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 6TH SEPTMEBER 2026
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH OFFICE
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Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm

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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.**

SEASON OF CREATION 1ST SEPTEMBER TO 4TH OCTOBER

Last Tuesday we began the Season of Creation by celebrating a special Mass for the Care of Creation, or in Latin, *Missa pro custodia creationis*. Both the English and the Latin titles capture the essence of what this season honours: how we, as custodians, need to care for the good things of this earth, those things that God has entrusted and provided to us from his bounty. Pope Leo also celebrated a special Mass where he invited the Church to participate by using this season to pause and reflect on the works of God. This Season, he said is: *"a period of five weeks devoted to prayer and commitment to the care of our "common home." On this Day, therefore, and in the weeks ahead, let us set aside a few moments to pause from the frenzy of our daily lives, in order to savour the profound harmony of which we ourselves are a part. Let us place in "silent mode" the many noises generated by human activity, so that we may hear the melodious voice of creation, through which God, the Author of all things, speaks to us".* (Pope Leo, 1st September 2026)

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MP TO OPPOSE THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11th September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

During Mass on Tuesday morning, if you are sick in any way: mind, body or spirit, you are most welcome to receive this special sacrament of healing. After Mass, there will be a birthday cake in the Parish Hall to honour Our Lady's Birthday as well as the usual teas and coffees. All welcome.

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

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR MARY'S MEALS

If you have any leftover change from your holidays and don't know what to do with it, Mary's Meals will gladly take it and exchange it for the charity. Please place any money in an envelope marked as foreign.

PARISH DIARY

Month of September Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows
Sunday Year A | **Parish Mass Book** pg. 125| **Weekday Year** 2 | **Psalter Week** 3

MASS DIARY		
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*
Feria	Mon 7th	No Mass
Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tue 8th	9.00am **Mass with the Anointing of the Sick** – Breda Spurgeon RIP *With Birthday Cake in honour of Our Lady, with Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall. All welcome.*
St Osburg	Wed 9th	9.00am **Mass** – Tony Doyle RIP *12.00pm Midday Prayer at Christ the King with the Apostolic Nuncio.*
Feria	Thu 10th	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am **Mass** – Des Flynn RIP
Feria	Fri 11th	9.00am **Mass for the Care of Creation** – Caroline Fitzpatrick RIP
Most Holy Name of Mary	Sat 12th	9.00am **Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – For the People of the Parish 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions until 10.00am.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat 12th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass** – Fr. Alex's Intentions (6th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood)
	Sun 13th	9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Paolo and Tegan's Intentions *Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall*

EVENTS DIARY

8th Sept – 9.00am – Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday
11th Sept – 9.00am – Mass for the Care of Creation
11th Sept – 9.45am – SJV Pastoral Care Group General Meeting. All welcome.
12th Sept – 6.00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass for Fr. Alex's 6th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
18th Sept – from 8.00am – 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
27th Sept – 9.30am – Sunday Mass with sung parts of the Mass using Missal chant.
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 Enrolment & Reception Welcome
4th Oct – End of the Season of Creation
4th Oct – Solemn Vespers and Benediction at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, Coventry
9th Oct – 6.00pm – Stations of the Cross
14th Oct – 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group
17th Oct – 6.00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass – Year 3 Enrolment
28th Oct – 6.30pm to 7.30pm – Prayer, Scripture and Study Group
31st Oct – 6.00pm – Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints

1st Nov – 9.30am – Sunday Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints
2nd Nov – All Souls Day – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, Masses at 7.00am and 9.00am.
5th Nov – 5.30pm – Mass followed by Homemade Lasagna and Salad (1st Thursday)
13th Nov – 6.00pm – Stations of the Cross
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 – Evening 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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER FROM 8.00AM
SJV PARISH HALL
DONATIONS OF CAKES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

DEANERY NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION – 29TH SEPTEMBER:
'Priestly Formation for a Changing church' by Fr Pat Kilgarriff.

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.

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.

DAME GOODYVERS DAYE EVENT: as part of the Heritage Open Days 2026, Lady Godiva and the Godiva Sisters will weave a colourful musical procession from Broadgate, by the Godiva Statue, on Friday 11th Sept just after 10am. They will walk through to Priory Gardens wearing their traditional costume. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic to share if staying till 12 noon. A wonderful way to enter into our local history and become more familiar with the story of this noble Catholic lady.

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

ONGOING CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND
£1,003 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 through the Retiring Collections twice a month, and by the *Maintenance Fund* option MyDona Machine in the porch area. Thank you for your generosity towards this project.

Retiring Collections: 5/6 Sept, 10/11, 24/25 Oct, 7/8, 28/29 Nov and 12/13 Dec.

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, Maura O'Neill and Teresa Markwell

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.

THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM
OFFICE for MISSION
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

Encounter Day

"An encounter with God, self and others"

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Saturday 26th September 2026

9.30am – 1pm

- COFFEE, CAKES & PASTRIES PROVIDED -

St John Vianney Catholic Church

Vianney House, 1 Bishopton Close, Mount Nod, Coventry, CV5 7GW

Cursillos In Christianity England and Wales

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St Thomas More Catholic Church

Watercall Avenue, Coventry, CV3 5DE

QUARANT'ORE

Eucharistic Adoration Festival

Thursday 1st October – Sunday 4th October 2026

'All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine'

Quarant'ore is the ancient tradition which is believed to have begun in Italy during the 16th century in honour of the forty hours during which the Body of Our Lord rested in the tomb. The Forty Hours Devotion invites us to watch before the Lord, and in this extended period of adoration to offer in his presence our prayer for the Church and its mission.

Everyone is encouraged to come and spend time with the Lord. It will also be possible to buy votive candles for intentions that will be placed around the Blessed Sacrament for the Forty Hours. The Quarant'ore will also be interspersed with 'themed' Holy Hours, the Divine Offices and the Holy Rosary.

In reverence and gratitude, we join our hearts to proclaim the words sung so often, *'all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine,'* praying that our Eucharistic Festival will serve as a profound opportunity for spiritual growth, to draw us deeper into the mystery of Christ's Eucharistic presence in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday 1st October		Friday 2nd October		Saturday 3rd October		Sunday 4th October	
10.00am	Holy Mass	10.00am	Holy Mass	9.30am	Exposition	9.00am	Holy Mass
				9.45am	Morning Prayer	10.00am	Exposition
		10.30am	Exposition			10.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.45am	Morning Prayer				
11.00am	Exposition	11.00am	Holy Hour				
12 noon	Holy Hour			12 noon	Holy Hour		
		12.30pm	Rosary			12.30pm	Rosary
1.15pm	Midday Prayer	1.15pm	Midday Prayer			1.15pm	Midday Prayer
2.00pm	Rosary	2.00pm	Rosary	2.00pm	Rosary	2.00pm	Rosary
				4.30pm	Evening Prayer	3.15pm	Holy 'half' hour for children
				4.45pm	Reposition		
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	5.00pm	Holy Mass (Vigil)	5.00pm	Rosary for Peace
				6.00pm	Exposition	6.00pm	Vespers
6.30pm	Rosary	6.30pm	Rosary	6.30pm	Rosary	6.30pm	Solemn Benediction
7.00pm	Holy Hour	7.00pm	Holy Hour				
8.45pm	Compline	8.45pm	Compline	8.45pm	Compline		
9.00 pm	Reposition	9.00 pm	Reposition	9.00 pm	Reposition		