



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

15th/16th December 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)
(GAUDETE SUNDAY)



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 breaking through into 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 Sunday Benediction at 3.30pm - for Advent?**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

There will be a special collection this weekend for our Christmas Flowers. Furthermore, please send your donations into the presbytery along with any names you'd like to be included ('in memory of') at any time before 22nd December. If you have any spare greenery, please do bring it to church from 17th - 22nd 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 20th December: 7.00pm at St Kentigern's (our Deanery Reconciliation Service)

Saturday 22nd December: 11.00am - 11.45am at St John Vianney's

Saturday 22nd December: 5.00pm - 5.20pm at St John Vianney's

Saturday 22nd December: 5.00pm - 5.50pm at St Cuthbert's

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

Sunday 23rd December: 6.00pm - 6.45pm at St Cuthbert's

Monday 24th 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 9.45am - 10.15am at St John Vianney

SUNDAY BENEDICTION IS AT 3.30PM

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

PARISH SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE - Tuesday 10.00am, followed by the regular Tea & Coffee

CHURCH DECORATION – Tuesday 6.30pm

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, 7pm in the Presbytery – The Story of Salvation

DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Thursday, 7.00pm at St Kentigern's

SACRED HEART CAROL SERVICE – Thursday, 7.00pm at Sacred Heart

CAROLS & BENEDICTION – Sunday 23rd December at 3.30pm

All Welcome!

OUR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

1st Confession & 1st 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. This Sunday our children have a session in and around Church after 11.00am Mass. Parents are to meet with Fr Etienne in the Pope John Paul Centre.

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.

OUR JOINT PARISH CHRISTMAS BINGO

Our Christmas Bingo will take place **this Sunday - 16th December** 2018 at 6.00pm in our Parish (Pope John Paul II) Centre. Many prizes and fun to be had by all the family. The evening includes a Raffle, Tombola, light refreshments with Turkey sandwiches. Bring your own alcoholic beverages.

ON-GOING FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR PARISH: Please note our Third Thursday meetings at St John Vianney's Presbytery have moved - just for this month - from Thursday 20th December to **Wednesday 19th December** starting at 7.00pm. This is to avoid clashing with the Deanery Penitential Service arranged for that evening.

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 Catholic news section.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & BENEDICTION

We hope you will be able to join us here next Sunday, 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!

MASSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 15th December

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

Sunday 16th December – Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass for Margaret Woodward RIP

11.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

3.30pm Benediction

Monday 17th December – O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

No Mass

12noon Requiem Mass at St Cuthbert's

Tuesday 18th December – O Adonai (O Lord)

9.15am Mass for Deceased members of the Crawford family

Wednesday 19th December – O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

9.15am Mass for Holy Souls

9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 20th December O Clavis David (O Key of David)

9.15am Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday 21st December O Oriens (O Dayspring)

12noon Requiem Mass for Elizabeth (Betty) Jones

6.30pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for Jim McShane L.D

Saturday 22nd December – O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)

12.00pm Mass for Holy Souls

5.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Vigil) for Gladys O'Garr

Sunday 23rd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent – O Emmanuel ('O' with us is God)

9.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

11.00am Mass for Families

3.30pm Benediction

Today's Response to the Psalm:

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Today's Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Sung Mass Setting: Missal Tone: Laudate 479 continuing

OUR STATISTICS:

Mass attendance for weekend 8th/9th December 2018: **229** Collection: **£ 640.60**

Thank you for your continuing support!

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Saturday 22nd December

5.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Vigil) for Gladys O'Garr

Sunday 23rd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

11.00am Mass for *Families*

3.30pm Benediction

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

12.00pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for John Donleavey RIP

5.00pm (Christmas Vigil) Mass *Pro Populo*

11.30pm *Carols* & Midnight Mass for Canon Watterson RIP

Tuesday 25th December – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

9.00am Mass for Robert Moystn Reece RIP

11.00am Mass for Joan & Bert Brisco, Family & Friends

Wednesday 26th December – St Stephen, 1st martyr

10.00am @ St Cuthbert's Mass for Altar Servers

9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 27th December – St John the Evangelist

10.00am Mass for Deceased Members of the Crawford Family

Followed by the blessing of wine (please bring any you wish to be blessed)

Friday 28th December – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

10.00am Mass for Deceased Members of the Woods Family

6.30pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for an end to Abortion

Saturday 29th December – St Thomas Becket, Martyr

12.00pm Mass for Ron Hall

5.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Vigil) for Gladys O'Garr

Sunday 30th December – The Holy Family

9.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

11.00am Mass for Christopher Dempsey RIP & all family alive & deceased

3.30pm Benediction

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, 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; Betty Jones and all recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they all rest in peace.