SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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22ND FEBRUARY – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February: Holy Family of Nazareth **I** Sunday Year A **I** Parish Mass Book pg. 151 **I** Weekday Year 2 **I** Psalter Week 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT *Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*	Saturday 21st	5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Daniel Mullen RIP
	Sunday 22nd	9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (9.10am Morning Prayer) 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Alan Wooding RIP *Tea and Coffee available after Mass (Parish Hall)*
Lent Feria	Monday 23rd	6.00pm Reception of the Body of David Goodall RIP
Lent Feria	Tuesday 24th	12.00pm Funeral Mass for David Goodall RIP
Lent Feria	Wednesday 25th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Daniel Harty RIP Followed by Stations of the Cross 6.00pm Reception of the Body of Madeleine Carter RIP 7.00pm Lent Devotions at Our Lady's Altar (Coventry West Mission)
Lent Feria	Thursday 26th	9.15am Stations of the Cross (led by school) 10.00am **Holy Mass** – Vincent Lane RIP 1.30pm Funeral Mass for Madeleine Carter RIP
Lent Feria *CAFOD Family Fast Day*	Friday 27th	7.00am **Holy Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – 9.00am **Holy Mass** – In Thanksgiving 9.30am Stations of the Cross
Lent Feria	Saturday 28th	No Mass this morning *12.00pm to 1.00pm Preparation for the Sacraments (Vianney House)* 2.00pm Baptism of Kamsiyochukwu Nora
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT *Giving Campaign Week 1: Introduction*	Saturday 28th	5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Dessie Quinn RIP
	Sunday 1st	9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (9.10am Morning Prayer) 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Kevin Shakespeare RIP (1st Ann) *Tea and Coffee available after Mass (Parish Hall)*

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 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PRAYER INTENTIONS:
For those who are sick and housebound: Terence Cassidy, Steve Ward, Peter Hughes, Sylvia Flynn, Mary Harty, John Hoban and Laura Crowe.
For those who have died: David Goodall, Gemma Kiely, Madeleine Carter, Anna Maria Thomas and Mary Bell.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection (14th & 15th February)
Gift Aid: £73.00 **Loose:** £318.20
Tap&Go: £62.00 **Total: £453.20**
Voluntary second collection for Life Charity
Loose: £**196.71**

Online Giving:
https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-vianney-coventry
Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support of the parish.

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS
Please contact the Parish Office or use the QR code to enquire about rental of the Parish Hall for a meeting, group or event.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP: Are you or do you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, isolated, needs a visit, assistance or befriending? Please get in touch with the Parish Office or Fr. Alex.

COVENTRY FOOD BANK: Our parish help local people in crisis by donating items for the foodbank. Our SJV donation collection box is in the entrance hall to Church. Thank you for your donations. For more information go to www.coventryfoodbank.org.uk

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR OUR PARISH *is part of the Holy Cross MAC www.hccmac.co.uk*

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LENT: PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

The Church gives us three essential disciplines for our Lenten journey: prayer, fasting, and giving. Through prayer, we strengthen our relationship with God. Through fasting, we practice self-denial. Through giving, or almsgiving, we turn outward. Lent is not a self-improvement; it is a season of love. Generous love stretches our hearts and makes us more like Christ, who gave Himself completely for us. Lent calls us to pray more deeply, fast more intentionally and give more generously, so that we can taste the joy of celebrating Christ's resurrection.

Walk With Me Lent Booklets

Booklets available in the porch are free and available for you to take home and distribute to those in your family. While there is no charge, any donation is gratefully received.

THIS WEEK

David Goodall RIP: Reception into St John Vianney on Monday 23rd February at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 24th at 12noon, followed by committal at 1.45pm.

Madeleine Carter RIP: Reception into St John Vianney on Wednesday 25th February at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass on Thursday 26th February at 1.30pm, followed by committal at Cannon Hill Chapel, Canley Crematorium at 3.00pm.

Praying as a Deanery Cluster (West Mission)

Lent Devotions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm, alternating between the parishes within our cluster. A time for the communities to come together before the Lord for prayer and reflection during the season of Lent. February 25th – St John Vianney, March 4th – Our Lady of Assumption , March 11th – All Souls, March 18th – St Joseph the Worker, March 25th – St Thomas More.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

NEXT WEEKEND

Parish Planned Giving Campaign

Over three weekends, beginning at Masses next Sunday (28th February and 1st March), as well as 7th and 8th March and 14th and 15th March, our parish, alongside all the parishes in the Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery, will be asking parishioners to consider how much they give to their parish. This giving campaign is not solely about your financial contribution, but perhaps most importantly, it is to request whether you could offer your time and talents to volunteering in your parish. The first weekend, we will hear a letter from His Grace Archbishop Bernard outlining the need for the campaign across the Archdiocese, we will be handing out information on why and how your help is necessary for our parish on the first and second weekends. The second weekend the information we require will be explained. and on the third and final weekend, we will be asking for parishioners to return their forms given in weeks one and two, to update their details for a new parish census and whether they could consider using GiftAid in their financial contributions.

PARISH NEWS

Mary Bell RIP: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Bell who passed away on Monday 16th February. May she rest in peace. Funeral details to be announced in due course.

Parish Council AGM

Fr. Alex and the Parish Council wish to invite parishioners to the parish meeting and AGM on Thursday 5th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

MASS DURING LENT

As Lent is a penitential season, unless it is a feast day or solemnity the Gloria is omitted. The liturgy also suppresses the All***a. At all masses we will use the simple penitential act, as we did in Advent, option B (page 8): *Have mercy on us, O Lord…*
At the end of Sunday Mass, we will end with the traditional Marian hymn:

Hail, Queen of heaven, beyond compare, To whom the angels homage pay;
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light, That opened for the world's new Day.
Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, In whom our ransom was begun,
For all your loving children pray To Christ, our Saviour and your Son.

Latin: *Ave, Regína cælórum, ave, Dómina angelórum,*
salve, radix, salve, porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta.
Gaude, Virgo gloriósa, super omnes speciósa;
vale, o valde decóra, et pro nobis Christum exóra.

Adoration before Sunday Mass

Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament – adoration on Saturday from 5.30pm and Sunday at 9.00am, with Morning Prayer at 9.10am.

PARISH EVENTS

Journey in Faith: Wednesday 4th March at 6.30pm to 7.30pm, meeting in Vianney House.

Friday Lenten Lunches for Mary's Meals

Taking place in Vianney House on 6th, 20th & 27th March from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Each week, we will begin by watching a 3-part EWTN docuseries on 'Seeking Beauty'. Sign-up form in the porch next week.

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick: *11.00am on Saturday 21st March.* Followed by tea and biscuits in the parish hall.

DEANERY & DIOCESE

Going into Hospital: If you or a relative is going into hospital, please be sure to tell the ward staff you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain.

Charis Evening: Join us at St John Fisher Church for an evening of prayer, spiritual input, Confession and praise and worship on Fri 27th Feb, 6.00pm-8.00pm, followed by refreshments. A great way to enter into the Lenten spirit!

Rosary Prayers in Lent 2026: At Our Lady of Coventry statue in 'Priory Gardens' near Broadgate and Holy Trinity Church. Every Friday in Lent at 1:40pm.

Kingdom of God Prayer Group meets every Monday at 7.00pm in the MRR at Saint Thomas More.

Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 2nd May 2026 at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. For more information, and to register your attendance, please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

THIS WEEKEND:

21st February - 6.00pm Vigil Mass:

Readers: 1st Reading Responsorial Psalm (T Towner),
2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (C Carr)
Stewards: (S Allen & C Clay)

22nd February - 9.30am Sunday Mass:

Reader: 1st Reading, Responsorial Psalm (M Sandy)
2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (D Ajayi)
Stewards: (N & C Quirke) **Tea & Coffee:** (Teresa & Verne).

NEXT WEEKEND:

28th February - 6.00pm Vigil Mass:

Readers: 1st Reading (*C Carr?*), Responsorial Psalm
2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (Year 6)
Stewards: (J & K Teahan)

***1st March - 9.30am Sunday Mass*:**

Readers: 1st Reading, Responsorial Psalm (T Cawley)
2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (A Whelan)
Stewards: (D & L Smith) **Tea & Coffee:** (Cath Kennedy).