



St John Vianney & St Monica Parish, Blackpool

1st/2nd December 2018

First Sunday of Advent (C)



WELCOME to all our visitors at Mass this weekend. After the 9.00am & 11.00am Mass on Sundays Tea & Coffee is usually available in the Parish Centre.

Please note: Sunday Tea & Coffee will be served in the side chapel (former sacristy) after both Masses **today (Sunday).**

THANK YOU!

A tremendously successful day was had at our Parish Christmas Fayre last Sunday. A massive thank you must go to those who made preparations long before the day and those who set up and helped run the Fayre on the day. Also; thank you to all those who came to support which raised a significant amount of money towards the current parish scheme of maintenance works. **£2026** has been raised from the Fayre itself. Thank you so much!! A huge thank you, too, to the anonymous donor of **£1000** towards our new sound system.

As you will now notice the new sound system has been installed in our Church this past week and should make a great difference for everyone!



Happy New Year! While a month yet remains of 2018, the Church is celebrating today the beginning of a new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent — from the Latin *ad venio*, “to come” — is the liturgical season anticipating the *Adventus Domini*, the “coming of the Lord.” While the days grow shorter and colder, we prepare for the “Sun of Justice” who comes to kindle our hearts with his light and his love. The Eternal Word, who is outside of time, became Incarnate in time, thereby making all time sacred. In the season of Advent, we await the coming of Christ: in the *past* — as a babe in the stable of Bethlehem; in the *present* — as grace in our souls; and in the *future* — as the Judge at the end of time.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, **let us strive to keep Advent** a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh in the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PRAYERFUL VISITS to our Church (which is open all day) during the week are a good way of praying for your personal intentions before the Blessed Sacrament and in thanksgiving for those graces received. Do call in!

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Deacon: Tom Bland (Retired)

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PARISH WEEKLY CONFESSIONS, PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

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

Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday 10.30am – 11.00am at St Cuthbert's and Wednesday 9.30am - 10.00am

SUNDAY BENEDICTION IS AT 3.30PM – All welcome!

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

ST MARY'S SIXTH FORM are having their Annual Christmas Party for the over 65's on Tuesday 11th December 2018, 1.00pm-4.00 pm in Sixth Form Common Room. This gathering includes a delicious three course Christmas meal and a variety of festive entertainment. Transport is available upon request. To secure your place contact Mrs Jenny Burrough on 01253 396286.

THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE after the Morning (9.15am) Mass

BAPTISM PREPARATION Tuesday 7.00pm at St John Vianney's Presbytery

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S SENIOR CITIZENS – meet each Wednesday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm in our Parish (John Paul II) Centre
All Welcome!

OUR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

1st Confession & 1st Holy Communion: Year 3+ Preparation began with the Mass of Enrolment last week at our 11.00am Mass. Please pray for our children who are beginning this great journey towards meeting Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. The various aspects of the programme will now run through to the end of Eastertide 2019.

Confirmation: Please pray for those who were Confirmed by Bishop Swarbrick last Thursday and also for our Polish children who were Confirmed yesterday (Saturday 1st December) at St Cuthbert's.

RCIA: Please pray for those who are seeking Baptism and for those who are preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. (We have a number!) Thank you to those parishioners who have been welcoming and encouraging to those inquiring about the Catholic faith.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Please take one of the Christmas Gifts of Faith brochures from the back of church. They offer opportunities to support persecuted Christians throughout, as well as providing excellent gifts, perhaps given in the name of loved ones; for example, just £10.00 can provide 10 Bibles for children.

DO VISIT OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE: www.stjohnvianneyblackpool.com

After much work over the last few months, our parish now has a brand new comprehensive and attractive website ready to bolster our already-strong parish presence on social media.

On our website you will find all the relevant information for parish liturgies and activities, information on our mission and there is also a latest news section informing us of things happening in the wider Church across the world. Thank you to those parishioners who have put great and generous effort into making our new website a reality.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA: All are welcome to this gathering to be held in the Presbytery on Crystal Road on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 2.30pm-4.00pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL: In this way, just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have gone before us, so those who follow after us will benefit from our generosity to them. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY HAMPERS

In keeping with our parish custom, we seek to help our needy families in the parish for Christmas. A hamper of food for Christmas dinner and gifts for the whole family are prepared by the parish and this year an increase in demand has arisen; namely for 29 families. Any monetary donations for this initiative would be deeply appreciated in a marked envelope placed in the regular collection.

STILL SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED!

Tinned meals/meat/fish/beans/veg/fruit, noodles, rice, cereals, jam, UHT milk, squash are still very much needed and appreciated. Thank you for all your generous support in this collection for St Cuthbert's SVP and their Monday Morning 'Drop-in'.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & BENEDICTION



We hope you will be able to join us on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, 23rd December, at 3.30pm for a short carol service with readings concluding with our usual Sunday Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will also be heard during this time. Do come and bring a friend!

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS BINGO

Our Christmas Bingo will take place on **Sunday 16th December 2018 at 6.00pm** in our Parish (Pope John Paul II) Centre.

Please book tables from the back of Church or just ring Carole Cox on Tel: 07866543107.

Book a place so not to be disappointed (for fire regulations we do have a limit).

ADVENT REFLECTION & PRAYER using the *CaFE* resource 'Global Healing': how faith helps us to care for our Common Home - a programme sponsored under the aegis of the Bishops of England & Wales. Mondays in December 3rd, 10th, 17th from 7.30pm - 8.30 pm at the Holy Child Sisters' House: 34 Heron Way, FY3 8FB.

OUR STATISTICS:

Mass attendance for weekend 24th/25th November 2018: **280** Collection: **£686.93**

Youth Service: £128.80

Christmas Fayre Total: £2026 & An Additional Anonymous Donation of £1000

The Special Collection today is for the Poor Missions' Fund

Thank you for all your generous support!

PARISH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: All notices for consideration for our Parish Newsletter should be emailed or delivered to the Presbytery – **by noon each Wednesday please.**

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, Veronica Swallow, Margaret Slater, Sam Smith, Ann Lee, Betty Jones and also all visited by the priests in the Harbour Hospital and all the sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them.

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

MASSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Liturgical Readings: Sundays: Year C & Weekdays: Year 1

Saturday 1st December

5.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Vigil) *Pro Populo*

Sunday 2nd December – First Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass for Ronald Davies RIP

11.00am Mass for Gertrude Irwin (Anv)

12.30pm *Baptism of Anderson Friedman*

3.30pm *Benediction*

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

Monday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier

12.00pm Mass (Latin, E.F) In Thanksgiving

Tuesday 4th December – St John Damascene

9.15am Mass for Sarah Brogi (B/day Anv)

Wednesday 5th December

9.15am Mass for Anthony (Tony) Caveney

9.45am *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass (**Holy Qurbana**)

Thursday 6th December – St Nicholas

9.15am Mass for the Deceased members of the Crawford family

Friday 7th December – St Ambrose

9.15am Mass for the deceased members of the Woods family

6.30pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for the Moretta family Ints

Saturday 8th December – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

(Additional Mass for the Feast) 9.00am Mass (Latin, E.F) for Nichola Pope Ints

12.00pm Mass for Consecration to Our Lady

5.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Vigil) P. J. Kearney L.D

Sunday 9th December – Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

11.00am Mass for Ron Hall

3.30pm *Benediction*

Response to the Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

And give us your saving help. *Alleluia!*

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