SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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18TH JANUARY 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January: Holy Name of Jesus **I** Sunday Year A **I** Parish Mass Book pg. 125 **I** Weekday Year 2 **I** Psalter Week 2

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (Day 1)*	Saturday 17th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Derek Rahill RIP
	Sunday 18th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Anastasia Griffin RIP *Tea and Coffee available after Mass (Parish Hall)*
Feast of Saint Wulstan *(Day 2)*	Monday 19th	12.00pm **Holy Mass** – John Quinn RIP
Feria *(Day 3)*	Tuesday 20th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Sp Int Gerald McCauley
Saint Agnes *(Day 4)*	Wednesday 21st	No Mass
Feria *(Day 5)*	Thursday 22nd	No Mass
Saint Nicholas Owen *(Day 6)*	Friday 23rd	No Mass
Saint Francis de Sales *(Day 7)*	Saturday 24th	10.00am **Holy Mass** – Patrick Quinn RIP 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 11.00am *12.00pm FHC, Confirmation and Adults Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)* *2.30pm Parish Volunteer Formation Day. All welcome. (Parish Hall)*
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (Day 8) & Sunday of the Word of God*	Saturday 24th	5.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & First Vespers of Sunday 6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – James Whelan RIP, Agnes King RIP
	Sunday 25th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Ints of Palve, Celine, Luka & Ambroz *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, David Goodall, Steve Ward, Peter Hughes, Sylvia Flynn and Mary Harty.

For those who have died: Tom Haughey, Malcolm West, Mgr. Vaughan Morgan, Fr. David Keniry, Mary Cliffe, John Quinn, Bradley James, Angela Browne. May they rest in peace and rise in the glory of Christ.

Pope Leo's January Intention: For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection
Gift Aid: £140.00 **Loose:** £223.27
Tap&Go: £5.00 **Total: £368.27**
Second Collection this weekend is for PAX Christi

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: Do you know anyone in the parish who is sick, isolated, needs a visit, assistance or befriending? 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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PEACE SUNDAY 2026

Peace Sunday is held this Sunday, 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on 1st January.

Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. Pax Christi promote Peace Sunday with the support of the Bishop's Conference and have produced a number of resources to help us reflect including a liturgy and activities for children. You can download these from the Peace Sunday 2026 page on their website www.paxchristi.org.uk

Second Collection this weekend

On Peace Sunday, we will be having a second collection to support Pax Christi's work, which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. For more information visit:
www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

The theme of the *2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* comes from the Letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Eph 4:4). The prayers and reflections were prepared by an ecumenical group coordinated by the Inter-Church Relations' Department of the Armenian Apostolic Church. The prayers for this week can be found on Vatican Christian Unity website: www.christianunity.va.

SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY:
PARISH VOLUNTEER FORMATION DAY

For parishioners and all volunteers. The day starts at 2.30pm and ends with the Vigil Mass. Letters are available for our teams of Stewards, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers at Mass, Catechists, Pastoral Care Group Members and other parish volunteers. All are welcome. Please make every effort to attend this important parish volunteer training session. Readers of the Word of God (Lectors) will be recommissioned as readers at either the 6.00pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 9.30am Mass.

Next Sunday is Sunday of the Word of God

Next Sunday is the Sunday of the Word of God. At all Masses, I will invite Readers of God's Word to come forward after the homily and be recommissioned as Readers of Word. Next Sunday, rather fittingly, coincides with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the great evangelist and missionary of the gospel.

PARISH NEWS

For up-to-date parish news and communications, check the parish blog on our website under the heading "Parish Newsletter".

Children's Liturgy Leaders and Helpers

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. No previous experience is necessary, just a love for the gospel. Training, materials and accompaniment will be provided for leaders and helpers. DBS checks are required, but please don't let this put you off volunteering. Our parish safeguarding representative will guide you through everything you need to do. Please talk to Fr. Alex if you can help.

Christmas Crib Appeal

Crib offerings traditionally are offered for the Friends of the Holy Land, a Catholic Charity that assists Christians living in the Holy Land.

Born For This at Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Tickets are now on sale for the 30th Anniversary Performance of '***Born for This'***, a musical reflection on the Stations of the Cross. The performance at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham takes place on the evening of **Wednesday 25 March at 7pm.** We have asked for a group booking of 30 tickets and if you are interested in going as a parish group, please get in touch with Fr. Alex.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents requesting that their child (under 7 years old) be baptised, please speak to Fr. Alex or Deacon Andy after Sunday Mass, who will give you a baptism request form. Please return this form, and then we will discuss a date for baptism and the necessary preparation. Check out our website under the "Faith" heading for more information.

Mass Offerings

We continue to have a steady flow of mass offerings in the parish, which I am very grateful to be able to offer for the intentions requested. Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses are very popular and sometimes require at least **three months'** prior booking. When writing on the envelopes, please remember to write the donor's name and phone number so we can contact you to arrange a date for your intention should your requested date not be available. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday 28th January at 6.30pm to 7.30pm: Journey in Faith begins meeting in Vianney House,

Friday 13th February at 12.30pm – Pastoral Care Group Fish and Chip Lunch. More details and sign-up sheet next week.

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 11.00am on Saturday 21st March: All are welcome to come. Mass is followed by tea and biscuits in the parish hall.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Starting Nursery in September 2026

Application forms and information are available on the school website or from the school office for parents who wish to apply for their children to start in our Nursery in September 2026. Children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 can start Nursery in September 2026.

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.

Prayer Group meets every Monday at 7.00pm in the Margaret Roper Room at Saint Thomas More. All welcome.

STM visit to Oscott College: on Sunday 15th February 2026. A tour of the seminary, including the college library and museum; a question-and-answer session with Seminarians; and concludes with a time of Adoration, Vespers and Benediction in the College Chapel. A coach has been booked with seats priced at £20 per person. If you would like to join this trip, please phone 02476411900 or email stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk. Final numbers needed by 1st February.

Dilexi Te ('I have loved you'): Five sessions of shared prayer and reflection on Pope Leo's first Apostolic Letter. The five sessions will take place in the meeting room at St Mary & St Benedict Church, Raglan Street, CV1 5QF from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, beginning on Tuesday 17th February 2026 and thereafter on the following Tuesday evenings at the same time: February 24th, March 3rd, 10th & 17th Participants will receive a free copy of 'Dilexi Te', for use between sessions. Our hope is that you will be able to attend each of the five sessions, which will give a sense of continuity and a better understanding of Pope Leo's thinking. If you are interested in taking part, please contact one of the following: Barbara McGowan: 07528644617 or Paschal Somers: 07403625292 Deadline for registration – Friday 30th January 2026.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Monday 25 to Saturday 30 May 2026.

PARISH ROTAS:

17TH & 18TH JANUARY

6.00pm Vigil Mass: Reader (Tony Cawley), Stewards (Stephanie Allen & Tony Cawley)

***9.30am Sunday Mass*:** Reader (David Smith), Stewards (Louise Cawley & Joanne Leeming), Tea & Coffee (Teresa & Verne).

24TH & 25TH JANUARY

6.00PM Vigil Mass: Reader (Catherine Carr), Stewards (John & Kim Teahan)

9.30am Sunday Mass: Reader (David Ajayi), Stewards (Noreen & Cassie Quirke) Tea & Coffee (Kath Kennedy).