SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

VIANNEY HOUSE, 1 BISHOPTON CLOSE, MOUNT NOD, COVENTRY, CV5 7GW

Our Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham (Registered Charity Number 234216)

SUNDAY 13TH/ 20TH/ 27TH SEPTMEBER 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH/FIFTH/SIXTH SUNDAY'S IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH CLERGY
Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Alex Taylor
Deacon Rev. Mr. Andy Lansberry

PARISH OFFICE
Parish Secretary & Hall Bookings
Mrs. Louise Cawley
Parish Office
Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS
www.st-john-vianney.org.uk/hall-for-hire
Bookings Forms
Form A for One-Off Hire
Form B for Regular Hire

PARISH SAFEGUARDING NOTICE
Our Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.
Our Parish Safeguarding Rep is Tricia Towner, who can be contacted at **sg.stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk** or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240** or **safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns.

Coventry foodbank

NEEDED: Cooking Sauce, Vegetarian options, Cereal, Tinned Vegetables, Rice, Instant Mash Potato, Tinned Tomatoes, Instant Coffee, Tea Bags, Soup, Fruit Juice or Squash, Jam, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat. No water, fruitshoot-type drinks, Fizzy Pop or alcohol. Ensure all donated items are long-dated. **SJV has a donation deposit box located in the porch area. Your help is much appreciated.**

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV
Speaking to Latin Rite Arab Bishops, Pope Leo encouraged them and their communities: "*Don't be afraid of your smallness. The fidelity of the Church is not measured in numbers, structures or resources, but in fidelity to the Gospel. A small community, if rooted in Christ, can be a precious presence: not because it seeks power, but because it serves*" (3rd September 2026). A principle that applies to any small parish community of the gospel, especially SJV!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER FROM 8.00AM
SJV PARISH HALL
DONATIONS OF CAKES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

FIRST THURSDAYS – COMING IN OCTOBER
After the evening Mass on the first Thursday of each month, you are warmly invited to share supper in the parish hall. To help us plan catering and avoid unnecessary food waste, please sign up in advance before each event. Sign-up sheet available this weekend.

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VISIT OF THE RELIC OF ST CARLO ACUTIS TO ST JOHN FISHER
If you missed St Carlo's earlier visit to St Osburg's in March here is your second chance! There is a Mass at St John Fisher (CV2 3DL) at 7pm on Thursday 17th September followed by at short talk by Anna Johnstone (previous governess to the Acutis family) at 7.40pm and veneration of St Carlo's relics. All are very welcome to bring your intentions for St Carlo's intercession!

ONGOING CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND
£1,087 has been raised so far.
Our target is £5,000.

This is an ongoing fund to help towards new lighting and decorating in the Church, due to take place in summer 2027. Donations can be made through the Retiring Collections twice a month, and by the *Maintenance Fund* option MyDona Machine in the porch area. Thank you for your generosity towards this project.

Retiring Collections:
Oct 10/11, 24/25, Nov 7/8, 28/29 and 12/13 Dec.

PARISH DIARY

13th SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **September** Our Lady of Sorrows | **Sunday** Yr A | **Parish Mass Book** pg. 128 | **Weekday** Yr 2 | **Psalter** Wk 4		
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Education Sunday*	Sat 12th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass –** Fr. Alex's Intentions (6th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood)
	Sun 13th	9.30am **Sunday Mass –** Paolo and Tegan's Intentions *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*
For Weekday Mass times in the deanery: *www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/1_newsletters/newsletter/*		
20th SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Sunday** Yr A | **Parish Mass Book** pg. 131 | **Weekday** Yr 2 | **Psalter** Wk 1		
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Home Mission Sunday*	Sat 19th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass** –
	Sun 20th	9.30am Sunday Mass *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*
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Feria *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart*	Fri 25th	6.00pm **Mass** – Intentions of Teresa Marklew
Our Lady on Saturday	Sat 26th	9.00am **Mass** – People of the Parish 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 10.00am. *9.30am to 1.00pm – Cursillo Encounter Morning*
27th SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **October** Holy Rosary **Sunday** Yr A | **Parish Mass Book** pg. 135 | **Weekday** Yr 2 | **Psalter** Wk 2		
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest*	Sat 26th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass** – Mary Lynch RIP (1st Anniversary)
	Sun 27th	9.10am Sunday Morning Prayer 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Mick Spencer RIP *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*
Feria	Mon 28th	No Mass
Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	Tue 29th	9.00am **Mass** – Patrick Kavanagh RIP *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*
St Jerome	Wed 30th	9.00am **Mass** – Helen Fallon RIP
St Therese of the Child Jesus	Thu 1st	5.30pm **First Thursday Mass** – Breda Spurgeon RIP *Followed by Fish and Chip Supper (All welcome, but please sign-up)*
Holy Guardian Angels	Fri 2nd	9.00am **Mass** – Tony and Joan Doyle RIP
Our Lady on Saturday	Sat 3rd	9.00am **Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – For the People of the Parish 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 10.00am.
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *End of the Season of Creation*	Sat 3rd	5.00pm Confirmation Meeting in Church 6.00pm **Vigil Mass with Confirmation Candidates Enrolment –** Intentions of Sean and Rachael Flood
	Sun 4th	9.10am Sunday Morning Prayer 9.30am **Sunday Mass –** Margaret Calderwood RIP *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*

THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM
DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE
Ask · Invite · Pray

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To find out more about vocations:
https://www.vocations.org.uk

BOOKING MASSES AT SJV

Thank you for your Mass intention requests. Please remember that Church law allows only one Mass intention to be offered at each Mass, so we kindly ask that intentions are booked in advance to avoid disappointment. Mass intentions can be handed to Fr. Alex or placed in the grey post box as usual. If you require a specific date, please give as much notice as possible (weeks or months ahead) and include a contact phone number so we can confirm availability. We will always do our best to accommodate your request, but we cannot always guarantee specific dates.

EVENTS DIARY

18th Sept – from 8.00am – Macmillan Coffee Morning in Parish Hall
26th Sept – 9.30am to 1.00pm – Cursillo Encounter Morning for Coventry & Nuneaton Deanery
27th Sept – 9.10am – Recommencement of Sunday Morning Prayer
27th Sept – 9.30am – Sunday Mass with sung parts of the Mass using Missal chant.
30th Sept – 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group

1st Oct – 5.30pm – Mass followed by Fish and Chip supper (1st Thursday)
3rd Oct – 12 Noon – Guild of St Stephen Altar Servers Mass at St Chad's Cathedral
3rd Oct – 6.00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass – Year 6 Enrolment & Reception Welcome
4th Oct – End of the Season of Creation
4th Oct – Solemn Vespers and Benediction at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, Coventry
9th Oct – 6.00pm – Stations of the Cross
14th Oct – 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group
17th Oct – 6.00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass – Year 3 Enrolment
28th Oct – 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group
31st Oct – 6.00pm – Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints

1st Nov – 9.30am – Sunday Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints
2nd Nov – All Souls Day – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, Masses at 7.00am and 9.00am.
5th Nov – 5.30pm – Mass followed by Homemade Lasagna and Salad (1st Thursday)
13th Nov – 6.00pm – Stations of the Cross
14th Nov – 3.00pm – Blessing of Graves at St Andrew's Cemetery, Eastern Green
14th Nov – 6.00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass – Annual Parish Remembrance Mass
20th Nov – 9.30am – SJV Pastoral Care Group Meeting
28th/29th Nov – 1st Sunday of Advent

3rd Dec – 5.30pm – Evening Mass by Candlelight followed Sandwiches/Soup (1st Thursday)
8th Dec – 9.00am – Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
10th Dec – 6.00pm – KS2 SJV Primary School Carols and Readings. All parishioners welcome
12th Dec – 7.15am – Rorate Caeli Mass (by Candlelight) – followed by breakfast in Vianney House
12th/13th Dec – Bambinelli Sunday – Blessing of Crib Figures

CAFOD Event at St Chad's Cathedral

Join us on Saturday 19 September from 10am in the Masterson Room, St Chad's Cathedral, to learn more about CAFOD's work. Prayer will be led by Archbishop Bernard. Guest speaker Teamrat Belai, Country Director for CST Ethiopia, will share insights into the challenges facing communities in Ethiopia and the impact of CAFOD's work. Email birmingham@cafod.org.uk for more information. We look forward to seeing you.

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BERKSWELL MUSIC FESTIVAL:

St. John the Baptist Church, CV7 7BJ, 25th to 27th September.

DEANERY NEWS AND EVENTS

CURSILLO ENCOUNTER MORNING
SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 9.30AM TO 1.00PM

An encounter with God, self and others held at St John Vianney. You are warmly invited to a time of reflection and fellowship led by Cursillo. Through talks and discussion, discover how Cursillo can help you and your parish deepen, renew and share our Catholic faith. To book your place, email paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk or for more information about Cursillo visit www.cursillouk.org.

ANNUAL DEANERY BLESSING OF GRAVES

Canley - Sunday 27th September at 3pm
St Paul's - Sunday 4th October at 3pm
London Road - Sunday 11th October at 3pm
Lenton's Lane - Sunday 18th October at 3pm

DEANERY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be a meeting for anyone in the Deanery involved in Children's Liturgy on Saturday 3rd October from 9.30am – 1.30pm. There will be Mass and two talks with a light lunch to follow at Corpus Christi Church and Parish Centre. All welcome.

CHARIS EVENING AT ST JOHN FISHER

Every fourth Friday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

INFORMATION ON COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER: EDUCATION SUNDAY
An Invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley

Today we give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Our schools have a mission to form Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.
There is a real need for more foundation directors and governors to help guide our schools and keep Christ at the heart of their mission. This is not simply an administrative role; it is a true vocation and a practical way to serve Christ and His Church.
If you are a practising Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children and young people. No prior experience is required, as full training and support are provided.
God's unconditional love and readiness to forgive our sins remind us that service is not always easy, but it is always fruitful when rooted in love.

Please speak to your parish priest or visit the Diocesan Education Service website for further details and to complete an online application form.: https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/could-you-be-a-foundation-governor-or-director-at-your-local-catholic-school and https://www.bdes.org.uk/governor-online-application-forms.html.

19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER: HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Home Mission Sunday is a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authenticate humanity which finds it's fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website: Home Mission Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The Second Collection on 19th/20th September is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Anne Mullen, Elizabeth Herlihy and Deacon Gerry O'Reilly.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH AND OUR FAMILIES

Terence Cassidy, Steve Ward, Peter Hughes, Sylvia Flynn, Laura Crowe, Jean Carver. Doreen Cadden, Maura O'Neill and Teresa Markwell

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION
OF THE HOLY FATHER
SEPTEMBER 2026
For the Care of Water:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water,
a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION:
SEPTEMBER 2026
For the New School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year at St John Vianney and Bishop Ullathorne. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as they grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and your peace and zeal in their hearts.

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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

Encounter Day

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Saturday 26th September 2026

9.30am – 1pm

- COFFEE, CAKES & PASTRIES PROVIDED -

St John Vianney Catholic Church

Vianney House, 1 Bishopton Close, Mount Nod, Coventry, CV5 7GW

Cursillos In Christianity England and Wales

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St Thomas More Catholic Church

Watercall Avenue, Coventry, CV3 5DE

QUARANT'ORE

Eucharistic Adoration Festival

Thursday 1st October – Sunday 4th October 2026

'All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine'

Quarant'ore is the ancient tradition which is believed to have begun in Italy during the 16th century in honour of the forty hours during which the Body of Our Lord rested in the tomb. The Forty Hours Devotion invites us to watch before the Lord, and in this extended period of adoration to offer in his presence our prayer for the Church and its mission.

Everyone is encouraged to come and spend time with the Lord. It will also be possible to buy votive candles for intentions that will be placed around the Blessed Sacrament for the Forty Hours. The Quarant'ore will also be interspersed with 'themed' Holy Hours, the Divine Offices and the Holy Rosary.

In reverence and gratitude, we join our hearts to proclaim the words sung so often, *'all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine,'* praying that our Eucharistic Festival will serve as a profound opportunity for spiritual growth, to draw us deeper into the mystery of Christ's Eucharistic presence in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday 1st October		Friday 2nd October		Saturday 3rd October		Sunday 4th October	
10.00am	Holy Mass	10.00am	Holy Mass	9.30am	Exposition	9.00am	Holy Mass
				9.45am	Morning Prayer	10.00am	Exposition
		10.30am	Exposition			10.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.45am	Morning Prayer				
11.00am	Exposition	11.00am	Holy Hour				
12 noon	Holy Hour			12 noon	Holy Hour		
		12.30pm	Rosary			12.30pm	Rosary
1.15pm	Midday Prayer	1.15pm	Midday Prayer			1.15pm	Midday Prayer
2.00pm	Rosary	2.00pm	Rosary	2.00pm	Rosary	2.00pm	Rosary
				4.30pm	Evening Prayer	3.15pm	Holy 'half' hour for children
				4.45pm	Reposition		
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	5.00pm	Holy Mass (Vigil)	5.00pm	Rosary for Peace
				6.00pm	Exposition	6.00pm	Vespers
6.30pm	Rosary	6.30pm	Rosary	6.30pm	Rosary	6.30pm	Solemn Benediction
7.00pm	Holy Hour	7.00pm	Holy Hour				
8.45pm	Compline	8.45pm	Compline	8.45pm	Compline		
9.00 pm	Reposition	9.00 pm	Reposition	9.00 pm	Reposition		