

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** from Fr Des: Thank you so much, first of all, for your most kind welcome at the Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption and St John Vianney. I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas time and wonderful new year 2024. Fr. Des

**CHRISTMAS CLEAN & DECORATING:** A big thank you to all those who helped clean and decorate both Churches for the Christmas period over the last week.

**CAROLS IN THE SQUARE:** Next Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup> December) at 6pm, 3 of the churches in Tile Hill (Limbrick Wood, St Oswald's and OLA) have arranged a Carol Service in the Square in Jardine Crescent. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in.

**SJV CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TREE:** Please remember a loved one by writing their name on a 'Star' and hang it on our Christmas tree in the Church porch. Donations to Mary's Meals.

**FOOD BANK:** Although the foodbank will be closed on Boxing Day and 2<sup>nd</sup> January, donations can still be left in the boxes at Church and will be delivered when the Food bank re-opens.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** The offerings at the Christmas Masses are the traditional gift to Fr Des, our Parish Priest.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Christmas flowers second collection and to our Christine and Catherine who give their time in bringing beauty to our Christmas celebration.

**VALENTINE'S BARN DANCE:** On **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** we will be having a Barn Dance in OLA Parish Hall. Further information will be made available after Christmas. Keep the date free!!

**COVENTRY CYRENIANS:** Will provide a meal on Christmas Day at the Methodist Central Hall, Coventry for those people who are homeless, in temporary accommodation, vulnerable or are alone and would like to enjoy their Christmas meal in the company of others. Please spread the word to anyone you think would like to attend this event. See noticeboard.

**PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE:** Please see poster on notice-board for details of Year 5 Choral Fun Day and Year 5 Tag Rugby.

**CATECHISM:** Do you have a child or children in a non-Catholic school and you would like them to receive Holy Communion (Year 3 or above) or Confirmation (Year 6 or above). Please contact Michelle as the classes will start again in the New Year.



## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION and ST JOHN VIANNEY

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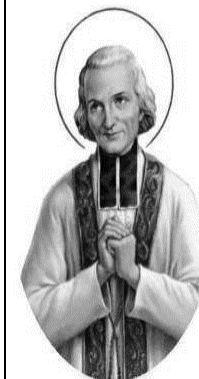
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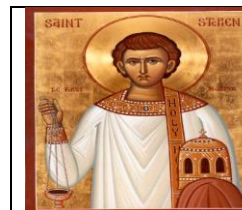
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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**  
**Preface of Advent and Eucharistic Prayer**

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**Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr**

**Feast Day: 26<sup>th</sup> December**

He was the first Christian martyr, stoned in Jerusalem, he died praying for his executioners. He was filled with "faith and the Holy Spirit and was one of the seven deacons to the apostles. He is patron saint of Altar Servers.

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Tricia Towner**. She can be contacted at [sg.stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk); or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4.30pm Mass OLA</b>  <b>6.00pm Mass SJV</b>	Frank & Nancy Fahy – RIP, Raymond Jardin – RIP Lyn Butlin -RIP Laura Williams – Intentions  Margaret Ferry RIP (M & G Kirby) Jackie & T P Godfrey
<b>Sunday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am Mass SJV</b>  <b>11.00am Mass OLA</b>	Margaret Dunne RIP (L O'Connell)  Anna Teresa Brown – RIP The Connelly Family Intentions
<b>THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS - FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS</b>		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4.30pm Mass OLA</b>  <b>6.30pm Mass SJV</b>	David Parker - RIP  Deceased Members Smith, Mooney & Byrne families (David, Lorraine & Pat) Venetia Breakwell RIP
<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>		
<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am Mass SJV</b>  <b>11.00am Mass OLA</b>	Patrick, Catherine, Terry Devenney Frank Mullin RIP People of the Parish  Bill & Ellen Wynne – RIP
<b>St Stephen</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Altar Servers Masses</b> <b>10.00am SJV</b>  <b>11.00am OLA</b>	Hilda & Dennis Allen RIP (Stephanie & Christine)  Altar Servers Intentions
<b>St John</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am Mass SJV</b>	Ediee Haughey (Leitch) (J Leeming) Intentions of the Gilheaney family
<b>Holy Innocents</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12noon Mass OLA</b>	The McGuigan Family Intentions  Mabel Norman and Susan Loake RIP
<b>St Thomas Becket</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am Mass SJV</b>	Patsy Doyle RIP (A Whelan)
<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Octave of Christmas</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4.30pm Mass OLA</b>  <b>6.00pm Mass SJV</b>	Raymond Jardin - RIP  Mary Mitrofaniuk RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann (C Farmer) Margaret Ferry RIP (Patsy Johnson)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30am Mass SJV</b>  <b>11.00am Mass OLA</b>	James & Bernadette Whelan RIP (A Whelan) Kath Chambers RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann (R Newey) Matthew Pine RIP B'day (Margaret)  Maisie McGee – RIP Ann The Marren Family Intentions