



ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, TIVERTON ROAD, WYKEN, COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS, CV2 3DL



**Served by and Contact Details:**

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**For any enquiry:** drop-in session on Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm (to speak with Father about any issue.)

**Baptisms:** Second and Fourth Sundays at 11.30am Mass. Please pick up a form after any Mass.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** on Fridays at 5.30pm & Saturdays at 9am.

**Rosary:** every Tuesday–Thursday at 8.40am.

**Confession:** Fri 6pm, Sat 9-9.40am & 6pm, Sun 9am and on request.

**For PARISH HALL HIRING** contact Mrs Cathy O’Toole – 07506 358587 (Mon–Fri, 10am-5pm)

**Today we celebrate the SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**28<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> March 2026, Yr A. (Day for the Candidates for the Sacraments)**

**Sunday readings:** *New Sunday Missal p.127 (Blue), p.159(Red)*

*Please see the Missalette for readings or go to <http://universalis.com/>*

**Our Holy Father Pope Leo’s intention for March – For disarmament and peace:**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**LIVE STREAMING – YouTube**

St John Fisher Catholic Church Coventry

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER-** *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocese’s policies and procedures at all times. Our parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Rebecca Fawcett. She can be contacted at [sg.stjohnfisher.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjohnfisher.covty@rcaob.org.uk). Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 01212306240 or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Mr David McAnenny & Mr Charles Fernandez

**Websites:** PARISH WEBSITE – <https://sjfcov.org>

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM –

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE –

[www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

PARISH MASS	SCHEDULE	TIME	INTENTIONS
SAT	28	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Danny & Mary McInerney RIP; Mathew Jones; Bernard Byrne; Canon Tarbuck
SUN	01 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Delfin De Roma Sr RIP; Edward McHugh; Bridie John Cryan RIP Holy Mass – Errol Ramos & Fam.; Teresa Shally RIP; Eileen Martin RIP; Canon Tarbuck
MON	02 FEAST OF ST CHAD	5.45pm <u>6.30pm</u>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass – Daniel Mendoza RIP; John Israel Reyes, Malcolm Cable-Barnard
TUE	03	<u>9.15am</u>	Holy Mass <u>at St Gregory School</u> – Fr Bob Wright; Conrad Linda & Christopher Flynn; Alberto Alud-ud Sr
WED	04	<u>9.15am</u> 5pm	Holy Mass – SJF School Mass- Fr Bob RIP; Anne Hastings RIP; Katie O’ Connor <i>Reception of the late Patrick Greene</i>
THU	05	<u>1pm</u> 6pm <u>7pm</u>	<i>Requiem Mass of Patrick Greene</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration and Padre Pio Prayer</i> Holy Mass – Dolly Sharkey RIP; Sean Davis RIP; Coco b’day
FRI	06	5.30pm 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass – Cathy O’Toole; Pat Smith; Fr Bob Wright
SAT	07 SS PERPETUA & FELICITY	9am 10am 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> Holy Mass – Paul Mackley RIP & Mary O’Reilly RIP; Pro Populo Holy Mass – Fr Bob RIP & James Grant RIP; Elizabeth Joyce Anniv.; Lidia Alfonso RIP
SUN	08 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Mariano Arayon Jr, Mariano Arayon (Chito) II; Esther Ilangasekera; Kevin Cryan 80th b’day Holy Mass – Mr & Mrs M.Cox RIP; Jack Moran RIP

- Today’s Retiring Collection: CAFOD
- Next Sunday’s Retiring Coll: Cathedral Maintenance

**8-DAY CANDLES (£4)**

To request a candle, please fill in an envelope at the back of church, thank you!

SHRINE	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
<i>Our Lady’s</i>	Teresa Tollett	Pat Smith & Ollie W
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	Pat Smith, Ollie W	Mary & Hugh Graham
<i>St Joseph’s</i>	James Scanlon	Mary & Hugh Graham
<i>St Anthony’s</i>	Phyllis Scanlon	Aaron

**SJF Parish Collection**

GAD £290.00 Loose £323.35 Total: £613.35

*We remember and pray for all those who have died recently:*

**Patrick Greene (5<sup>th</sup> Mar at 1pm), Dolly Sharkey, Kay Humpston (12<sup>th</sup> Mar at 1pm), Anna Thomas (19<sup>th</sup> Mar at 12.30pm)** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Please pray for the Sick:** Elaine Watkins, Arthura Bernadette Watkins, Derek Coyle, Kristy Ward, Cathy O'Toole, Daryl Talbot, Robert Freeman, Kathleen Freeman, John McCann, Aneta Luc-Kocur, Cathy Grant, Ian Connell, Margaret Buckley, James Lockyton, Winefride Dorrington, and Jean Flannigan.

**Welcome to St John Fisher!**

If you are new to St John Fisher or visiting us this weekend, a *very warm welcome to you!* Please make yourself known to our welcomers and stay for refreshments in the parish centre after the 9.30am or 11.30am Sunday Mass if you are able!

**Regular Notices**

**Drop-in Session:** Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm in the presbytery, to speak with Fr Marco about any issue. Just drop-in!

**Cuppa & a Chat:** on Mondays in the parish centre, 12noon – 2pm. Lifts available and all are welcome!

**Crafty Fishers:** Crafty Fishers group every 2nd & 4th Thursday 6pm-8pm in the parish centre. All are welcome and please bring your own projects to share!

**Know someone interested in becoming a Catholic?** Please speak to Fr Marco for more information.

**Prayer in church:** coming to church is a good opportunity to catch up with friends but please do be mindful of those who try to pray in church before the Blessed Sacrament, both before and after Mass. If possible, please conduct conversations to the narthex, thank you.

**WhatsApp Community:** Please scan the QR code in the narthex to join our WhatsApp Community to be informed of latest parish events and news, and to get involved in any of our groups!

**Gospel Fire** 🔥: The Word of God is a guide for our daily lives. Join our WhatsApp group to receive one chapter of the New Testament each day: in that way, we hope to cover the whole New Testament by the end of 2026. To join, scan the QR code in church!

**Children's Liturgy:** this has now launched at the 11.30am Mass on a fortnightly basis. Many thanks to Leica and her team!

**Know someone in need? Call the SVP!** We are very blessed to have an active SVP Group here. 'SVP' stands for 'St Vincent de Paul Society' which helps all parishioners in need of a personal visit or support of any kind. If so, the parish SVP group can be contacted at anytime by phone on 07774 842943 or email [sjfcovsvp@gmail.com](mailto:sjfcovsvp@gmail.com) - membership enquiries also welcome!

**Recent News**

**Catechesis for children in non-Catholic schools:** has started! Primarily for those preparing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Confirmation on Saturdays at 10.45am with Fr Marco, First Holy Communion on Sundays at 10am with Stephen Norman.

**Cake Stands:** 'Thank you' for returning the cake stands in time for the afternoon tea on Mother's Day.

**Accommodation for Sisters:** Many thanks to those offering accommodation 11/4 – please see Fr Marco after Mass, thank you!

**Diocesan Fundraising Appeal:** We need your help! As you may be aware, many Catholic parishes are struggling financially due to reduced attendance at Mass. Across the Archdiocese parishes are being encouraged to discern their current giving and to pray if God is asking for more. Here at St John Fisher, we had a deficit of about £12k last year and a reduction in annual income of ~20% in the last 7 years, and of course we have a roof to replace! Over the Sundays of 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March, together with all other parishes in the Coventry deanery, we will be having a fundraising appeal. Please pray if God is asking you to give more and consider switching to Standing Order and Gift Aid. Thank you to all who already give so generously!

**Diocesan Directories for 2026:** containing details of parishes, priests and schools in the diocese, now available from the piety stall (£4).

**Activity Planning Group:** meeting will take place this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the parish centre at 7pm. All welcome!

**Parish Archivist:** Interested in history? Organised? We are looking for a parish archivist! This involves collecting material of parish events throughout the year and sending it annually to our diocesan archive in Birmingham. If interested please speak to Fr Marco!

**Outside the Parish**

**Rosary at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry:** During Lent the Holy Rosary is prayed at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry in Priory Gardens near Broadgate. Fridays in Lent at 1.40pm. All welcome!

**Veneration of a First-Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis:** a wonderful event for our local Catholic community, the opportunity to venerate the relic of this amazing 21<sup>st</sup> century saint! He is the first Millennial saint known for his great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This takes place at St Osburg's Fri 13<sup>th</sup> and Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more details!

**Diocesan Youth Day, 'Go with Hope':** on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March 10-5pm at the stunning Oscott College. As well as Holy Mass, there are fabulous speakers, indoor and outdoor workshops, games, Confession, prayer and Adoration, Reconciliation, open mic, and a Q&A with Bishop Tim. This youth day is free and open to all young people (esp. secondary school age). For more info visit <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/go-with-hope.html>

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,** I pray you've had a good start to Lent! This week's Sunday Gospel invites us to reflect on the **Transfiguration of our Lord**, when Jesus' divinity shines through his humanity to reveal Himself to his friends as the 'God-man'. As we journey with Our Lord through the desert of Lent, we can sometimes feel overcome by our shortcomings and weakness. When we feel darkness overcoming us, we can feed on Christ the Light of the World who can shine on us through the power of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). This was seen in the life of **St Carlo Acutis**, who despite dying at only 15 years of age, had touched the lives of so many. At his funeral, the Church of Santa Maria Segreta in Milan was filled beyond capacity as not only family and friends, but neighbours, teachers, and the homeless came to give thanks for the many and hidden ways in which he had helped them. Let us pray that St Carlo will help the Eucharistic Lord to shine through our hearts too. *Fr Marco*

DATE	TIME	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalms	2 <sup>nd</sup> R, GA & Bidding Pr.	Eucharistic Ministers
SAT 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30pm	Nesty DR	Nigel Mc	Victoria A & Mary C
SUN 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30am	Ella	Tressa J	Niall M &
	11.30am	Leslie R	Sinu X	Manuel & Jaison A
SAT 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	Rija B	Jane S	Terry B & Maureen S
SUN 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Isaac	Aaron J	Gaye G & Joshy M
	11.30am	Leslie R	Charlie F	Anne CB & Cath Mc

**Upcoming Events**

**Stations of the Cross:** will be prayed on Mondays in Lent starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 5.45pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

**Mothers' Day:** We are hosting an afternoon tea on Mothers' Day - 15<sup>th</sup> March 3-5pm in the parish centre. All are welcome! Tickets are £12pp and will be available after all weekend Masses. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

**Lenten Walk:** A group of parishioners from "Cuppa and a chat" are doing the Big Lent Walk. This involves walking 200km during Lent to raise money for CAFOD particularly for life-saving water. For more details, please see the noticeboard. All are still welcome to join!

