

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

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to our Masses this weekend and 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
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CELEBRATIONS of the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Reconciliation - PLEASE CONTACT FR DES.

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

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

SAFEGUARDING: Our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes' Representative is **Tricia Towner** or contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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

Have an Excellent Week – Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace. Do Take Great Care. Fr Des 26/04/2025 23.45PM

The Parishes of SJV and OLA are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham (Registered Charity Number 234216).

26th / 27th April 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

FEAST

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

(Mass Book p 256)

MASSES

TIMES

INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 26TH	OLA	4.30PM	Marita and Kieran Marron RIP / Barney Gallen RIP Noreen Forde RIP / Pope Francis RIP
	SJV	6.30PM	
SUNDAY 27TH	SJV	9.30AM	Ilse Bermel RIP / People of the Parish (SJV/OLA) Brendan McGranaghan RIP / Sarah Evans RIP George Kell RIP / Pope Francis RIP
	OLA	11.00AM	
Monday 28th	SJV	9.00AM	Pope Francis RIP
Tuesday 29th	SJV	9.00AM	William Whelan RIP / Kevin Shakespeare RIP
Wednesday 30th	OLA	9.00AM	Intentions Maureen Devenney / Intentions Jazmin Kevin Allen RIP / Maureen Barton RIP
Thursday 1st	OLA	12.00PM	
Friday 2nd	SJV	9.00AM	Thanksgiving Special Intention
SATURDAY 3RD	OLA	4.30PM	Intentions Paul and Carolyn Williams / Sheila Kayes RIP Basil Dennis RIP Pope Francis RIP / People of the Parish (SJV)
	SJV	6.00PM	
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4TH	SJV	9.30AM	People of the Parish (OLA) Pope Francis RIP / Intentions Maurice Wolfe, Eleanor and Baby
	OLA	11.00AM	

*St George,
 Patron of England
 St Catherine of Siena,
 Patron of Europe
 St Pius V, Pope
 St Joseph the Worker
 St Athanasius*

APRIL 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 Elaine and Graham Wynne, George Kell, John Martin, Barney Gallen, Maureen Barton, Kathleen Paton, Kevin Shakespeare, Anthony Harris 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 19th / 20th April

<u>SJV</u>	GIFT AID [Envelopes] [13]	£94.30	
	LOOSE	£30.00	TOTAL £124.30

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS for 12th /13th April

<u>OLA</u>	GIFT AID [Envelopes] [15]	£117.00	
	LOOSE	£227.85	TOTAL £394.85

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

Next 2nd Collection: 11th May – Clergy Training Fund

ST JOHN VIANNEY

<u>Sunday Tea/</u>	27 th April – Kath Kennedy
<u>Coffee Rota:</u>	4 th May - Louise
	11 th May - Maureen
	18 th May – Teresa and Verne
<u>Craft + Chat:</u>	1st Tuesday of the Month
	1.30pm-3.30pm Parish hall.
<u>Over 60's Exercise:</u>	Wednesdays 10.00am-11.00am.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

<u>Children's Liturgy:</u>	11.00am Mass.
<u>Sunday Tea/Coffee:</u>	After Mass - Joan Clarke room.
<u>Craft/Computer Club:</u>	Wednesday 10.00am-12.30pm.
<u>Divine Mercy Novena:</u>	Thursdays at 11am.
<u>Lunch Club:</u>	Thursdays after 12noon Mass.
<u>Church Cleaning:</u>	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays of each month. Volunteers needed!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP MEETINGS: St Osburg's, 7pm to 9pm. Next meeting 13th May. 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.

PRAYER FOR LIFE: Candlelight Prayer vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK on Sunday 27th April at 7pm. Held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Join this peaceful, prayerful time of reflection No need to bring posters or candles. For more info go to marchforlife.co.uk.

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

OScott COLLEGE: Find out more about the Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield by signing up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org. It takes less than a minute to sign up and those

who do will receive a monthly newsletter as well as early access to the annual 'Oscotian Magazine' and events hosted at the college.

RELICS OF THE ULMA FAMILY: It is hoped to have the relics in Christ the King Church when they visit Coventry in May. The Ulma Family were a Polish family who hid Jewish families. When it was discovered, all the family, including an unborn child, were murdered. They have been recognised by the Jewish state and beatified by the late Pope Benedict. The Polish Church are also organising some events and we will let you know further details.

FATHER HUDON'S CARITAS: For the Jubilee year, Father Hudson's Caritas will be providing online talks to discuss their work within the Archdiocese of Birmingham and how we provide hope to vulnerable people in our local area. The first talks will be based on our disability work on Monday 28th April at 12:30-1:30 and Tuesday 29th April at 6pm-7pm. The talks will be by the staff who work within our theme of disability. We will also be discussing how people can support Father Hudson's Caritas and how you can support people with disabilities in your own communities. To register, click the link below or scan the QR code on the poster. [Events - Father Hudson's Caritas](#)

OTHER PARISH NEWS

POPE FRANCIS RIP -

We pray for the soul of Pope Francis who died on Easter Monday and give thanks for his dedicated life in service to the Church.

Masses will be offered for him during the mourning period.

Dear Friends and Parishioners

At the end of Holy Week, I wish you all a very happy and blessed Eastertime. The Resurrection is a guarantee that we too shall rise with Christ one day. We praise and thank God for his love and gifts to us, especially the gift of his Son, Jesus. We are called to be a people of joy, a people of hope, a people of love.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many people of our parishes who work so generously throughout the year to ensure that our Churches are well looked after.

As always do take great care. Fr Des

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 27th April at St Mary and St Benedict's Church with prayers commencing at 2.00pm followed with Mass at 2.45pm.

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL: Please take a card from the back of Church, fill it out and send to our MP, who is **Taiwo Owatemi**.

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!

FOODBANK: Thank you to all those volunteers helping with our Parish Foodbank and all those who support so generously with donations. This Easter we have been able to provide the foodbank with numerous Easter Eggs and Easter cakes.

"I Paul, handed onto you first of all what I myself received - that Christ died for sins in accordance with the Scriptures - that he was buried and, in accordance with the Scriptures, rose on the third day - that he was seen by Peter - and then by the twelve".

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

"He saw and he believed" (John 20:9)