



## The Catholic Parish of the St John Vianney & St Monica Blackpool

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)



**FOCUS ON... ADVENT** Far from being simply a countdown to Christmas, Advent is a season which invites us to spiritually prepare for the Lord's coming in our lives. Perhaps we could each make a little extra time for private prayer, popping into church, or by prayerfully reading a short passage from the Gospel each day. Why not come along to Benediction on Sunday afternoons at 3.30pm for Advent?

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

There will be a special collection for Christmas Flowers next weekend. Please send in your donations along with any names you'd like to be included ('in memory of') at any time before 22<sup>nd</sup> December. If you have any spare greenery, please do bring it to church from 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS & MASS TIMES:** Please pass the word - this Christmas the generous opportunities for Confessions and Masses between St John Vianney's and St Cuthbert's will be as follows:

#### Masses on Christmas Eve:

**Vigil Mass:** 5.00pm at St John Vianney's

**Vigil Mass:** 6.00pm at St Cuthbert's

**Vigil Mass:** 9.00pm at St Cuthbert's (in Polish)

**Carols:** 11.30pm at St John Vianney's followed by **Midnight Mass**

#### Masses on Christmas Day:

**Dawn Mass:** 9.00am at St John Vianney's

**Daytime Mass:** 10.00am at St Cuthbert's

**Daytime Mass:** 11.00am at St John Vianney's

**Daytime Mass:** 12noon at St Cuthbert's (in Polish)

**Daytime Mass:** 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's (in Polish)

#### Confessions will be available on:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 7.00pm at St Kentigern's (our Deanery Reconciliation Service)

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 11.00am - 11.45am at St John Vianney's

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 5.00pm - 5.20pm at St John Vianney's

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 5.00pm - 5.50pm at St Cuthbert's

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 2.30pm - 4.00pm at St John Vianney's (with Carols & Benediction at 3.30pm)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 6.00pm - 6.45pm at St Cuthbert's

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am - 10.45am at St Cuthbert's

**Priests:** Fr Janusz Kopec (Parochial Adm), Canon Tim Sullivan, Fr Daniel Etienne

**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

**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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 1.00pm-4.00pm 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 IN THE PARISH:**

**LADIES GROUP** – meet in the Presbytery Monday 2.30pm – 4pm

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

**ST JOHN VIANNEY'S SENIOR CITIZENS** – Christmas Lunch

**PARISH SCHOOL NATIVITIES** - Thursday 2pm & 4pm in Church

**JOINT PARISH CHRISTMAS BINGO** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm in the John Paul II Centre  
All Welcome!

#### **OUR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Confession & 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion: Year 3+** Please pray for our children who have begun their 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.

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST CONFESSION GROUP CHILDREN & PARENTS** has their session immediately after the 11.00am Sunday Mass. See you all at Mass first – along with your parents.

**HOME CRIB BLESSING ('BAMBINO' SUNDAY):** Please bring your home crib to be blessed at the 11.00am Sunday Mass – next week - on the Third Sunday of Advent (16<sup>th</sup> December 2018). Make sure Jesus is at the heart of Christmas in your home!

**ON-GOING FAITH FORMATION** Please note our Third Thursday meetings at St John Vianney's Presbytery will be moved from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7pm. This is to avoid clashing with the Deanery Penitential Service. The Theme of the evening is; 'The Story of Salvation'.

#### **DO VISIT OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.stjohnvianneyblackpool.com](http://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 Catholic news section.

**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'.

### DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Would you like your church to be beautifully decorated for Christmas? If so, please do approach Fr Etienne so we can all help to decorate the church on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS & BENEDICTION

We hope you will be able to join us on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**LADYEWELL ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE:** This is at 2.00pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Martyrs' Chapel - followed by refreshments. All welcome.

### OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS BINGO

Our Christmas Bingo will take place **next Sunday - 16<sup>th</sup> 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** are available on Mondays in December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm - 8.30 pm at the Holy Child Sisters' House: 34 Heron Way, FY3 8FB. All welcome!

### OUR STATISTICS:

Mass attendance for weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018: **220** Collection: **£571.95**

Next week will be a special collection for Parish Christmas Flowers for our church

*Thank you for your continuing support!*

### 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 8<sup>st</sup> December**

5.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (Vigil) for P. J. Kearney L.D

### **Sunday 9<sup>nd</sup> December – Second Sunday of Advent**

9.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

11.00am Mass for Ron Hall

3.30pm *Benediction*

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

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December –**

12.00pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for Lina Kirton Ints

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am Mass for Karen Peacock (B/day)

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am Mass for Sick Person (DN)

9.45am *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

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

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am Mass for A Private Intention

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am Mass for Deceased members of the Woods family

6.30pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for Bill Kirton Ints

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

12.00pm Mass for Jim McShane L.D

5.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (Vigil) for Bill & Vie McGarvie (Anv)

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Third Sunday of Advent**

9.00am Mass for Margaret Woodward RIP

11.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

3.30pm *Benediction*

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

### **Response to the Psalm:**

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. *Alleluia!*

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