SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

21ST & 28TH DECEMBER 2025 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

December: Immaculate Conception I Sunday Year A I Parish Mass Book pg. 90 & 106 I Weekday Year 2 I Psalter Week 4 & 1

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT *O Rising Sun*	Saturday 20th	5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Intentions Mary West Confessions available after Mass
	Sunday 21st	9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.10am Holy Rosary 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Donald Gill RIP, Michael Quirke RIP and Tom Paul Stack RIP. *Christmas Raffle Draw after Mass. Tea and Coffee (Parish Hall)* *Christmas Clean and Decorating the Church. All welcome.*
Advent Feria *O King of the Peoples*	Monday 22nd	6.00pm **Holy Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – Patrick Skerritt RIP 7.00pm Penance Service at Saint Thomas More (CV3 5DE)
Advent Feria *O Immanuel*	Tuesday 23rd	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Feeney Family
Advent Feria	Wednesday 24th	No Morning Mass
SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD *Christmas Day*	Wednesday 24th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass for Children and Families** – Peter Grey RIP 8.30pm **Holy Mass of Christmas Night** – Richard Mooney RIP and Brenda Smith RIP
	Thursday 25th	9.30am **Holy Mass of Christmas Morning** – James Clifford RIP
Feast of Saint Stephen *Christmas Octave*	Friday 26th	12.00pm **Holy Mass** – Thanksgiving for our Altars Servers and their Families
Feast of Saint John the Evangelist *Christmas Octave*	Saturday 27th	No Morning Mass, Adoration or Confessions
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH *Christmas Octave*	Saturday 27th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Mary Mitrofaniuk RIP
	Sunday 28th	9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Seamus & Bernadette Whelan RIP *Tea and Coffee available after Mass (Parish Hall)*
Feast of Saint Thomas Becket *Christmas Octave*	Monday 29th	No Mass
6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord *Christmas Octave*	Tuesday 30th	10.00am **Holy Mass** – Tam McPadden RIP
7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord *Christmas Octave*	Wednesday 31st	10.00am **Holy Mass** – Cath Chambers RIP
SOLMENITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD	Thursday 1st	12.00pm **Holy Mass** – Special Intention
Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen	Friday 2nd	No Mass
Christmas Feria	Saturday 3rd	No Mass
2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	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 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.

The sick and housebound: Terence Cassidy, David Goodall, Steve Ward, Peter Hughes and Sylvia Flynn.
For those who have died: James Clifford and Fr. Simon Hall, Malcolm West, Mgr. Vaughan Morgan, Fr. David Keniry, Mary Cliffe, John Quinn, Joe Doyle and victims of Bondi beach and terrorism. May they rest in peace. Amen.
Upcoming Funeral Rites: Funeral Mass for John Quinn RIP 10.30am on 8th January, followed by Cremation at Canley Crematorium.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS (13-14/12/25)

Offertory Collection
Gift Aid: £82.50 **Loose:** £302.67 **Tap&Go: Gift Aid** £10.00
Non G/A £8.00 **Total: £485.67**
Church Flowers (2nd Collection)
Loose: £346.84 **Tap&Go:** £18.00 **Total: £364.84**

Online Giving:
https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-vianney-coventry
Thank you for your financial generosity in supporting the mission of our parish throughout 2025.

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
Headteacher: Mrs Veronica Gosling
Telephone: 02476 464088
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Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School
Leasowes Ave, Coventry, CV3 6BH
Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Boyle
Telephone: 02476 414515
Website: www.bishopullathorne.co.uk

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

I look forward to celebrating my first Christmas with you as Parish Priest of Mount Nod. If you are travelling, please travel safely, and if you are visiting here for Christmas, you are most welcome. Please do invite friends and family as we celebrate the great gift of Christ's Birth, the Word who became Flesh and dwelt among us. As we prepare and celebrate the Lord's Nativity, let us reflect on Pope Leo's words: "the Nativity scene and the Tree are signs of faith and hope; as we contemplate them in our homes, in parishes and squares, we ask the Lord to renew in us the gift of peace and fraternity… Let the tenderness of the Child Jesus illuminate our lives. Let us let the love of God, like the fronds of an evergreen tree, remain fervent in us".

Poinsettias: Traditionally, we place poinsettias around the Crib in memory of a loved one. If you wish to bring one (or more), please bring them with you to Mass or drop off at Vianney House. Thank you.

Church decorating: Thank you to those who have decorated the tree, the church and put up the Crib in preparation for Christmas. Our Church is looking more festive by the day!

THANK YOU FROM FR. ALEX

Thank you for the kind cards, gifts and the generous Christmas Offering. I am grateful to you all for your generous welcome as your new priest and for the help of an army of volunteers who do so much in our parish. I wish each of you, your families, as well as our school community, every blessing and good wish this Christmas and New Year. *Fr. Alex*

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Crib offerings are traditionally made for the Friends of the Holy Land, a Catholic Charity that assists Christians in the Holy Land. The Crib will remain in front of the altar until the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas on 2nd February.

NEW YEAR 2026

Thursday 1st January the Church begins the calendar year with the great celebration of the Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of Church, entrusting her mission to the year ahead. Mass is at 12 Noon on this day.

Tuesday 6th January is the Solemnity of the Epiphany, marks the official end of the Jubilee Year of Hope. There will be an early 7.00am Mass as Fr. Alex is unable to offer an evening Mass in addition to the 9.00am School Mass in thanksgiving for the blessings of this Jubilee Year.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The draw is this Sunday, 21st December. Thank you to the parishioners and SJV school who have generously supported the Parish Christmas Raffle, as well as those who have donated gifts for the raffle prizes. Those who have won a prize will be contacted, and a list of winners will be put up on the board. Prizes can be collected from Vianney House or from the sacristy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

Journey in Faith: After our initial meeting, the group will start back again in 2026.

SJV Parish Pastoral Care Group: If you want to know more about what we do, and how we help in our parish, or you would like to volunteer your time, please ask Fr. Alex.

2026 - Notice for Children not in a Catholic School: FHC, Confirmation and RCIA preparation begins on *Saturday 24th January 2026*. Please register with Fr. Alex before Christmas.

DEANERY INFORMATION

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.

PARISH ROTA		
20TH & 21ST DECEMBER	**6.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**	**9.30am Sunday Mass**
Readers	*Trish Towner*	*David Ajayi*
Stewards	*John & Kim Teahan*	*David Smith*
Tea & Coffee	*N/A*	*Kath Kennedy*
24TH DECEMBER	**6.00pm Children & Family Vigil Mass**	**8.30pm Mass During the Night**
Readers	*SJV School*	*Catherine Carr and David Smith*
Stewards	*Maureen Bell & Cathy Farmer*	*Collette Clay & David Smith*
25TH DECEMBER	**9.30am Mass of Christmas Morning**	
Readers	*Angela Whelan and Mike Sandy*	
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27TH & 28TH DECEMBER	**6.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**	**9.30am Sunday Mass**
Readers	*Tony Cawley*	*Reader required*
Stewards	*Stephanie Allen & Tony Cawley*	*Joanne Leeming & Angela Whelan*
Tea and Coffee	*N/A*	*Junie & Martin Flynn*