

RIP: Please pray for those who have died recently especially Bill Mooney, Richard Fleming, Angela Champion, Catherine Tittley, Fr. Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan, Jason Foster, Betty Furlong, Maureen Middleton, Elsie Rattigan, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**Let us pray for pray for our sick priests, parishioners, family and friends:** Mary Lynch, Peggy Wilson, Ann Evans, Tina Mulligan, Mrs Staunton, Maura Stone, John Knight, Kevin McNamara, Eugene Gallagher, Brian McGonnigle, Bob Jones, Myles Hastings, Laurence Sullivan, Ann Lennie, Ryan Green, Anne O'Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Kelsie-Sky Cutting, Sheila Cutting, Shirley Woolston, Harrison O'Leary, George Lawlor, Alan Barry, Cathy Wanczycki, Nora Heavey, Marion Morris, Ann Bullock, Jenny Forbes Smith, Eileen Jackson, Mary Maloney, Sylvia Barrow, Philomena Alonge, David Nesbitt, Tony Carey, Paul Evans, Diane McGee, Paul DaPonte, Catherine & John Shorney, Cynthia Goddard, Paul Wooding, Brian Hassett, Sheila Williamson, Sheila Lewis, Rebecca Power, Archie & Sean Kelly, Ruth Chandler, Eva Barratt, Grace Harrison, Mary Harty, Sharon Coleman, Kath O'Sullivan, Jane O'Connell, Mary Morris, Joanne McKinnon, Honora Walsh, Sue Kenney, Valarie Craig, Diane Taylor, Gerard Lawless, Michelle Stokes, Frances Ford, Fr. Petroc Howell, Kay Holland, Brian Chandler, Sheila Brown, Suzanne Martin, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Roy Haslam, Cathy Cox, Margaret Goodall, Margaret Ames, Baz Nugent, Charlotte Warnock, baby Theo Glover, Maureen Renstead, Cynthia Anson, James Maher and James Normoyle.

### WEEKLY DIARY

**SUNDAY:** Tea and Coffee after 10.30 Mass come and meet fellow parishioners

**SUNDAY:** Evening Prayer and Benediction 6pm (**First Sunday of the month**)

**MONDAY:** Parish Youth Group 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**TUESDAY:** Craft & Chat 1.30pm - 3.30pm (**First Tuesday of the month**)

**TUESDAY:** Come and See Meeting - 7.45pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Extend exercise group at 9.30am

**WEDNESDAY:** SJV Tots 1.00pm - 3.00pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Choir Rehearsal 6.45pm - 8.00pm Contact: [gillcostello4@gmail.com](mailto:gillcostello4@gmail.com)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

3<sup>rd</sup> December Advent Wreaths after Mass, 3<sup>rd</sup> December Blessing of the Crib 4pm, 16<sup>th</sup> December Night of Light, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 First Holy Communion, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Deanery Vocations Mass, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Sacrament of Confirmation with Abp. Bernard Longley

### PARISH FINANCE

**COLLECTIONS:** Thank you for your offerings for 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Gift Aid: £199.50

Loose Plate: £280.63

Total **£480.13**

**CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE:** Thank you very much for your support of the second collection last weekend which realised £195.91

**Acceptance of old £1 coins:** Please note that our banking arrangements mean we can no longer deposit old £1 coins.

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## St. John Vianney Parish Coventry

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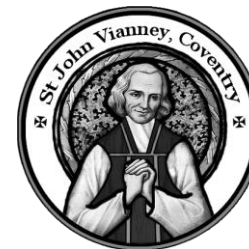
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### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2017

#### Liturgy this Week

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vigil Mass: 6.00pm	6pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	John Ward (Margaret & Family)
	Confessions: 7.00pm		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mass 10.30am		Betty Furlong (Littlewood Family)

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Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	ADVENT FERIA		Paddy Ward (Bell)
	Mass 6.00pm		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	FEAST OF ST BIRINUS		Paddy Mills (Jackson)
	Mass 9.00am		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	ADVENT FERIA		
	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	MEMORIAL OF ST AMBROSE		Kitty Neville
	Mass 7.00am	Rorate Mass by candlelight	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		Funeral Mass: Richard Fleming
	Mass 12.30pm		
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	ADVENT FERIA		Des Flynn (Farmer)
	Mass 10.00am		

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass: 6.00pm	3pm Sacrament of the anointing of the sick	John Paul Brogan (Brogan Family)
	Confessions: 7.00pm		
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mass 10.30am		Joseph O'Sullivan (Clifford)

Welcome to Mass this weekend as we begin together the Season of Advent and the new Church year. These days are given to us to prepare for the Lord's coming as well as our spiritual preparation for the commemoration of His birth at Christmas. We ask the Lord to give us the grace to enter into these days through a spiritual renewal in our lives and living the Gospel in our daily lives.

**WALK WITH ME:** If you didn't get a copy of the Advent booklet last weekend, please take one today.

**ADVENT WREATHS:** Our traditional family Advent Wreath activity takes place **after 10.30am Mass today.**

**BLESSING OF THE CRIB:** Today at **4pm.** in the **Upper Precinct outside the library.** The priests of the deanery and children from our Catholic schools will be leading the prayers and the singing. Please do come and join in this fine witness of faith.

**ADVENT VESPERS AND BENEDICTION:** This **evening at 6pm.** Please join us for this short time of evening prayer and to receive Our Lord's blessing in Benediction.

### OTHER PARISH NEWS

**SVJ TOTS:** Families with tots in our parish are most welcome to come along to the Parish Hall on **Wednesday afternoons from 1pm - 3pm.**

**ZOO CLUB:** Would you like a number? Please speak to Jack and crew in the narthex. This club is a great support to the parish.

**PIETY STALL:** We are now ready for Christmas with plenty of cards and other items of prayer and devotion. Get your cards whilst stocks last!!!

**CHOIR AND MUSIC:** Advent and Christmas are just around the corner and there is much to be done to in preparation for the liturgy during these important seasons. Please do consider joining our choir or offering your services as a musician to enhance our liturgy. Rehearsals are held on **Wednesday evening at 6.45pm-8pm.** Please come and join us in the loft on Sunday for the 10.30 Mass.

### THINKING OF OTHERS

**COVENTRY NIGHT SHELTER:** During the winter months a night shelter is run in various venues across our city for those who have nowhere to sleep. Our help and support is needed. If you are willing to help you will find more information on the Facebook page: Coventry Winter Night Shelter. St. Osburg's Hall is used on one evening of the week.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:** Please accept a copy of the CAFOD brochure which enables you to buy a gift for those who are in great need in our world. This is a wonderful way of supporting CAFOD at this time.

**COUNCIL TAX FOR CLUSTER BOMBS:** Please see the poster and information sheets from Coventry Justice and Peace Group concerning the use of finances to support the development of cluster bomb. Information concerning the right to reply and how to oppose such actions is available. People are asked to write by email, to specific individuals with responsibility for the decision-making at WMPF before the next Fund

committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December. <http://coventrycityofpeace.uk/wmpf-and-cluster-bombs/>

### LIVING ADVENT

In the weeks ahead there are plenty of opportunities to enter into this great Season of Advent. Please take one of the sheets with all the details of our special events. Please note the following.

**RORATE MASSES:** This coming Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December **There will be special Masses celebrated at 7am in church by candlelight.** This goes back to an ancient tradition of offering Mass before dawn in candlelight during Advent in honour of Our Lady. They are called "*Rorate Masses*" as they come from the Latin words of the antiphon for these Masses, "Drop down ye heavens from above and let the skies rain down righteousness." ***We would love to encourage those on their way to work to come to these Mass which will end by 7.25am. Sausage baps and tea and coffee will be served directly afterwards!***

**BLESSING OF FAMILY CRIBS:** This year will take place on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring your crib to Mass on this weekend asking the Lord's blessing on our families and remembering that our homes are holy places.

**NIGHT OF LIGHT:** As part of our Advent programme on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** from 7pm-8.30pm the church will be open and there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with an opportunity to ***invite people to come to the church and light a candle in preparation for Christmas. A simple invitation and an act of welcome could make a huge difference to somebody.***

**PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm. Please keep this date free to receive the healing and forgiveness of the Lord.

**LITURGY OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Next Sunday afternoon at 3pm in church for all those who experience sickness and frailty to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** On Christmas Eve our Vigil Mass for Christmas is at 6pm, 11.30pm Readings and Carols and Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day Family Mass at 10.30am. *Please note that there is still an obligation for Sunday Mass on the weekend of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and the morning of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December.*

**AND FINALLY:** A huge thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Bazar last weekend. Firstly, it was a great social event for our parish community bringing so many people together. Secondly, **we raised £4362.77!** Almost £1400 more than last year! This will be very useful in support of our on-going running costs as well as our church restoration scheme. A special word of thank to Teresa McNamara for co-ordinating the event, to our school community and to all who were very generous in giving their time to run stalls and events. Thank you to everybody who donated goods for the stalls and everybody who came and made it such an enjoyable time.