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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15TH FEBRUARY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February: Holy Family of Nazareth **I** Sunday Year A **I** Parish Mass Book pg. 136 **I** Weekday Year 2 **I** Psalter Week 2

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Day for Life*	Saturday 14th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Desmond 'Dessie' Quinn RIP
	Sunday 15th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Bernadette Whelan RIP *Tea and Coffee available after Mass (Parish Hall)*
Feria	Monday 16th	No Mass
Feria	Tuesday 17th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Private Intention
ASH WEDNESDAY *Day of Fasting and Abstinance*	Wednesday 18th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Special Intention Followed by Stations of the Cross 6.30pm **Holy Mass** – John Cawley RIP
Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Thursday 19th	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am **Holy Mass** – Ints Joanne & John Daly
Friday after Ash Wednesday	Friday 20th	7.00am **Holy Mass at Our Lady's Altar** – Fr. Brendan Carrick RIP 9.00am **Holy Mass** – People of the Parish 9.30am Stations of the Cross
Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday 21st	10.00am **Holy Mass** – Daniel Harty RIP & Mary Harty 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 11.00am
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT *Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*	Saturday 21st	5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Daniel Mullen RIP
	Sunday 22nd	9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (9.10am Morning Prayer) 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Alan Wooding 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, Steve Ward, Peter Hughes, Sylvia Flynn and Mary Harty.
For those who have died: David Goodall, Gemma Kiely and Madeleine Carter. May they rest in peace and rise in the glory of Christ.
Pope Leo's February Intention: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection (7th & 8th February)
Gift Aid: £145.00 **Loose:** £306.68
Tap&Go: £25.00 **Total: £476.68**
This Sunday there is voluntary Second Collection for the PRO-LIFE Charity

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:
Are you or do you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, isolated, needs a visit, assistance or befriending? Please 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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THIS WEEKEND

Today we mark Day for Life, a day when the Church honours the gift and dignity of every human life. Understanding the importance of life is crucial to our faith. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) asserts that all human life is sacred, created in God's image and possessing inherent dignity from conception until natural death. This foundational principle demands the protection, nurturing and respect of life, opposing threats such as abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty. A voluntary second collection will be held today to support the annual Day for Life collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Walk With Me Lent booklets

In advance of the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, the Walk with Me booklets are free and available for you to take home and distribute to those in your family. While there is no charge, any donation is gratefully received.

THE SEASON OF LENT

This week, we bury or suppress the Alleluia until its solemn proclamation at the Easter Vigil. Over the coming weeks, you'll notice various items and opportunities in the newsletter. Please support our Lenten programme as much as possible. Lent offers a perfect chance to pause, reflect and pray more. Our lives are full of noise from daily commitments, friends and family and it can be hard to hear Jesus' voice. While we might give up things for Lent, it is, at the same time, a moment to take on or take up other things, like perhaps coming to weekday mass, for those who work, coming to the 7.00am on a Friday, or adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, or coming to the Stations of the Cross. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday mornings as normal between 10.30am and 11.00am and at other points during Lent. Please make an effort on Fridays of Lent to fast for peace in our world or for someone who is sick. Lent is an invitation to each of us to encounter Jesus and hear his voice.

Ash Wednesday

While it's not a holy day of obligation, it is important, if we can, to begin Lent in the right way by coming to Mass and receiving ashes on our heads as an outward sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (eating one main meal) and abstinence (abstaining from meat). There are exemptions, for example, those with health issues, the elderly and those who are pregnant. Masses with the Distribution of Ashes are at 9.00am and 6.00 pm.

Adoration before Sunday Mass

Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament – adoration on Saturday from 5.30pm and Sunday at 9.00am, with Morning Prayer at 9.10am.

Friday Lenten Lunches for Mary's Meals

Taking place in Vianney House on 6th, 20th & 27th March from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Each week, we will begin by watching a 3-part EWTN docuseries on 'Seeking Beauty'. Sign-up form in the porch next week.

Praying as a Deanery Cluster (West Mission)

Lent Devotions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm, alternating between the parishes within our cluster. A time for the communities to come together before the Lord for prayer and reflection during the season of Lent. March 4th – St John Vianney; March 11th – All Souls; March 18th – St Joseph the Worker; March 25th – St Thomas More.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Council AGM

Fr. Alex and the Parish Council wish to invite parishioners to the parish meeting and AGM on Thursday 5th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Parish Planned Giving Campaign

Over three weekends at Sunday masses on 28th February and 1st March, 7th and 8th March and 14th and 15th March, SJV, alongside all the parishes in the Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery, will be asking parishioners to consider how much they give to their parish. This giving campaign is not solely about your financial contribution, but perhaps most importantly, it is to request whether you could offer your time and talents to volunteering in your parish. The first weekend, we will hear a letter from His Grace Archbishop Bernard outlining the need for the campaign across the Archdiocese, the second weekend we will be handing out information on why and how your help is necessary for our parish, and in the third and final weekend we will be asking for parishiones return their forms given in week 2, to update their details for a new parish census and whether they could consider using GiftAid in their financial contributions.

Madeleine Carter RIP: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Madeleine, who passed away on Saturday 7th February. Over the years, Madeleine generously gave her time to the Parish, including running a Mother & Tots group, helping at the Christmas Bazaars and until just recently was on the Counting Team. She will be sadly missed, and we offer our prayers and condolences to her family and many friends at SJV.

Gemma Kiely RIP: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Gemma, who sadly passed away on Friday 6th February. Gemma was surrounded by the love of her family, for whom we offer our prayers and condolences.

David Goodall RIP: Reception into St. John Vianney on Monday 23rd February at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 24th at 12noon, followed by committal at 1.45pm.

PARISH EVENTS

Journey in Faith: Wednesday 25th February at 6.30pm to 7.30pm, meeting in Vianney House. Theme on the Eucharist. Bring your Bible to the next meeting.

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick: *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.

Rosary Prayers in Lent 2026: At Our Lady of Coventry statue in 'Priory Gardens' near Broadgate and Holy Trinity Church. Every Friday in Lent at 1:40pm.

Kingdom of God Prayer Group meets every Monday at 7.00pm in the MRR at Saint Thomas More.

Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 2nd May 2026 at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. For more information, and to register your attendance, please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

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.

THIS WEEKEND

14th February - 6.00pm Vigil Mass:

Readers: 1st Reading (T Cawley), Responsorial Psalm
2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (Year 6)
Stewards: (T & L Cawley)

***15th February - 9.30am Sunday Mass*:**

Readers: 1st Reading, Responsorial Psalm (A Whelan)
2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (C Quirke)
Stewards: (M Flynn & M Sandy) **Tea & Coffee:** (Louise).

NEXT WEEKEND:

21st February - 6.00pm Vigil Mass:

Readers: 1st Reading Responsorial Psalm (T Towner),
2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (C Carr)
Stewards: (S Allen & C Clay)

22nd February - 9.30am Sunday Mass:

Reader: 1st Reading, Responsorial Psalm (M Sandy)
2nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Bidding Prayers (D Ajayi)
Stewards: (D & L Smith) **Tea & Coffee:** (Teresa & Verne).