



St John Vianney & St Monica Parish, Blackpool

22nd/23rd September 2018

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



WELCOME

to all our visitors at Mass this weekend. After the 9.00am & 11.00am Mass on Sundays Tea & Coffee is available in the Parish Centre. Each of you are most welcome!

Word of Life

Christ must die a shameful death.

When Jesus explained to his followers that he must die a shameful death, they did not understand him. In the same way, we do not always understand suffering, even though we are surrounded by it. In time, when we accept and carry our cross, we discover a peace that the world just cannot give.

CONFIRMATION COURSE ENROLMENT

This weekend our young candidates for Confirmation begin their journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. So, at the 5.30pm Saturday and 11.00am Sunday Masses will include an enrolment for this course. Please keep these children in your prayers and encourage them and their families at this time.

Confirmation will be celebrated around the end of November/beginning of December (to be confirmed). Any questions please contact Fr Etienne.

ADOREMUS CELEBRATIONS

This coming Friday through Sunday St Cuthbert's will have **Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** Friday 28th after the 10.00am Mass to 8.00pm Saturday 29th after the 10.00am Mass to 5.00pm Sunday 30th 1.00pm to 2.00pm

Do please visit St Cuthbert's or speak to the priests about taking a slot to keep watch for half an hour, we still need watchers for a number of slots.

This Exposition will conclude with a **Deanery Corpus Christi Procession & Benediction starting at 2.00pm on Sunday 30th September at St Cuthbert's** – all are welcome and encouraged to come along!

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."

- St. Francis de Sales

FUNDRAISERS

This Tuesday evening, at 7.00pm in the Presbytery, there will be a meeting of parishioners who wish to be involved in fundraising for our parish. This meeting will discuss events up to and including the Christmas Fair. All parishioners who feel able, and or are willing to help raise money and encourage social events in the parish are very welcome to attend.

Prayerful **VISITS** to our Church (which is open all day) during the week are a good way of praying for your parish and your personal intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.

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PARISH WEEKLY CONFESSIONS, PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

Confessions: Saturdays 11.00am – 11.45am & 30 minutes – 10 minutes before each Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 9.30am - 10.00am

Sunday Benediction is at 3.30pm

Rosary: every Saturday at 11.30am before midday Mass in the Day Chapel (for Vocations to the Priesthood)

MASS OFFERINGS

Mass offerings for your intentions, living and dead, are always gratefully received. This practice is a well-established part of Catholic life. Envelopes for this purpose are at the back of Church. Many days both Weekdays and Sundays are available.

“Put all the good works in the world against one Holy Mass; they will be as a grain of sand beside a mountain.” – St. John Vianney

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation - The next meeting for parents, **from both** our St John Vianney & St Monica and St Cuthbert's Parishes, wishing to have their child baptized will be on Tuesday, 2nd October at St Cuthbert's at 7.00pm.

1st Confession & 1st Holy Communion – Year 3+, starts in Advent though to the end of Easter Time 2019. More information will be available shortly.

FAITH FORMATION GROUPS – This month, our two parishes have begun to give a special emphasis to offering wider access to on-going adult formation for all. We can never stop learning about our Catholic Faith; particularly vital if we undertake a ministry in the parish or will do so in the future.

- For Ages **16-30yrs** meets on 2nd Thursdays, 7.00pm @ SJV Presbytery – next meeting 11th October.
- **Ongoing Formation** (for the whole parish) meets on 3rd Thursdays, 7.00pm @ SJV Presbytery – next meeting, 18th October.

Those who are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or if you know someone who may want to consider becoming a Catholic, this latter course will be particularly appropriate - but please speak with one of our priests first. (Why not ask someone you know to come along!)

SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER, 5.30PM MASS – THE ORDER OF CONSECRATED WIDOWS

At this Mass there will be included a recommitment to this Order by Ursula Walker who was consecrated by Bishop O'Donoghue ten years ago. Please support Ursula by your prayers and check out the board at the back of Church with information about the Order of Consecrated Virgins and Widows at the service of our Local Church (the Parish & wider Diocese).

TEA & COFFEE ON TUESDAY AFTER MASS

Tea & Coffee in the presbytery after the Tuesday 9.15am Mass this week. All very welcome!

CAN YOU HELP? A parish depends on YOU contributing to its life in many capacities. Have you ever thought of becoming a reader at Mass, cleaning the Church, polishing the brasses, counting our collections, flower arranging, becoming a Catechist, helping with the Children's Liturgy, Serving at Mass or helping in any other way? Please speak to one of the priests about it. **THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU!**

PARISH GARDENING GROUP – Tuesday Afternoons 1.00-3.00pm on the Parish Field.

New gardeners are most welcome!

Date for the Diary - Saturday 13th October after 12noon Mass the gardening group with host a soup lunch for the parish in aid of Mary's Meals.

CATHOLICS GOING INTO BLACKPOOL VICTORIA HOSPITAL:

If you are going into hospital or know a Catholic who is and would like a visit from the Hospital Chaplaincy Team, please leave a message on the Chaplaincy answerphone on 01253 956299.

STILL SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED!

As the linked Parishes of St John Vianney & St Monica and St Cuthbert's, we continue to seek ways to work and pray together as well as contributing to the aid of those in need in a way that is both sustainable and safe. Consequently, with the advice of the *Blackpool Food Partnership*, we will be moving (as from last week) our offerings and donations to one central distribution point - the SVP at St Cuthbert's on Lytham Rd.

Anyone interested from St John Vianney's in offering to help the SVP with this work please speak to Fr Etienne, or alternatively go along to St Cuthbert's on Monday mornings. Tinned meals/meat/fish/beans/veg/fruit, noodles, rice, cereals, jam, UHT milk, squash, cream crackers are still much needed and appreciated. Our donation box remains in St John Vianney Church porch for this purpose. Thank you for extremely generous support over the summer period!

APF/MISSIO COLLECTION

If you have one, please empty your red box again. The latest *Missio* magazine is at the back of church as well as envelopes that you can put the money in, seal and return to church, either in the offertory collection or to the presbytery. All monies will be counted and forwarded in October, in support of people who are amongst the poorest in the world. Thank you to all generous donors and collectors. If you would like a red box, please do ask; it is a beautiful way of regularly remembering those in need.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

The latest ACN leaflets have arrived and can be taken from the back of church, including Mirror with worthy articles about Iraq, Armenia, Peru and family life. There are fascinating leaflets covering reasons for hope in Syria, forthcoming ACN events as well as the Christmas catalogue, which provides a great opportunity to support ACN's vital work by buying beautiful items. Many thanks for your support!

LAST CHANCE!

Thank you so much to Bob Milner for 'walking the lights' on 28th August in aid of St John Vianney Parish Funds. Sponsor forms will remain at the back of church for this weekend only for those who would still like to give to this. Collecting of sponsor monies can be made to a collector/welcomer after Sunday Masses or dropped in the collection in a marked envelope or through the Presbytery door in a marked envelope. Thank you everyone for your support!

STATISTICS

Mass attendance for weekend 8th/9th September 2018: 219 Collection: £ 590.61
Home Mission Sunday: £ 128.45

This Sunday there is a special collection The Bishop's Administration Fund

Next week there is distribution of Harvest Envelopes

Thank you for your generosity!

Window Protection Fund so far: £2,020.00

(Further offerings will be gratefully received)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Barbara Chadwick, Jim Bottomley, John O'Keefe, Ted Peacock, Alan Cox, Angela Marie, Poppy & Coral Hughes, Rebecca Macleod, Dorothy Douglas, Margaret Messenger, Lily Maclennan, Veronica Swallow, Margaret Slater, Sam Smith, Ann Lee, Grace Parkinson, Betty Jones.

And also all our sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED; especially Eva Nora, and all recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they all rest in peace.

N.B. *If you wish to add or remove a name from our prayer list please contact the presbytery.*

MASSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Liturgical Readings: Sundays: Year B & Weekdays: Year 2

Saturday 22nd September

5.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Vigil) for the Church

Sunday 23rd September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass for all people of the parish (pro populo)

11.00am Mass for Stan Weston (Anv)

3.30pm Benediction

5.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass (**Holy Qurbana**)

Monday 24th September – Our Lady of Walsingham

9.15am Mass (Latin, E.F) for the Conversion of England

Tuesday 25th September

9.15am Mass for General Intentions

12noon Requiem Mass for Eva Nora

Wednesday 26th September – Ss Cosmas & Damian

9.15am Mass for Holy Souls, with Year 6 (Mass in Church)

9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass (**Holy Qurbana**)

Thursday 27th September – St Vincent de Paul

9.15am Mass for St Vincent de Paul Society

Friday 28th September

9.15am Mass Stan Fishwick (B/day)

6.30pm Mass (Latin, E.F) @ St Cuthbert's for Jim Southern (RIP)

Saturday 29th September – Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

12.00pm Mass @ St Cuthbert's

5.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Vigil) In Celebration

Sunday 30th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass for Josephine McLaughlin (RIP)

11.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

3.30pm Benediction

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord upholds my Life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Sung Mass Setting: Kyrie 1012; Gloria 1013; Sanctus 1014; Mem Acc 1015; Agnus Dei 1019