SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

4TH JANUARY 2026 – 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Holy Jubilee Year: 24th Dec 2024 to 6th Jan 2026

January: Holy Name of Jesus **I** Sunday Year A **I** Parish Mass Book pg. 111 **I** Weekday Year 2 **I** Psalter Week 2

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS *Christmas Octave*	Saturday 3rd	6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Private Intention
	Sunday 4th	9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Sean and Josie Meade RIP *Tea and Coffee available (Parish Hall)*
Christmas Feria	Monday 5th	7.00am **Holy Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – Fr Alex's Intentions
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD *Holy Day of Obligation and End of the Jubilee Year*	Tuesday 6th	7.00am **Holy Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – Intentions of Mary West 9.00am **Holy Mass with School** – Teresa Boland RIP *For Evening Masses in the Deanery check: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/*
Christmas Feria	Wednesday 7th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Special Intention
Christmas Feria	Thursday 8th	10.30am **Funeral Mass** – John Joseph Quinn RIP
Christmas Feria	Friday 9th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Special Intention of Kate Armstrong
Christmas Feria	Saturday 10th	10.00am **Holy Mass** – Special Intention 10.30am Adoration and Confessions until 11.00am
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Saturday 10th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Rebecca Hughes RIP
	Sunday 11th	9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Brian Spurgeon RIP *Tea and Coffee available (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 the sick and housebound: Terence Cassidy, David Goodall, Steve Ward, Peter Hughes and Sylvia Flynn.

For those who have died: James Clifford and Rev. Fr. Simon Hall, Malcolm West, Mgr. Vaughan Morgan, Fr. David Keniry, Mary Cliffe, John Quinn, Bradley James. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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 January Intention: We pray for the children and families of our parish: that in this new year they may grow in faith, hope, and love; that homes may be places of peace, patience, and forgiveness; and that God's guiding presence may strengthen parents, protect children, and unite families in His grace.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS (28/12/2025)

Offertory Collection
Gift Aid: £132.00 **Loose:** £ 211.80
Tap&Go: £ 243.00 **Total: £ 586.80**

Online Giving:
https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-vianney-coventry

Thank you for your continued generosity

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, party 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 helps local people in crisis by buying items for the foodbank. Our SJV donation collection box is in the entrance hall to Church. For more information speak to our stewards or go to www.coventryfoodbank.org.uk

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR OUR PARISH

is part of the Holy Cross MAC www.hccmac.co.uk

Saint John Vianney Primary School
Mount Nod Way, Coventry, CV5 7GX
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Leasowes Ave, Coventry, CV3 6BH
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to everyone, and a very warm welcome to our celebration of Sunday Mass, where we continue to celebrate Christmas, the Incarnation, the Word becoming Flesh. If you are visiting or returning from holidays, or if you are here for the first time, it is good to be able to welcome you home. This week, I look forward to welcoming our primary school back on Monday for the start of a new term and hearing about their Christmas adventures. Please do stay safe and warm as the temperatures drop. Even though the heating is on, you might like to consider wearing a thicker coat inside Church too!

Thank you from Fr. Alex

Thank you for your Christmas wishes, cards, gifts, and offerings. My special thanks go to all who prepared the church and assisted with our liturgies. It was a very special first Christmas for me in Mount Nod. I want you to know that each of you is appreciated and valued, and we cannot do what we do in the parish without the love and dedication of volunteers.

SJV Nativity Scene Pictures

Can be found on the parish website and on the: www.st-john-vianney.org.uk/parish-newsletter/church-nativity-pictures. Please share your crib pictures with the parish email.

EPIPHANY AND END OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the parish are 7.00am and school will be leading us at 9.00am Mass in giving thanks to God for the graces of the Jubilee Year dedicated to the theme Pilgrims of Hope. If you require an evening Mass to fulfil the obligation, please have a look at the Deanery website or ask Fr. Alex or Deacon Andy.

Closing of the Jubilee Doors in Rome

The Holy doors last week were closed at Rome's major basilicas, including St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St. Paul outside the Walls. Pope Leo on Tuesday, the Solemnity of Epiphany, will close the final Holy Door (Porta Santa) at St. Peter's Basilica. 2033 will be the next time these doors will be opened to mark 2,000 years of our Redemption, since the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. As we prepare ourselves over the next few years for this great milestone, let us remember the words of St Paul to the Corinthians: "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is futile" (1 Cor 15:17). Let us always have Alleluia on our hearts!

Holy Days of Obligation in England & Wales in 2026

What is a holy day of obligation? It is a celebration of the central mysteries of our faith, a day when the faithful are required to attend Mass.

What are the days in England and Wales this year? Every Sunday, Nativity of the Lord, Epiphany of the Lord (6th January), Ascension of the Lord (Thursday after 6th Sunday of Easter), SS Peter and Pal (29th June), Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th August) and All Saints (1st November). Holy days which fall on a Saturday or Monday are transferred to a Sunday. Some dates and obligations in the UK differ slightly from the USA and European calendars.

PARISH NEWS

Epiphany Blessing of Homes

Fr. Alex invites you to partake of the tradition of blessing the front door of your homes with chalk blessed on the Feast of Epiphany. Marking the lintel of your front door with the formula 20+C+B+M+26 is a sign of Christ's presence and a prayer for God's protection and peace throughout the year. Blessed chalk is available from Tuesday. If you would like Fr. Alex to do this house blessing for you, let him know this week. In all things let us entrust everything to God!

Church Christmas Decorations

Decorations (minus the crib) will be taken down on *Sunday 11th January* after 9.30am Mass. All help is welcome.

Mass times this week

Additional Mass on Monday morning at 7.00am, Funeral Mass for John Quinn on Thursday at 10.30am, so there will be no adoration and Saturday morning Mass resumes at 10.00am followed by Adoration and Confessions.

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. The Crib will remain in front of the altar until the Presentation of the Lord, otherwise known as Candlemas on 2nd February. The biblical reason for this is according to the Jewish Law, a mother was ritually purified 40 days after the birth of a male child. On 2nd February, the Church celebrates Joseph and Mary presenting the child Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, 40 days after His Birth, and completes the nativity story, that Christ will be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles"(Lk 2:32).

Parish Christmas Raffle

Thank you. We raised around just over £850.00. A list of winners is on the notice board.

Volunteers needed for Children's Liturgy

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.

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 require at least 2 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 IN 2026

Parish Volunteers Formation Day on Saturday, 24th January 2026. Starting at 2.30pm and ending with the Vigil Mass. Letters are available to our teams of Stewards, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers at Mass, Catechists, Pastoral Care Group Members and other parish volunteers. All welcome. Please make every effort to attend this important parish volunteer training session.

Children not in a Catholic School: FHC, Confirmation and RCIA preparation begins on *Saturday 24th January 2026*.

Altar Server Training session and celebration: Saturday 7th February at 1.00pm, training in Church is followed by Wing Wah meal and celebration for the service of our altar servers. If the servers are under 18, could the parents fill out the registration form and return it either to Deacon Andy or Fr. Alex.

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.

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.

St Thomas More: Newman Circle. Feb 24, 2026: Recent Research into St John Henry Newman – Fr. Peter Conley. All welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Monday 25 to Saturday 30 May 2026. If still interested, let Fr. Alex know.

PARISH ROTA 3RD & 4TH JANUARY	6.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday	9.30am Sunday Mass
Readers	Tony Cawley	Angela Whelan
Stewards	Maureen and Collette	Kate and Angela
Tea and Coffee	N/A	Maureen