

RIP: Please pray for those who have died recently especially Brenda McSweeney, Baby Caleb, James Lloyd Cameron, Sylvia Barrow, Mary Thomas, Peter Shaughnessy, Richard Fleming, Alison Jackson, Bill Mooney, 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, 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 (**Returns 15th January**)
TUESDAY: Craft & Chat 1.30pm - 3.30pm (**First Tuesday of the month**)
TUESDAY: Come and See Meeting - 7.45pm (**Returns 16th January**)
WEDNESDAY: Extend exercise group at 9.30am
WEDNESDAY: SJV Tots 1.00pm - 3.00pm (**Returns 10th January**)
WEDNESDAY: Choir Rehearsal 6.45pm - 8.00pm Contact: gillcostello4@gmail.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

20th May 2018 First Holy Communion, 24th May 2018 Deanery Vocations Mass, 24th June 2018 Sacrament of Confirmation with Abp. Bernard Longley

PARISH FINANCE

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for your offerings for 17th December 2017.
 Gift Aid: £240.30 Loose Plate: £301.34 **Total £541.64**

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)			
SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 2017			
Liturgy this Week			
Saturday 23rd	Vigil Mass: 6.00pm	Confessions 5.15pm-5.50pm	James Dunne (Angela)
	Confessions: 7.00pm		
Sunday 24th	Mass 10.30am	Confessions after Mass until 12 Noon	People of the Parish
SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD			
CHRISTMAS EVE			
6.00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas			Watson & Greene Families / Tina Carey
11.30pm Carols and Readings, blessing of the Crib and Midnight Mass			Byrne & McKenna Families
CHRISTMAS DAY			
10.30am Family Mass			Mgr. Tom Gavin (8 th Anniversary)
FEAST OF ST STEPHEN – BOXING DAY			
Boxing Day	Mass 10.30am		Rose Thompson and Helen Porter and Rose Williams
FEAST OF ST JOHN THE APOSTLE			
Wednesday 27th		<i>No Mass today</i>	
FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS			
Thursday 28th	Mass 10.00am		Bernadette & Seamus Whelan
FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKETT			
Friday 29th	Mass 10.00am		Special Intention
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (B)			
Saturday 30th	Vigil Mass: 6.00pm		Patrick Doyle (Angela)
Sunday 31st	Mass 10.30am		People of the Parish

FR. JONATHAN'S MESSAGE: May I offer a special word of welcome to everybody who is visiting St. John Vianney this weekend, and all those of you who have returned home for Christmas.

I am looking forward to welcoming you and your family members to our celebration of Christmas Mass. As you can see we have three Masses for Christmas Day. **The Vigil Mass at 6pm** on Christmas Eve is always very popular with our families as is the **10.30am Mass on Christmas morning.**

I would like to encourage parishioners to **come** to our **Midnight Mass** which begins at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. This is a unique occasion in the year to witness to our faith in the darkness of Christmas Night. Coming to Midnight Mass seems to have gone out of fashion for many people - a real shame. Everybody who comes always leaves uplifted and renewed in the joy of Christ's birth. It looks like it will be quite a mild night as well and not too cold to come out!

With every kind wish as we prepare for the Nativity of the Lord,
Fr. Jonathan

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: There are lists in the porch which you are invited to sign to assist at the Masses over Christmas. If you see any gaps, please offer your help today please.

CELEBRATION AFTER MIDNIGHT MASS: Our tradition here is to have a little celebration after Midnight Mass. If you have a small plate of nibbles to share please bring them along.

POINSETTIAS: Thank you to everybody who has brought a poinsettia plant to church to place around the crib in memory of a loved one. This is a special SJV tradition and serves as a reminder of our close connection with our brothers and sister who now rest in the Lord.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Thank you for giving to the second collection today for the cost of our Christmas flowers and other decorations for the Feast of Christmas. Thank you to our flower arrangers who do such a splendid job of bringing beauty to our celebration of the Christmas feasts. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU: To all those who came to help decorate the church on Thursday evening and put up the crib. As you can see your work is gratefully appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CARD: Please accept a Christmas card from Fr. Jonathan with all the times of the Masses and ceremonies in our parish over the forthcoming Christmas period.

OFFERINGS AT THE CRIB: As in past years the offerings that are left at the crib will be given to the LIFE charity based in Leamington Spa which does such good work in supporting the protection of human life and working with women and families facing very vulnerable pregnancies. Thank you for your offerings.

CHRISTMAS GREETING TREE: This year why not send your Christmas greetings to friends and Parishioners **AND** raise money for **MARY'S MEALS**. Write your special Christmas message for family and friends and decorate our giving tree? Thank you for your kindness, our efforts keep these children alive.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: The offerings at the Christmas Masses are the traditional gift to Fr. Jonathan our Parish Priest.

COVENTRY NIGHT SHELTER: Now open once again for a fifth year; St Osburg's is hosting the night shelter on Wednesday evenings/Thursday breakfast. For more information visit <http://hopecoventry.org.uk/projects/coventry-winter-night-shelter/>

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.

RED BOXES: Please would you kindly bring your red APF mission box to Mass next weekend so that it may be emptied and money sent to the APF before the end of the year.

JAMES LLOYD CAMERON RIP: Funeral Mass at St. John Vianney on Wednesday 3rd January 2018. May he rest in peace.

POLITE REMINDER: Thank you so much for all those who bought items/cards from the piety table in the narthex, if you weren't able to pay at the time could you please put your money in the tin, we would like to ensure all monies are banked by 31st December which is our financial year end. Thank you for your support.

ELECTRIC RISER RECLINER CHAIR NO LONGER NEEDED: If you or someone you know could benefit from a chair like this please contact Stephanie Allen 07902 220932 for more details.

HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION: The government in their manifesto promises had indicated that would remove the 50% cap on Catholic education allowing the Catholic Church to open new Catholic schools and safeguard the future of Catholic Education. The government, under pressure from the secular society, are considering ditching this pledge. It is therefore extremely important that we lobby the government to keep their promises. If you click the link below it will take you 30 seconds to fill in a form which sends a letter to the secretary of state and your local MP. Please forward this link to anyone who can help with this important matter. <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/item/1003640-safeguard-the-future-of-catholic-education>

Thank you to all those who have written. Just to let you know at this stage Fr. Jonathan has had no reply from the Secretary of State of Mr. Geoffrey Robinson our local MP to this matter. Could I urge you all over the Christmas period to respond to this request. Many thanks Fr. J

**A VERY HOLY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO
ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS**