SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vianney House,
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CV5 7GW

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

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29TH MARCH – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Saturday 28th	*5.55pm Meet outside the front entrance to church for Blessing and Procession* 6.00pm **Vigil Mass of Sunday** – Eddie Griffin RIP
	Sunday 29th	9.00am Morning Prayer *9.25am Meet in the school grounds, access via car park for Blessing and Procession* 9.30am **Sunday Mass** - Intention of AT *Tea and Coffee available after Mass (Parish Hall)*
Monday of Holy Week	Monday 30th	No Mass
Tuesday of Holy Week	Tuesday 31st	11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm **Holy Mass** – Intentions of Mary Harty 7.00pm Penance Service at Saint Thomas More Church (CV3 5DE)
Wednesday of Holy Week	Wednesday 1st	8.30am **Holy Mass** – Doreen Daly RIP *11.30am – Chrism Mass at Saint Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham*
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM		
Holy Thursday	Thursday 2nd	7.30pm **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** – Gemma Kiely RIP *Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight (Parish Hall)* 9.30pm Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary 11.45pm Night Prayer
Good Friday	Friday 3rd	10.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 3.00pm **SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION** 6.00pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	Saturday 4th	10.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Saturday 4th	8.00pm **SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL MASS** – People of the Parish
	Sunday 5th	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am **EASTER SUNDAY MASS –** Richard Mooney RIP *(Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communions)*

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 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

OFFERTORY & COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection: 22/03/2026
Gift Aid: £156.00 **Loose:** £282.75 **Tap&Go:** £55.00
Total: £493.75

Second Collection this weekend for Church & Easter Flowers

Collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Places & Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Collection is the traditional Easter offering made to your Parish Priest.

Online Giving:
https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-vianney-coventry
or you can use the **Tap&Go** MyDona Card Machine in the porch.

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support of the parish.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Both schools are part of the
Holy Cross MAC

Website www.hccmac.co.uk

Saint John Vianney Primary School
Mount Nod Way, Coventry, CV5 7GX
Headteacher Mrs. Veronica Gosling
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Website www.sjv.hccmac.co.uk

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For those who are sick and housebound, those in nursing homes and hospital: Terence Cassidy, Steve Ward, Peter Hughes, Sylvia Flynn, Mary Harty, John Hoban, Laura Crowe and Jean Carver.
For those who have died: David Goodall, Gemma Kiely, Madeleine Carter, Anna Maria Thomas, Mary Bell, Fr Joseph Narikuzhi, Chris Tyson, William McMenamin and Sister Terese O'Neil.
Parish April Prayer Intention: For the Easter season. Risen Lord, deepen our trust in the hope of Your Resurrection. Strengthen our faith in times of doubt and fill us with the joy of new life. May we always live as witnesses to Your promise of victory over death. Amen,
Pope Leo's April Prayer Intention: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

THIS WEEKEND: PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to Mass as we celebrate Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week, where we unite the royal splendour of Christ with the proclamation of his Passion. As is customary at the beginning of Palm Sunday Mass, we will partake in a procession to commemorate Christ's messianic entry into Jerusalem. The 6.00pm Vigil Mass will begin outside the front door, and on Sunday morning, weather permitting, we will begin our procession of the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem in the school grounds. Please access the school via the church carpark.

THIS WEEK

Holy Land and Middle East - As we journey through Holy Week, let us unite ourselves with the Church throughout the world, especially with the Church in the Middle East. We keep our brothers and sisters in Christ and the communities of the Holy Land and in neighbouring countries affected by the current war very much in our thoughts and prayers. At this moment, there is some uncertainty as to whether some of the Holy Week rites and the traditional processions will be able to take place at the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. While the streets of the Old City of Jerusalem are quieter than they would be, hope in Christ remains unshaken. It was Pope Clement VI in 1342 who entrusted the holy sites in the Holy Land to the Franciscan order. They have faithfully ministered and preserved these sacred sites as places of prayer and devotion, even in times of war and pandemic. Let us pray for the Franciscans and the communities they serve during this special Franciscan Jubilee Year, which marks 800 years since the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Parish and Diocese - On Wednesday morning, Fr. Alex, together with priests ministering within the Archdiocese, will be attending the annual Chrism Mass at Saint Chad's Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard. Fr. Alex will be praying for the parish and parishioners as he renews the promises he made at ordination. During this special Mass, the Archbishop blesses and consecrates the Holy Oils of Catechumen, the Sick and Chrism for use in the administration of the sacraments in our parishes. The Holy Oils for use at Saint John Vianney will be processed into the Church on Thursday at the beginning of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. At this Mass, Fr. Alex would also like to invite our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to renew their promises after the Eucharistic Doxology (Through Him and with Him…). After Mass at 9.30pm at the Altar of Repose, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary will be prayed for the intention of peace in our world.

Good Friday Walk of Witness – procession will begin from Nickson Road shops at 11.00am, involving the churches of Saint John Vianney, Our Lady of Assumption, Saint Oswald's and Limbrick Wood Baptist Church.

Praying for Vocations - Please continue to pray the diocesan prayer provided below for an increase in 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 NEWS

www.st-john-vianney.org.uk/parish-newsletter

EASTER SUNDAY
On Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection, during the 9.30am Mass, Sashon will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Ryan, Niyla and Francesco, who have been prepared by our parish Catechist Tricia Towner, will be making their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare to take this important step forward in faith.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN CHURCH
This is a polite notice that if your child needs to go to the toilet, they must be accompanied by an adult.

FUNERALS
Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioners who have died recently, especially:
Mary Bell RIP: 6.00pm Reception of Body on Monday 6th April; Funeral Mass on Tuesday 7th April at 12.30pm, followed by Burial at Saint Andrew's Cemetery at 2.00pm.

VIGIL MASS READERS NEEDED
Readers for the Liturgy of the Word are required for 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass. No experience necessary. Training can be provided. Please let Fr. Alex or Deacon Andy know if you can volunteer to read as part of the rota.

REMINDER THAT THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD
The clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am on the last Sunday in March, this Sunday!!!

PARISH ROTA

THIS WEEKEND: Palm Sunday

28th March - 6.00pm Vigil Mass:

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

29th March - 9.30am Sunday Mass:

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

NEXT WEEKEND: Easter Sunday

4th April - 8.00pm Vigil Mass:

Readers: See schedule below.
Stewards: (C Clay & M Flynn)

5th April - 9.30am Sunday Mass:

Readers: See schedule below.
Stewards: (K Connelly & A Whelan) **Tea & Coffee:** (Resumes on 12th April - Maureen).

PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday

HOLY THURSDAY – EVENING MASS 7.30PM **RECEPTION OF OILS** *READER* – R. Delaney *CATECHUMEN* – R. Whitehead *CHRISM* – School Representative *SICK* – S. Allen **LITURGY OF THE WORD** Page 192 *READER 1* (1st Reading & Resp Psalm) – M. Sandy *READER 2* (2nd Reading & Bidding Prayers) – C. Carr	**HYMNS** **OPENING** (238) The glory of the cross we sing. **GLORIA** (Dan Schutte) sheet **WASHING OF THE FEET** **OFFERTORY** (609) In bread we bring you, Lord **POST COMMUNION** (938) Soul of My Saviour **ADORATION** (720) Be still for the presence of the Lord **PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE** (250) Sing my tongue, the song of triumph. **AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE** (656) Tantum Ergo Sacramentum
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 3.00PM *READER 1* (1st Reading & Resp Psalm) – T. Towner *READER 2* (2nd Reading & Intercessions) – M. Sandy *READER 3* (Gospel Passion, Part S) - P. Olley	**HYMNS DURING VENERATION OF THE CROSS** (225) Were you there then they crucified my Lord? (223) At the Cross her station keeping (756) When I survey the wondrous cross (253) Jesus Remember me **POST-COMMUNION HYMN** (938) Soul of my Saviour
EASTER VIGIL MASS 8.00PM **LUCERNARIUM** Page 216 **LITUGY OF THE WORD** From Page 221 *READER 1* (First Reading) Genesis 1:1, 26-31a & (Resp Psalm) Psalm 104 (103) – C. Carr *READER 2* (Third Reading) Exodus 14:15-15:1 & (Resp Psalm) Exodus 15 – M. Sandy *READER 3* (Fifth Reading) Isaiah 55:1-11 & (Resp Psalm) Isaiah 12 – T. Towner *READER 4* (Epistle Reading) Romans 6:3-11 & (Resp Psalm) Psalm 118 (117) – P. Olley *READER 5* (Bidding Prayers) – Deacon Andy **LITANY** Page 238 **BLESSING OF WATER** Page 239 **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES** Page 244	**HYMNS** **GLORIA** (Dan Schutte) sheet **OFFERTORY** (270) Christ is alive with joy we sing **COMMUNION** (644) Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (720) Be still for the presence of the Lord **RECESSIONAL** (287) Thine be the glory
EASTER SUNDAY 9.30AM **LITURGY OF THE WORD** Page 251 *READER 1* (1st Reading & Resp Psalm) – D. Smith *READER 2* (2nd Reading & Bidding Prayers) – A. Whelan **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES** Page 244	**HYMNS** **ENTRANCE** (268) Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord **EASTER SEQUENCE** Sung by Fr. Alex **GLORIA** (Dan Schutte) sheet **OFFERTORY** (287) Thine be the glory **COMMUNION** (663) Sweet Sacrament Divine **RECESSIONAL** (270) Christ is alive with joy we sing

HOLY WEEK A JOURNEY TO GLORY

The Easter Triduum is a single continuous liturgy that invites the faithful to participate in the one saving mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

Holy Thursday begins with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**, where we commemorate the institution of the **Eucharist** and the **priesthood**, symbolised by the washing of the feet (the *mandatum*) as a radical call to humble service. **Good Friday** is a day of profound solemnity and fasting, where the Church focuses on the **Passion of Christ** and the reality of His sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of humanity. **Holy Saturday** is a day of **sacred silence and waiting**, representing Christ's rest in the tomb and His descent to the dead to bring salvation to those who preceded Him.

This stillness is broken by the **Easter Vigil**, the "mother of all holy vigils," which begins in darkness and erupts into light with the **Proclamation of the Resurrection**. Through the lighting of the Paschal candle and the joyful chanting of the *Exsultet*, we celebrate Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death, a triumph that transforms the entire world and promises us eternal life. This then leads us into daylight of Easter Sunday, where we proclaim the Lord has truly risen!

PARISH EVENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

6.00PM MASS, SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026

At the start of Mass, the children will go into the Parish Hall for their own Liturgy of the Word and return to the Church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
This is for children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. Parents with young children or babies please accompany your child.

BEAUSALE AND BEYOND

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL AT 2.00PM
SJV PARISH HALL

Another superb presentation by the Birdman Philip Smith, and Wildlife locally and in Namibia Show, tea, coffee and cake £5.00 donation all proceeds to go to Myton Hospice Warwick. Tickets on sale soon. Only 60 available.

COVENTRY WEST MISSION EVENTS

Saint John Vianney, Our Lady of Assumption, All Souls, St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker

THE PASSION FILM

Monday 30th March at 7.00pm in the MRR at STM.
Please do come and watch as a preparation for the start of Holy Week. The film depicts the last twelve hours in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 31st March at 7.00pm in STM.
During this service, there will be several priests available for Confession, so please do come along. Confession is a celebration of God's mercy. If it has been a while, don't be afraid, the priests will guide you through it all.

LETTER TO THE HEBREWS & THE SAVING WORK OF CHRIST

Saturday 25th April 2.30pm to 4.15pm at All Souls
The Letter to the Hebrews is one of the most complex books of the New Testament, at its heart it has a simple and encouraging message. Fr. Richard Ounsworth OP, Parish Priest of Holy Cross Priory Leicester and lecturer at Blackfriars, Oxford.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

2026 WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 9th May 2026
Principal Celebrant Canon Jonathan Veasey VG
1.30pm Mass in Chapel of Reconciliation
3.00pm Procession to the Priory Grounds
4.00pm Prayer at the site of the Holy House
For more information email: olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL

Friday 24 - Monday 27 July 2026
Takes place at St. Mary's College Oscott, the diocesan seminary. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God.
To find out more: www.webelievefestival.com

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE

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

DIOSESAN JOBS AND VOLUNTEERING

Various Diocesan jobs and work experience available:
www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs

OTHER INFORMATION

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you or a relative is going or in into hospital, please be sure to tell the ward staff you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain.

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