SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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11TH JANUARY 2026 – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January: Holy Name of Jesus **I** Sunday Year A **I** Parish Mass Book pg. 118 **I** Weekday Year 2 **I** Psalter Week 1

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Saturday 10th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Rebecca Hughes RIP
	Sunday 11th	9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Brian Spurgeon RIP *Tea and Coffee available after Mass (Parish Hall)*
Feria	Monday 12th	No Mass
Feria	Tuesday 13th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Intentions of the Shakespeare Family 6.00pm Service of Light for Yr 6 Confirmandi
Feria	Wednesday 14th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Angela Peyton RIP
Feria	Thursday 15th	9.30am Adoration 10.00pm **Holy Mass** – Tom Haughey RIP
Feria	Friday 16th	9.00am **Holy Mass** – Noel Whelan RIP, Elizabeth Whelan RIP and Joe Doyle RIP
Saint Anthony, Abbot	Saturday 17th	10.00am **Holy Mass** – Intentions of Mr P Lowe No Adoration. Confessions available after Mass 11.00am Syro-Malabar Baptism
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Saturday 17th	6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Derek Rahill RIP
	Sunday 18th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am **Sunday Mass** – Anastasia Griffin 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, Malcolm West, Mgr. Vaughan Morgan, Fr. David Keniry, Mary Cliffe, John Quinn, Bradley James, Angela Browne. 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 Intention: We pray 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: £117.00 **Loose:** £201.49
Tap&Go: £5.00 **Total:** £323.49
Second Collection next weekend for PAX

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, party 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

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"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good" (Psalm 136:1)

Welcome to Mass this Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism, thanking him for this amazing gift that he has bestowed upon each of us, allowing us to be called sons and daughters of God. At both Sunday Masses, you will be sprinkled with Holy Water as a reminder of your baptism into the life of Jesus. Today's Feast ends the liturgical season of Christmas and acts as a liturgical bridge between Christmas and Ordinary Time (which begins tomorrow). For my birthday last year, I was pleased to receive a gold and black football shirt, not Burton Albion, but Wolverhampton Wanderers! On the back of the Wolves shirt is the club slogan *One Pack,* which is a nice phrase we can apply to baptism (unless you're a Coventry fan!). Being members of *One Pack* emphasises the unity and strength of many people, who are all part of a single group called a pack or as baptised members of the Church, together we are called Christians. This is something that Saint Augustine emphasised as a bishop: "For you I am a bishop, with you, I am a Christian". Whatever our call as members of the Church, the Body of Christ, we all have a function; for we are members of one another.

Sacrament of Baptism

On the topic of Baptism; If parents request 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 and a date for the baptism preparation meeting at which we will discuss a date for the baptism to take place. Check out our website under faith heading for more information.

The Holy Door is now shut

The Jubilee Year of Hope officially concluded on Tuesday when Pope Leo closed the Holy Doors at Saint Peter's Basilica. Around 33 million pilgrims have processed through the holy doors in Rome. Pope Leo said: "This Holy Door is closing, but the gate of your mercy will never be shut, because you always sustain the weary, raise up those who have fallen and open your hand to fill with good things those who place their trust in you".

PARISH NEWS

Volunteer Leaders & Helpers are needed to begin Children's Liturgy

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 help.

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. The Crib will remain in front of the altar until the Presentation of the Lord, otherwise known as Candlemas on 2nd February. The biblical reason for this is according to the Jewish Law, a mother was ritually purified 40 days after the birth of a male child. On 2nd February, the Church celebrates Joseph and Mary presenting the child Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, 40 days after His Birth, and completes the nativity story, that Christ will be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles"(Lk 2:32).

Parish Christmas Raffle

Thank you! We raised ***£895.00***. A huge thank you to parishioners and the school community for your amazing support of the parish. A list of winners is on the notice board.

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 require at least 2 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.

Prayer Resources and inspiration for 2026

Universalis App (one-time payment) or online for free, free apps such as on your phone such as: Pray As You Go, Bible App, DOCAT, Divine Mercy. Other very good resources can be found at EWTN, Radio Maria England, Vatican website, Vatican Radio News podcasts, Bishop Robert Barron and the Word on Fire Ministries.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Please speak to Fr. Alex or Deacon Andy if you have any suggestions regarding the devotional life of the parish, i.e. praying the rosary or times of adoration. Jesus himself encourages us to think in this way: "It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (Jh 6:63), let us respond to the Lord's call like Saint Peter: "You have the message of eternal life" (Jh 6:68).

Morning Prayer of the Church

From next Sunday this will be prayed on a Sunday morning at 9.10am and on a Thursday morning at 9.40am before Mass. Please do join Fr. Alex and Deacon Andy in praying for the intentions of the Church and our parish.

PARISH EVENTS

24th & 25th January is known as Sunday of the Word of God. On this Saturday 24th January we are holding a **Parish Volunteers Formation Day**. Starting at 2.30pm and ending with the Vigil Mass. Letters are available to our teams of Stewards, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers at Mass, Catechists, Pastoral Care Group Members and other parish volunteers. All welcome. Please make every effort to attend this important parish volunteer training session. All are welcome. Readers of the Word of God at Mass (Lectors) will be commissioned at either the 6.00pm Vigil Mass or Sunday Morning Mass.

Wednesday 28th January at 6.30pm to 7.30pm: Journey in Faith begins meeting in Vianney House,

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.

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.

St Thomas More: Newman Circle. Feb 24, 2026: Recent Research into St John Henry Newman – Fr. Peter Conley. All welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Monday 25 to Saturday 30 May 2026. If still interested, please let Fr. Alex know.

PARISH ROTA 10TH & 11TH JANUARY	**6.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**	**9.00am Sunday Mass**
Readers	Tricia Towner	Phil Olley
Stewards	Jean Carver & Cathy Farmer	Mike Sandy & Lynda Yardley
Tea & Coffee	N/A	Louise
PARISH ROTA 17TH & 18TH JANUARY	**6.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**	**9.00am Sunday Mass**
Readers	Tony Cawley	David Smith
Stewards	Stephanie Allen & Tony Cawley	Louise Cawley & Joanne Leeming
Tea & Coffee	N/A	Teresa & Verne