

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

**NEWSLETTER**

**WELCOME to Mass today. We extend a special welcome to anybody 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:**

**OUR PRIEST:** Fr Desmond Devenney 02476 466332  
 [24 HOURS]

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**OUR DEACON:** Rev Mr Andy Lansberry 07769 293022  
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**CELEBRATIONS** of the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Reconciliation - PLEASE CONTACT FR DES.

**BAPTISM dates at both SJV and OLA Churches**

**SJV** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March - **OLA** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
**SJV** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May - **OLA** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
**SJV** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - **OLA** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
**SJV** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July - **OLA** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
**SJV** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September - **OLA** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
**SJV** 12<sup>th</sup> October - **OLA** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
**SJV** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November - **OLA** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

**PARISH SECRETARIES**

**SJV** Louise Cawley 02476 466332  
 E-mail [stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk)  
 Office Hours: This week Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-12.30pm and Thursday 9.00am - 4.00pm.

**OLA** Michelle Harris 02476 466834  
 E-mail [olassumption.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olassumption.covty@rcaob.org.uk)  
 Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm.


**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](http://www.st-john-vianney.org.uk)  
 OLA - [www.ola-cov.org.uk](http://www.ola-cov.org.uk)  
 ARCHDIOCESE - [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)  
 COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE - [www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE - SJV and OLA**  
 Tricia Towner – [sg.stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk)

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

This Parish is 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. 08/03/2025 23.45PM**

**9th March 2025**

**FIRST SUNDAY of the season of LENT**

**(YEAR C) (Mass Book p 153)**

**FEAST**

Today's Responsorial Psalm – "Be with me, O Lord, in my distress."

**MASSES**

**TIMES**

**INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>** **OLA 4.30PM** Deacon Pat Flanagan RIP / Paul Brookes RIP/Intentions Kathleen Paton  
**SJV 6.00PM** Year 3 and 4 / Bob Costello RIP

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>** **SJV 9.30AM** Fr Frank Johnson RIP / People of the Parish (SJV)  
**OLA 11.00AM** Brooklyn Dunn RIP / People of the Parish (OLA)  
**SJV 6.00PM** STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION

**Monday 10<sup>TH</sup>** **NO MASS**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** **SJV 9.00AM** Thanksgiving (MB)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** **OLA 9.00AM** Intentions Sarah Vaughan

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** **OLA 12.00PM** Kieran Madden RIP  
**OLA 6.00PM** STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
**SJV 7.00PM** STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** **SJV 9.00AM** Intentions Debbie Furlong and Family

*12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
 the Election of  
 Pope Francis  
 CAFOD Lent Fast  
 Day*

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>** **OLA 4.30PM** Sean Galvin RIP / Larry Kelly RIP  
**SJV 6.00PM** Year 6 Confirmation Preparation and Promises  
 Thanksgiving (MB) / People of the Parish (SJV)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 16<sup>TH</sup>** **SJV 9.30AM** Colin Bunn RIP / Sue Broughton RIP  
**OLA 11.00AM** Intentions Chey Okpala / People of the Parish (OLA)  
**OLA 6.00PM** STATIONS OF THE CROSS / BENEDICTION

**Dementia Prayer Week – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

## MARCH 2025 CANDLES – YOUR INTENTIONS

[Donations £5.00 - Thank you!]

### The Altar Sanctuary Lamp:

SJV OLA - Paul Brookes RIP

### Our Lady's Shrine:

SJV OLA

### Sacred Heart Shrine:

SJV OLA

Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently, especially Kevin Shakespeare, Mark Bridger, Johnnie Devlin, Bob Costello, Deacon Pat Flanagan 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 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> March

<u>SJV</u>	GIFT AID [Envelopes] [19]	£221.00	
	LOOSE	£262.35	<b>TOTAL £483.35</b>

<u>OLA</u>	GIFT AID [Envelopes] [18]	£182.01	
	LOOSE	£198.73	<b>TOTAL £380.74</b>

### Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance

<u>SJV</u>	GIFT AID	£52.33	
	LOOSE	£128.25	<b>TOTAL £180.58</b>

<u>OLA</u>	LOOSE	£246.96	<b>TOTAL £246.96</b>
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Thank you for your continued support for both our parishes.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections for March

16<sup>th</sup> March - Lent Fast (CAFOD) – Please take a CAFOD envelope.

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

### ST JOHN VIANNEY

Sunday Tea/ 9<sup>th</sup> March - Maureen  
Coffee Rota: 16<sup>th</sup> March – Teresa & Verne  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Kath Kennedy  
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: NONE THIS WEEK.  
Divine Mercy Novena: Thursdays at 11am.  
Lunch Club: NONE THIS WEEK.  
Church Cleaning: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month. **Volunteers needed!**

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

**LGBTQ+ MEETINGS:** Members of the LGBTQ+, their friends and family meet on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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**. Looking for volunteers to help. Contact CTK office if interested.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP MEETINGS:** St Osburg's, **7pm to 9pm**. Next meeting **11<sup>th</sup> March**. To find out more please email Fr Benedict [fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk).

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

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

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

**COVENTRY COMHALTAS ST PATRICK'S CEILI: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 8.00pm - 11.30pm** at Christ the King Club. Dancing to Innisfail Ceili Band (with Caller). Adults £5.00 Children £2.50.

For details, please contact PRO Jarlath Mulhern on 07876 013590.

**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.

**CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN)** is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at [csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](http://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey). Closes 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### OTHER PARISH NEWS

**CAFOD'S Family Fast Day is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave Church to make a Lent offering and bring back to Church next weekend. Thank you!**

**THE SEASON OF LENT** helps us to prepare for the celebration of Easter. The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please take away copies of the **WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** and **CALENDARS** for yourselves and others.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** On Thursdays at both Churches.

OLA – 6.00pm SJV – 7.00pm.

and on alternate Sundays at both Churches

SJV – 6.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

OLA – 6.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**SLIDE SHOW AT SJV: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm** in the Church Hall. 'A Bird and Wildlife Experience' Slide Show from Philip Smith, Photographer and Naturalist. Lenten community outreach open to all with proceeds from ticket sales to Myton Hospice. Tickets **£5.00** to include tea and cake and on sale at both Churches **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March** or from Catherine Carr 02476 404225.

**SJV OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES:** Now available to collect. If you don't have envelopes but would like a box or would like to give by Standing Order, please speak with Stephanie Allen, our Gift Aid Officer.

**FOOD BANK:** Thank you for your continued donations which are much appreciated. Items particularly needed at present are *bars of soap; toothpaste; shaving foam; long-life milk; washing up liquid; fruit juice and squash.*

**VACANCY AT SJV SCHOOL:** Before and After School Club Worker. Apply on [www.mynewterm.co.uk](http://www.mynewterm.co.uk).



Rest & Worship by watching short videos <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/i-wanted-to-help-feed-the-world>.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.