance in securing the welfare of everyone in our parishes – especially the young and vulnerable.

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 5.30pm
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 8th February		
5.30pm	SJV	Mass for William Cusack RIP (Wed Anniv)
6.00pm	SC	Mass *Pro Populo (with the NeoCatechumenal Way)*
Sunday 9th February		***FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)***
9.00am	SJV	Mass *Pro Populo*
10.00am	SC	Mass for Richard Buggy RIP
11.00am	SJV	Mass for Rosanna Charkraborty (Anniv)
12.30pm	SJV	*Baptism of Simon Doyle*
3.30pm	SJV	*Benediction*
Monday 10th February		*St Scholastica*
12noon	SJV	Latin Mass (E.F) for Paul & Helen Huson
Tuesday 11th February		*OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Patroness of the Diocese*
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Stan & Veronica Fishwick RIP (Wed Anniv)
10.00am	SC	Mass for Pauline & Peter Dillon
Wednesday 12th February		
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Benoizine, Emmanuel & Cali Germaine
10.00am	SC	Mass for Mary Cusack RIP
Thursday 13th February		
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Eileen Brown RIP
Friday 14th February		*Ss Cyril & Methodius*
9.15am	SJV	Mass for Phyllis Hatton (Health)
10.00am	SC	Mass for Eileen Atkinson RIP (L.D)
6.30pm	SJV	Latin Mass (E.F) for Ken Peace RIP
Saturday 15th February		*The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturdays*
12noon	SJV	Mass for John McKillion
5.30pm	SJV	Mass *Pro Populo*
6.00pm	SC	Mass for Eugene Kelly RIP (Anniv) (with the NeoCatechumenal Way)
Sunday 16th February		***SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)***
9.00am	SJV	Mass for Eileen McEvoy
10.00am	SC	Mass for Bill Thompstone
11.00am	SJV	Mass for Fredrick Keyes (Anniv)
12.30pm	SJV	*Baptism of Joseph Chadwick*
3.30pm	SJV	*Benediction*