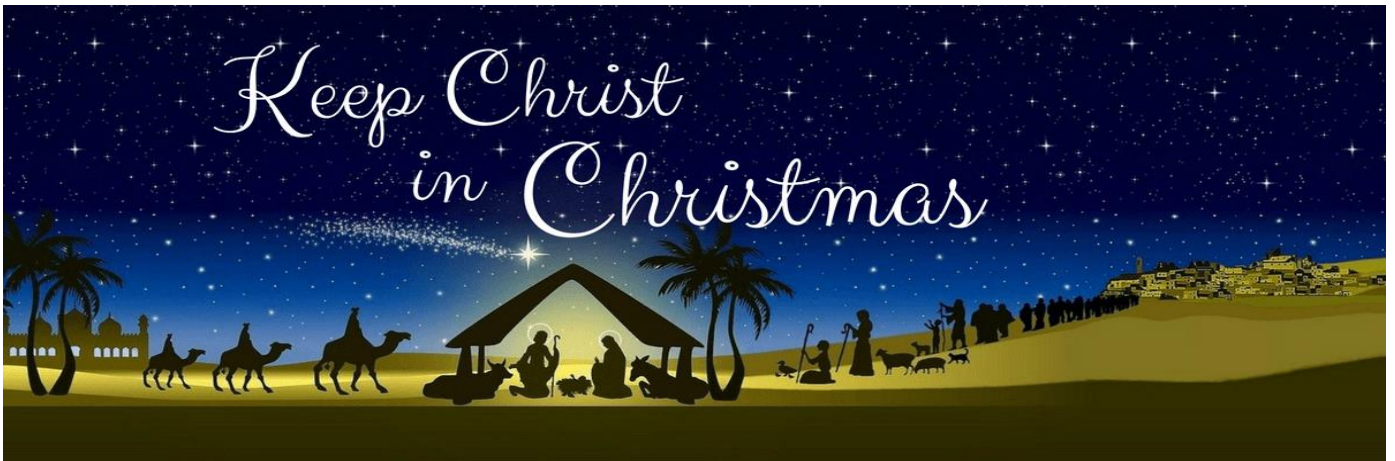


The Catholic Parish of St John Vianney & St Monica, Blackpool
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EDITION 2018



CAROLS & BENEDICTION

We hope you will be able to join us **today**, the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, (23rd December), at **3.30pm** for our Parish Carol Service with readings concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will also be heard during this time.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS & MASS TIMES: Our generous opportunities for Confessions and Masses between St John Vianney's and St Cuthbert's are as below. Please be aware that the Christmas Vigil Masses are likely to be very busy. Why not consider coming to celebrate at Midnight or on Christmas morning? As Bishop Swarbrick reminded us in his recent Pastoral Letter, let's make Mass the centre of our Christmas celebrations.

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)

Don't forget to include confession as part of your spiritual preparation this Advent.

Confessions are still available on:

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 Facebook account: @CatholicParishofSJVandStM **Parish Twitter:** @stjohnvianneybpj

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Shirley Procter-Dow

St John Vianney School: **Tel:** 01253 311248 **School Website:** www.stjohnvianneys.co.uk

St Mary's Academy: **Tel:** 01253 396286 **School Website:** www.st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk

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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.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please do take one of these cards from the back of church for your own household and even more for those you know who would appreciate one so as to know of our concern and also our Christmas Confession and Mass times – especially those who might not join us for Mass throughout the year. All are welcome here!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR 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 those visited by the priests in the Harbour Hospital and all the sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED; John Docherty, Betty Jones and all recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they all rest in peace.

THANK YOU!

- **PARISH CHRISTMAS BINGO:** Many thanks to those (over fifty) parishioners and friends who supported our Christmas Bingo last Sunday (16th December). A total of £561 was raised at this excellent social occasion. This together with the £2026 raised for our recent Christmas Fayre has been a phenomenal effort in our fundraising efforts for our programme of parish development/maintenance.
- **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN CHURCH:** Thanks to those individuals who donated for Christmas Flowers. A total of £85.95 was raised. In this respect please remember especially: Eric Bromley & Families (Deceased); Lily & Ron Marlow & Families (Deceased), James & Catherine Brennan, Joan & Ronald Belliss and Phyllis Holden.
- **THE DECORATING OF OUR CHURCH:** Thanks to those half a dozen parishioners who generously gathered to decorate our church on Tuesday.
- **FAMILY HAMPERS:** Thanks to parishioners, friends and members of the school PTA who generously donated items for a total of **thirty Hampers** for parish families in need this Christmas. Thanks, too, to the small team who devotedly prepared these hampers and arranged for their delivery.
- Sincere appreciation to our parishioners whose phenomenal generosity is steadfastly supporting **THOSE IN NEED** *via the SVP* at St Cuthbert's.

THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER serves for both this weekend and next.

NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: The 2019 edition available at the back of church, priced £3.50. Please put the money for these in the regular collection.

NEXT ON-GOING FAITH FORMATION SESSION: Our next meeting at St John Vianney's will be on Thursday 17th January at 7.00pm. The theme of the evening will be 'The Person of Jesus'.

TEA & COFFEE ON TUESDAY after morning Mass is on a break now until **15th January 2019.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next meeting for parents who wish to have their children Baptised in one of our two parishes will take place on Tuesday 8th January, 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's Presbytery.

MASSES & LITURGIES NEXT WEEK

Please note: The Daily Mass time for this week only is 10.00am.

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 Carols & Benediction

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

12.00pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for John Donleavy 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, The First Martyr

10.00am @ St Cuthbert's Mass for Altar Servers

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 living & deceased

3.30pm *No Benediction Today*

Response to the Psalm (Fourth Sunday of Advent):

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation (Fourth Sunday of Advent):

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Sung Mass Setting (Advent): Missal Tone: Laudate 479 continuing

Sung Mass Setting (Christmas): Missa de Angelis 497 continuing or **MCS** 1012 continuing

STATISTICS FROM LAST WEEKEND:

Mass attendance for weekend 15th/16th December 2018: **243** Collection: **£ 662.71**

Thank you for your continuing support!

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Do please visit our beautiful Crib.

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9.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

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

3.30pm Benediction

Monday 31st December – New Year’s Eve

12.00pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for Bishop Campbell Ints

Tuesday 1st January – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10.00am Mass for Robert Moystn Reece

Wednesday 2nd January – Sts Basil & Gregory

9.15am Mass for William Cusack

Thursday 3rd January – Most Holy Name of Jesus

9.15am Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday 4th January

9.15am Mass for Ted Peacock (B/day)

6.30pm Mass (Latin, E.F) for Jim Southern RIP

Saturday 5th January

12.00pm Mass for the Intentions of our three priests

5.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday (Vigil) for Deceased members of the Crawford Family

Sunday 6th January – The Epiphany of the Lord

9.00am Mass *Pro Populo*

11.00am Mass for Alan Mooney L.D.

3.30pm Benediction

Response to the Psalm (Holy Family):

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Holy Family):

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

To accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Sung Mass Setting: (Christmas): Missa de Angelis 497 continuing or MCS 1012 continuing

The Priests of the Parish wish to thank you for your support throughout 2018 and to wish each of you a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!