

The Catholic Parishes of
ST JOHN VIANNEY
 and **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**
 Coventry

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to Mass today. We extend a special welcome if you are joining us for the first time.

ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1 BISHOPTON CLOSE, COVENTRY CV5 7GW

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
 650 TILE HILL LANE NORTH, COVENTRY CV4 9TA

Served by and Contact Details:

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 [24 HOURS]

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CELEBRATIONS of the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Reconciliation - PLEASE CONTACT FR DES.

PARISH SECRETARIES

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISHES

ST JOHN VIANNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
 02476 464088 Headteacher: Mrs Veronica Gosling
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRIMARY SCHOOL
 02476 466655 Headteacher: Mrs Rachel Askew
BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 02476 414515 Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Boyle


WEBSITES:

SJV - www.st-john-vianney.org.uk
 OLA - www.ola-cov.org.uk
 ARCHDIOCESE - www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
 COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE - www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE - SJV and OLA

Tricia Towner – sg.stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk

BAPTISM dates at SJV and OLA Churches
SJV Sunday 11th May - **OLA** Sunday 18th May
SJV Sunday 8th June - **OLA** Sunday 15th June
SJV Sunday 13th July - **OLA** Sunday 20th July
SJV Sunday 14th September - **OLA** Sunday 21st September
SJV 12th October - **OLA** Sunday 19th October
SJV Sunday 9th November - **OLA** Sunday 16th November

 **24/7 LIVE**
 STREAMING IN BOTH
 CHURCHES - Please see
 notices in Churches.

These Parishes are part of the
 Archdiocese of Birmingham
 (Registered Charity Number 234216).

**Have an Excellent Week – Filled with Faith + Joy,
 Love + Peace. Do Take Great Care.**
Fr Des. 22/03/2025 23.45PM

22nd/23rd March 2025

THIRD SUNDAY in the Season of LENT

(YEAR C) (Mass Book p 160)

FEAST

<u>MASSES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>INTENTIONS</u>	
SATURDAY 22ND	OLA 4.30PM	Gilda O'Halloran RIP / Kate Cunningham RIP	
		Intentions Ethel Ryan	
	SJV 6.00PM	Eddie Griffin RIP / Catherine Devenney RIP	
SUNDAY 23RD	SJV 9.30AM	Professor Tom Donnelly RIP / Professor David Morris RIP	
		Kathleen Doyle RIP	
	OLA 11.00AM	Anna Heffernan RIP / Special Intention (GM)	
	SJV 6.00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION	
Monday 24TH		NO MASS	
Tuesday 25th	SJV 9.00AM	Anna Teresa Brown RIP / Margaret and Jack Ames RIP	Annunciation of the Lord
Wednesday 26th	OLA 9.00AM	Intentions Nora Griffin / Anna Heffernan RIP	
Thursday 27th	OLA 12.00PM	John Diver RIP / Intentions Kathleen Paton	
	OLA 6.00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
	SJV 7.00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Friday 28th	SJV 9.00AM	Deacon Pat Flanagan RIP / Kevin Shakespeare RIP	
		Reception and Year 6	
SATURDAY 29TH	OLA 4.30PM	Muriel Williams RIP / People of the Parish (OLA)	
	SJV 6.00PM	Special Intention (TM) / People of the Parish (SJV)	
		Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 30TH	SJV 9.30AM	Kevin Shakespeare RIP / Special Intention (GM)	
(Mother's Day)	OLA 11.00AM	Ellen Wynne RIP / Intentions Catherine Collins	
		Special Intention (SC) Cornelius Collins RIP	
	OLA 6.00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION	

MARCH 2025 CANDLES – YOUR INTENTIONS

[Donations £5.00 - Thank you!]

The Altar Sanctuary Lamp:

SJV OLA

Our Lady's Shrine:

SJV OLA

Sacred Heart Shrine:

SJV OLA

Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently, especially Margaret Owen, Mary Barton, Ilsa Burmell, Kevin Shakespeare and all those who have died because of violence, terrorism, and tragedy and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ETERNAL PEACE AND HAPPINESS, GRANT TO THEM, O LORD. We remember in prayer Families and Friends who miss the presence of someone they love. May they be reassured always of the Lord's Love.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS for 15th / 16th March

SJV GIFT AID [Envelopes] [20] £106.80
LOOSE £289.50 **TOTAL £396.30**

OLA GIFT AID [Envelopes] [15] £141.01
LOOSE £248.69 **TOTAL £389.70**

2ND Collection for Lent Fast (CAFOD)

SJV **TOTAL £400.61**

OLA **TOTAL £287.93**

Thank you for your continued financial support for both of our parishes.

2nd Collections for March

23rd March – Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham.

ST JOHN VIANNEY

Sunday Tea/ 23rd – Kath Kennedy

Coffee Rota: 30th – Volunteers Needed!

6th April – Louise

13th April - Maureen

Craft + Chat: 1st Tuesday of the Month
1.30pm-3.30pm Parish Hall.

Over 60's Exercise: Wednesdays 10.00am-11.00am.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Children's Liturgy: 11.00am Mass.

Sunday Tea/Coffee: After Mass - Joan Clarke room.

Craft/Computer Club: Wednesday 10.00am-12.30pm.

Divine Mercy Novena: Thursdays at 11am.

Lunch Club: Thursdays after 12noon Mass.

Church Cleaning: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month. Volunteers needed!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ALL NIGHT ADORATION AT CHRIST THE KING: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the **1st Friday of each month** from **7.30pm – 7.00am** Saturday morning for silent prayer (access via the carpark side door). Confessions available 7.30pm - 9pm.

LGBTQ+ MEETINGS: Members of the LGBTQ+, their friends and family meet on the **3rd Sunday of the month** at Diamond House, 13 Stoney Road Age 18+. For more information, please contact Deacon Leo on 024 7641 9731 or dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk.

SOUP KITCHEN: Jubilee Hope Project - Offering hot soup and a roll to those in need. Meet at St Osburg's Hall **every Tuesday from 12noon to 2.00pm**. Contact CTK office if interested in volunteering.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP MEETINGS: St Osburg's, **7pm to 9pm**. Next meeting **8th April**. To find out more please email Fr Benedict fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk.

CHARIS: Corpus Christi Church every **4th Friday** of the month **6.00pm-8.00pm**.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE: Saturday 3rd May, at 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Register by 13th April.

LENT READING AND REFLECTION GROUP: This week at St Thomas Mores. On **Thursday evenings throughout Lent at 7.00pm**.

ROSARY PRAYERS: Every Friday in Lent at 1.40pm at 'Our Lady of Coventry' statue, Priory Gardens, by Holy Trinity Church. Duration 30 minutes. All welcome.

WeBelieve FESTIVAL: This summer, St Mary's College, Oscott is hosting WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope from **25th-28th July** for what promises to be a wonderful experience. WeBelieve has been designed with parishes and families in mind, as an opportunity to receive inspiring faith formation together, to bond as a community and to celebrate the Jubilee in a tangible way. The festival programme brings together a great line-up of contributors, including Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, The Southwell Consort, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to join for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or come for a day at £40. You can find all ticket options, the festival programme and online promotional material at www.webeliefefestival.com. If you would like to know more about this, or if you would be interested in bringing a group, email info@webeliefefestival.com.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the **National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham** to support the **Jubilee Year 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope'**.

Christians have always made pilgrimages to holy places to seek an encounter with the face of Christ, to deepen their faith, and to embrace into their own lives the merciful reconciliation which Jesus offers each of us as pilgrims. In Jubilee Years, many of us will recall the opportunity to pass through a Holy Door, in Rome, or in the local Cathedral, and in more recent times in Walsingham too. Pilgrimage is an important part of a Jubilee Year. Holy doors remind us of Jesus' words in the Gospel, **'I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.'**

Individuals, families and parishes are encouraged to make a special pilgrimage to Walsingham in the footsteps of kings, saints, and holy people of times gone by, to deepen your faith and reliance on our Lord Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU: LENTEN OUTREACH SJV SLIDE SHOW: Last Saturday, 65 people enjoyed a wonderful slide show presentation by Philip Smith, on his birds and wildlife experiences. It was a fabulous afternoon and many thanks to all those parishioners and friends for their incredible support and kind donations, including all those who gave their time and provided an abundance of delicious cakes. With ticket sales and donations raising £445.00 and the fantastic raffle raising £175.00, we will be able to present Philip with a cheque, in aid of Myton Hospices, for **£620.00**.

SJV SVP SOUP / BINGO: Join us on **Friday 4th April at 12noon** for soup, bread and a game or two of bingo. £5.00 for two games. Sign up sheet at back of Church.

SJV GIFT AID: If anyone wishes their Offertory contribution to be Gift Aided, please be good enough to take a **Gift Aid Declaration Form** from the back of Church, complete it and place in the office box by the Church entrance. Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Representative at both Churches is Tricia Towner (see front of Newsletter) or contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.