

Churches in Our Deanery (22)

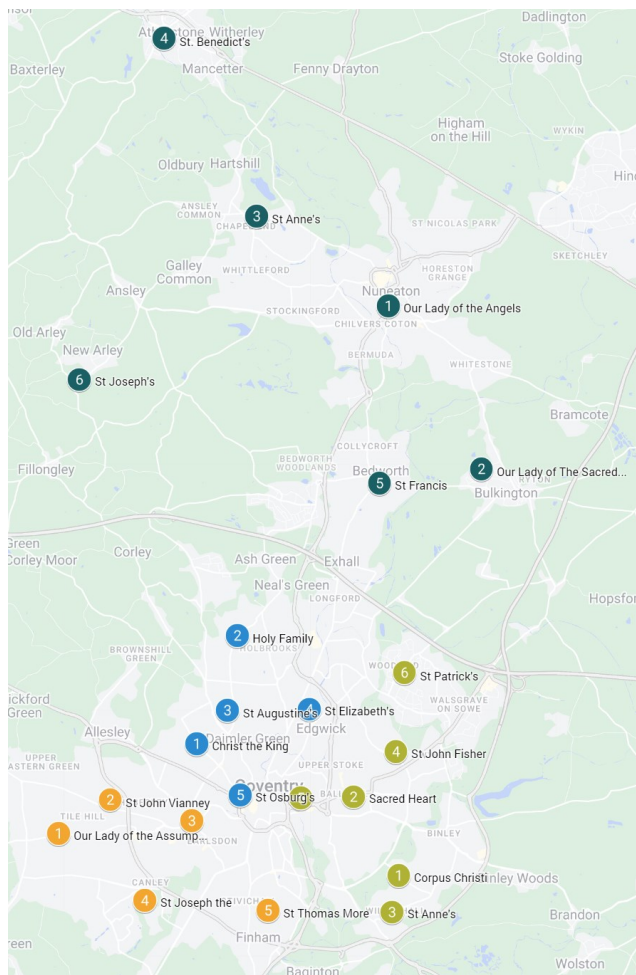
The map below shows the churches by proposed Mission:

Nuneaton Mission: Our Lady of the Angels (1), Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (2), St Anne (3), St Benedict (4), St Francis of Assisi (5), St Joseph's (6).

Coventry North Mission: Christ the King (1), Holy Family (2), St Augustine's (3), St Elizabeths (4), St Osburg's (5).

Coventry West Mission: All Souls (1), Our Lady of the Assumption (2), St John Vianney (3), St Joseph the Worker(4), St Thomas More (5).

Coventry East Mission: Corpus Christi (1), Sacred Heart (2), St Anne's (3), St John Fisher (4), St Mary & St Benedict (5), St Patrick's (6).



About this leaflet

Dear Parishioners

We hope this leaflet will help us as we begin the process of responding to the Archbishop's invitation to plan for the future of our Deanery. We would like to plan this alongside Pope Francis' invitation to work more collaboratively and as a Synodal Church. The leaflet gives us some facts and figures and allows us to see some of the changes that will need to be made to enable us to continue as a vibrant and missionary Catholic Community in Coventry and Nuneaton. This will mean inevitable changes and will encourage us to work more closely with our neighbouring parishes and schools. We will have some open meetings for all parishioners and look at forming Parish and Deanery Councils to encourage more people to be actively involved in various areas of responsibility in the Church. We will look at supporting each other in all areas of parish and school activity and looking to share skills and talents across parish and school communities. Above all, we value your thoughts and will look to have many opportunities to meet and to receive comments and suggestions, so that as many people as possible can feel part of the decisions that are needed moving forward. There will be a Deanery Newsletter and different ways of contacting us and giving feedback. These are detailed in the leaflet. Please pray that we will make wise decisions guided by the Holy Spirit as we journey forward together.

Monsignor Tom Farrell, Dean of Coventry and Nuneaton.

Proposed timetable

1. Archbishop's Letter - March 2024.
2. Open Meetings for Priests and Laity in local Missions - September 2024,
3. Guidelines issued for Parish and Deanery Councils - January 2025.
4. Formation of Parish Councils - June 2025.
5. Formation of Deanery Pastoral Council - October 2025.
6. Open Meeting for Deanery parishioners - Advent 2025.
7. Open Letter / Pastoral Letter to be read at all masses - May 2026.

More information

1. Your Parish newsletter and website.
2. Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery website: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk.
3. Deanery wide eNewsletter. Please sign up on Deanery website to receive information and keep up to date.

Contact Details

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Forward Planning in the Coventry & Nuneaton Catholic Deanery



*Our Lady of Coventry statue
located in Priory Gardens
near Coventry Cathedral*

*This leaflet shares information to help
us plan our future. We would like you
to be involved in the decisions.*

Deanery Forward Planning

Dear Parishioners,

In March 2024 Archbishop Bernard Longley wrote to us about planning for the future and asked each Deanery to look at some of the changes that would be necessary in the light of the reduction of clergy over the next 5 to 10 years. As well as presenting challenges, this also presents opportunities, allowing parishes to work more closely together and to involve more people in the leadership and organisation of our parishes. He has also invited each parish to form a Pastoral / Parish Council and for this to then relate to a Deanery Council to help plan our future together. We realise that some parishes already have established Parish Councils, the Diocese will be issuing some suggested guidelines, as well as guidelines for the Deanery Council.

We have set a timetable to ensure that parishes work towards a common goal to allow us to plan the future together at an agreed pace.

As a first step, we have looked at grouping parishes together and have suggested the following groupings:

1. Nuneaton Mission – Our Lady of the Angel’s (Nuneaton), Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Bulkington), St Anne’s (Nuneaton), St Benedict’s (Atherstone), St Francis (Bedworth), Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Bulkington), St Joseph’s (Arley).
2. Coventry North Mission - Christ the King, Holy Family, St Augustine’s, St Elizabeth’s, St Osburg’s.
3. Coventry West Mission – All Souls, Our Lady of the Assumption, St John Vianney, St Joseph’s, St Thomas More.
4. Coventry East Mission – Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, St Anne’s, St John Fisher, St Mary & St Benedict, St Patrick’s.

Forward Planning Continued

There are also Chaplaincies for Warwick and Coventry Universities and the UHCW Hospital Trust and George Eliot Hospital. NHS Trust. The four secondary schools of Bishop Ullathorne (Coventry West), Cardinal Wiseman (Coventry East), Cardinal Newman (Coventry North) and St Thomas More (Nuneaton) require Chaplaincy help and most parishes in the Deanery have a primary school and in some parishes there are two schools. There are a total of twenty two primary schools. We would hope that the various groupings or missions of parishes could co-ordinate mass times, look at joint provision for Youth Ministry, Sacramental preparation and work together on some of the practical aspects of parish administration, finance and property. The missions would also relate to the schools in the Deanery and relate closely to the multi-academy companies responsible for the schools in the Deanery.

Facts & Figures

Some facts about the Deanery maybe helpful:

- Age of Priests – At present the average age is 55 years. There are 21 priests. There are 4 retired Priests.
- There are 6 communities of Religious Sisters.
- Looking at other deanery plans around the Diocese, a 10-year prediction would say that there would be between 10 and 12 priests available to serve this area by 2033. An approximate 50% reduction.
- Number of Masses - There are 34 masses between Saturday evening and Sunday in the Coventry side of the Deanery. There are 11 in the Nuneaton / Bedworth / Atherstone area of the Deanery. 45 Masses in total.
- All Souls Parish is also the home of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.
- There are also masses at the Polish and the Ukrainian churches in Coventry.

Weekend Mass Times

	Mission / Church	Area	Saturday	Sunday	
Nuneaton Mission	Our Lady of the Angels	Nuneaton	6pm	9.15am	11am
	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Bulkington		9.30am	
	St Anne	Nuneaton	5pm	10.30am	
	St Benedict	Atherstone	4pm	9.30am	
	St Francis of Assisi	Bedworth	4pm	11.30am	
	St Joseph	New Arley		8.30am	
Coventry North Mission	Christ the King	Coventry	6pm	9am	12noon
	Holy Family	Coventry	5pm	10am	
	St Augustine’s	Coventry		10.30am	
	St Elizabeths	Coventry		9.15am	11.15am
	St Osburg’s	Coventry	5.30pm	11.30am	6pm
	UHCW	Coventry		3pm	
Coventry West Mission	All Souls	Coventry		9.30am	11.15am
	Our Lady of the Assumption	Coventry	4.30pm	11am	
	St John Vianney	Coventry	6pm	9.30am	
	St Joseph the Worker	Coventry		10.45am	
	St Thomas More	Coventry	5pm	9am	
	Warwick University	Coventry		12.30pm	
Coventry East Mission	Corpus Christi	Coventry	5pm	11am	
	Sacred Heart	Coventry	5pm	10.30am	
	St Anne’s	Coventry		9am	
	St John Fisher	Coventry	6.30pm	9.30am	11.30am
	St Mary & St Benedict	Coventry		9.30am	11.30am
	St Patrick’s	Coventry	5pm	10.30am	

45 Masses in total

Weekend Attendance / Church Capacity

	Mission / Church	Area	Total Mass Attendance	Church Capacity	Attendance per Mass	As % Church Capacity
Nuneaton Mission	Our Lady of the Angels	Nuneaton	533	400	178	44%
	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Bulkington	118	150	118	79%
	St Anne	Nuneaton	103	150	52	34%
	St Benedict	Atherstone	56	100	28	28%
	St Francis of Assisi	Bedworth	280	250	140	56%
	St Joseph	New Arley	30	50	30	60%
Coventry North Mission	Christ the King	Coventry	980	450	327	73%
	Holy Family	Coventry	410	650	205	32%
	St Augustine’s	Coventry	198	250	198	79%
	St Elizabeths	Coventry	374	400	187	47%
	St Osburg’s	Coventry	285	350	95	27%
Coventry West Mission	All Souls	Coventry	265	250	133	53%
	Our Lady of the Assumption	Coventry	190	160	95	59%
	St John Vianney	Coventry	169	180	85	47%
	St Joseph the Worker	Coventry	130	150	130	87%
	St Thomas More	Coventry	350	400	175	44%
Coventry East Mission	Corpus Christi	Coventry	235	200	118	59%
	Sacred Heart	Coventry	382	400	191	48%
	St Anne’s	Coventry	115	150	115	77%
	St John Fisher	Coventry	798	300	266	89%
	St Mary & St Benedict	Coventry	305	400	153	38%
	St Patrick’s	Coventry	300	600	150	25%