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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25TH JANUARY 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January: Holy Name of Jesus **I** Sunday Year A **I** Parish Mass Book pg. 127 **I** Weekday Year 2 **I** Psalter Week 3

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *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)*
Ss. Timothy and Titus	Monday 26th	No Mass
Feria	Tuesday 27th	No Mass
St. Thomas Aquinas	Wednesday 28th	6.00pm **Holy Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – Intentions of David and Margaret Goodall *6.30pm to 7.30pm Journey in Faith (Vianney House)*
Feria	Thursday 29th	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am **Holy Mass** – Intentions of Marion and Sheamus
Feria	Friday 30th	9.00am Holy Mass – Intentions of Sister Marie Therese
St. John Bosco	Saturday 31st	10.00am **Holy Mass** – Angela Peyton RIP 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 11.00am *12.00pm FHC, Confirmation and Adults Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)*
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Racial Justice Sunday*	Saturday 31st	6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Robert Mullen RIP
	Sunday 1st	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Owen Fitzpatrick RIP *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, Mgr. Vaughan Morgan, Fr. David Keniry, John Quinn, Bradley James, Angela Browne, Cornelius Callanan, Fr Simon Bishop SJ, Fr. Brian Wall, John Abbiss, Roy Bailey. 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 January Prayer Intention: 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

Offertory Collection
Gift Aid: £91.00 **Loose:** £292.53
Tap&Go: £18.00 **Total: £401.53**
Second Collection for PAX Christi
Loose: £200.20 **Tap&Go:** £8.00 **Total: £208.20**

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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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This Sunday we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, a day set aside each year, to renew our love for Sacred Scripture and to recognise how God continues to speak to his people through his living Word. Providentially, this year it coincides with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. The witness of St Paul beautifully echoes today's celebration: a life transformed by an encounter with Christ and devoted to proclaiming the Gospel. As we listen to the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, may we, like St Paul, be open to being shaped and sent by the Word we receive.

COMMISSIONING OF READERS OF THE WORD

At all Sunday Masses, Fr. Alex will invite Readers of God's Word to come forward after the homily and be recommissioned as Readers of Word.

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 as a leader or helper.

Mary's Meals

The Parish received a thank you letter from Mary's Meals for our donation of £1,018.08 this year, which we were able to send as a result of your donations, supporting raffles and youth group initiatives. Thank you to all involved.

Born For This at Symphony Hall, Birmingham
Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 7pm

A Dramatic and Musical retelling of the Stations of the Cross. A unique and unforgettable production that promises an inspiring Journey of Faith, Hope and Beauty. Presented by Jo Boyce and CJM music, with a chamber orchestra and a choir of 300 students from Birmingham and Solihull RC Secondary schools. Ticket prices: Under 18's and Adults over 65 are £15, and Adults under 65 are £28.50.

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.

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.

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. Sign-up sheet available now.

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.

Kingdom of God 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.

DIOCESIAN PRAYER 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.

PARISH ROTAS:
24TH & 25TH JANUARY

6.00pm Vigil Mass: Readers: 1st Reading (Catherine Carr) Responsorial Psalm, 2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (Year 6 Children). Stewards: (John & Kim Teahan)

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

31ST JANUARY & 1ST FEBRUARY

6.00pm Vigil Mass: Readers: 1st Reading (Tricia Towner) Responsorial Psalm, 2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (Year 6 Children), Stewards: (Siobhan Camm & Jean Carver)

***9.30am Sunday Mass*:** Readers: 1st Reading (Mike Sandy) Responsorial Psalm, 2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (Year 6 Children), Stewards: (Martin Flynn & David Smith), Tea & Coffee: (Junie & Martin).

Thank you to everyone who volunteers in the parish. If you wish to offer your time to volunteering, however big or small, please visit www.st-john-vianney.org.uk/opportunities-to-volunteer and speak to Fr. Alex or the Parish Office.