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 30TH AUGUST 2026
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH OFFICE
Parish Secretary & Hall Bookings
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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.**

QUOTE FROM POPE LEO
"Faith is not something given to us once and for all. Rather, we continually need to rediscover the face of Christ and his Gospel, to enter more deeply into his message and to renew the choices we make in our lives, so that they may be consistent with what we profess. In this way, we can overcome the temptation to think that we already know everything and to reduce faith to mere habit."

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING RECEPTION
THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 6.30PM TO 8.00PM
On 1st September, it will be one year since Fr. Alex arrived in the parish. As a token of his gratitude and appreciation, Fr. Alex warmly invites parish volunteers to a parish Thanksgiving Reception. On this occasion, Fr. Alex asks nothing of you except the pleasure of your company! Even if you can pop in for half an hour, come along, but please remember to sign up. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. We look forward to celebrating and thanking you for all that you do. **Sign-up sheet available in porch.** Many thanks, *Fr Alex*

THANK YOU FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND APPEAL
Peter Rand, who made the appeal at the two Masses last weekend, has written to thank the parishioners for your wonderful welcome and generosity in donating £363.49 for Christian families in the Holy Land. We also gave the FHL a cheque for £101.59 from our Christmas Crib appeal. This will make a significant impact on the lives of many families. If you were away, you can still donate at www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/donate . Please continue to keep our Christian Brothers and Sisters in your prayers.

VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO ARCHBISHOP MIGUEL BUENDIA
WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
MIDDAY PRAYER AT CHRIST THE KING, COVENTRY
with clergy, religious and parishioners of the deanery

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. More details coming soon.

SUPPORT ALEKSANDRA'S CANCER RESEARCH 10K NIGHTWALK
Please support Aleksandra, who is walking 10km on 4th September for Cancer Research UK's Shine Night Walk, raising funds for early detection research — so more women can catch it early and have that same hope.
https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/aleksandras-giving-page-702

SECOND AND LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH
During the 9.30am Mass on the second and last Sundays of each month, we will sing the parts of the Mass to get us used to the Missal chant of the Mass. To get us started, we will begin by singing the Kyrie, Holy, Holy, Holy, the Eucharistic dialogue and the Lamb of God. We will also introduce the sung Mystery of Faith once we have got used to the above.

PARISH DIARY

Month of September Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows
Sunday Year A | **Parish Mass Book** pg. 122| **Weekday Year** 2 | **Psalter Week** 2

MASS DIARY		
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat 29th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass –** Anne Mullen RIP
	Sun 30th	9.30am **Sunday Mass –** Neil Fitzpatrick RIP *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*
Feria	Mon 31st	No Mass
Feria	Tue 1st	9.00am **Mass for the Care of Creation** – Andy Nairn RIP *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*
Feria	Wed 2nd	9.00am **Mass** – Deacon Gerry O'Reilly RIP *6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group*
Feast of Pope Saint Gregory the Great	Thu 3rd	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am **Mass** – Fr Brendan Carrick RIP *6.30pm to 8.00pm - Volunteers Thanksgiving Reception (Please sign-up)*
Feria	Fri 4th	9.00am **Whole School Start of Year Mass** – Kevin Shakespeare RIP
Our Lady on Saturday	Sat 5th	9.00am **Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – For the People of the Parish 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary until 10.00am. Confessions available after Rosary.
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat 5th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass** – Anne Mullen RIP
	Sun 6th	9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Euphemia Enow RIP *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*

EVENTS DIARY

1st Sept – 9.00am – Mass for Beginning of the Season of Creation
2nd Sept – 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group
3rd Sept – 6.30pm to 8.00pm – Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving Reception
4th Sept – 9.00am – Whole SJV School Mass for the Beginning of Term
8th Sept – 9.00am – Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday
11th Sept – 9.30am – SJV Pastoral Care Group AGM. All welcome.
12th Sept – 6.00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass for Fr. Alex's 6th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
25th Sept – 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
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 Commitment & Reception Welcome
4th Oct – End of the Season of Creation
14th Oct – 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group
17th Oct – 6.00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass – Year 3 Commitment
28th Oct – 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group

5th Nov – 5.30pm – Mass followed by Homemade Lasagna and Salad (1st Thursday)
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 – 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

ONGOING CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

£1,000 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 by the Retiring Collections twice a month, which depends on other second collections, and by the *Maintenance Fund* option MyDona Machine in the porch area. We already have £1k towards the target of £5k. Thank you for your generosity towards this project.

DEANERY NEWS AND EVENTS

COVENTRY COACH TO MARCH4LIFE 2026

Please join us in a peaceful, joyful March in London on Saturday 5th September – celebrating life and challenging abortion. 2 months ago abortion in the home, up to birth, was decriminalised. Around 1,000 unborn babies are legally killed every day in our country. Please join one of the few ways we can peacefully challenge all this – and the suffering it causes to every family. Coach leaves from Corpus Christi CV3 2QP at 9am, after 8.30am Mass, and returns about 7.30pm. £20 adults, £10 children.

HARVINGTON HALL PILGRIMAGE

St Thomas More have spaces available on a coach for the Harvington Hall Pilgrimage on Sunday 6th September. Cost per person will be £20. Anyone wishing to book a space needs to phone 02476 411900 or can email stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk. The coach will leave around 12.15pm/12.30pm from the car park in St Thomas More.

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

LOCAL EVENTS

TOWARDS A NEW CATHEDRAL

Is an exhibition offering an insight into how the new Coventry Cathedral was designed after the original medieval building was bombed in the Second World War. It will showcase entries from the 1951 design competition won by the Scottish architect Basil Spence, many of which have not been displayed since they were judged. More than 200 architects from around the world entered, submitting plans that ranged from traditional to modernist. The exhibition will run from 8th August – 21st September from 10.00am – 4.00pm in the Chapel of Christ the Servant.

WARWICKSHIRE WATERCOLOURS EXHIBITION 2026

Berkswell Reading Room, CV7 7BE
Saturday 29th August to Monday 31st August
10.00am to 5.00pm
See poster for more details.

BERKSWELL MUSIC FESTIVAL:

St. John the Baptist Church, CV7 7BJ,
25th to 27th September.
See poster for more details.

PARISH VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

Parish Gift Aid Coordinator
Children's Liturgy Leaders
Readers for the Liturgy of the Word
Welcomers/ Stewards
Sunday Teas & Coffees

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

John Hoban, Breda Spurgeon and 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 and Maura O'Neill.

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.