



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 *THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*

7th/8th March 2026, Yr A. (Day for the Candidates for the Sacraments)

Sunday readings: *New Sunday Missal p.131 (Blue), p.164(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.

PARISH MASS	SCHEDULE	TIME	INTENTIONS
SAT	07	6.30pm	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
MON	09 ST FRANCIS OF ROME	5.45pm <u>6.30pm</u>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass – Cathy Family & Friends; Jean Flannigan Sp Int; Aaron
TUE	10	9am	Holy Mass – Bridie Devlin; Mary O'Rielly
WED	11	9am	Holy Mass – Patrick Dunne; Andy Dalton
THU	12	9am 1pm	Holy Mass – James Grant RIP; For Benefactors of the Parish. <i>Funeral Service of the late Catherine 'Kay' Humpston</i>
FRI	13	5.30pm 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass – Collete Kane RIP; Kay Humpston RIP
SAT	14	9am 10am 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Holy Mass – Pro Populo; Peter O'Brien RIP Holy Mass – St Anthony thanksgiving; Bill & Bridie Cantillon RIP
SUN	15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Mac & Mae Ibarreta thanksgiving; Mary Graham; Desmond Quinn Holy Mass – Margaret Lyons RIP; Jack Moran RIP <i>Please pray for Zayn who will be baptised after Mass today.</i>

- Today's Retiring Collection: Cathedral Maintenance
- Next Sunday's Retiring Coll: -

8-DAY CANDLES (£5)

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>	Pat Smith & Ollie W	Pat Smith & Ollie W
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	Mary & Hugh Graham	Cathy Family & Friends
<i>St Joseph's</i>	Mary & Hugh Graham	Hastings Family
<i>St Anthony's</i>	Aaron	Jean Flannigan

SJF Parish Collection

GAD £531.00 Loose £329.80 Total: £860.80 CAFOD £123.50
Tap & Go(Feb) Sun Coll GAD £ 430 Sun Coll £364 Total £794

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

Dolly Sharkey, Kay Humpston (12th Mar at 1pm), **Anna Thomas** (19th Mar at 12.30pm) **Mary Commane** (24th Mar 9.30am), **Scott Humpston** 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.

LIVE STREAMING – YouTube

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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. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **01212306240** or at 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
COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE – www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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 a day, finishing by end of 2026. To join, scan the QR code in church!

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 - 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.

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 1st and 8th 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!

Generous donations: We would like to thank those who have recently given some very generous donations to the parish of £5000, £2000, and someone who has paid for a new garage door. These are very gratefully received!

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

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!

Kneeling for Communion: Pope Benedict XVI was very keen that Catholics should be given the opportunity to kneel for Holy Communion due to its precedence both in the Catholic Tradition and in the Bible (a common posture before the presence of the divine cf. Ps 95). For this reason we are now using the prie-dieux (kneelers) for Holy Communion at weekday Masses. No-one is under any obligation to receive the Blessed Sacrament on their knees (standing is still fine!), but it is good that we make provision for those who wish to do so.

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!

Coventry Comhaltas St Patrick's Ceili: Friday 13th March 2026 8.00-11.30pm. Christ the King Club (CV6,2AA). Dancing to Innisfail Ceili Band (with Caller). Adults £5.00, Children £2.50, OR a Family Ticket at only £10. For details please contact Jerry 07795 807186 or Colleen 07557 648849. *Tar agus bain sult as an gcráic!*

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 21st 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 13th and Sat 14th March. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more details!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I hope and pray that Lent is going well for you! This Sunday we hear the amazing story of the encounter of the **Samaritan Woman** with Jesus at the well. There is a moving adaptation of this in the series of Jesus' life called **The Chosen**. I will share this scene through our WhatsApp community, well worth a watch if you have a spare 8-minutes! In this biblical scene Jesus reveals himself as the fount of living water that quenches our existential thirst. **Jesus, the fountain of life**, is also to be found in the Eucharist, as St Carlo Acutis lovingly promoted. Please do pop over to St Osburg's for the opportunity to venerate his relic on Fri and Sat this week. If you are not familiar with his life, there is a **talk about St Carlo Acutis on Fri and Sat at 1pm at St Osburg's** (see poster in narthex for details). May the same transformation of the Samaritan Woman be seen in our lives. *Fr Marco*

DATE	TIME	1 st Reading & Psalms	2 nd R, GA & Bidding Pr.	Eucharistic Ministers
SAT 7 th Mar	6.30pm	Rija B	Jane S	Terry B & Maureen S
SUN 8 th March	9.30am	Isaac	Aaron J	Gaye G & Joshy M
	11.30am	Leslie R	Charlie F	Anne CB & Cath Mc
SAT 14 th Mar	6.30pm	Cyprian M	Veeda M	Nacey A & Victoria A
SUN 15 th March	9.30am	Michelle S	Felicia B	Moira T Luise I
	11.30am	Susan O'G	Joe G	Bernadette N & Litty S

Upcoming Events

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

Mothers' Day: Afternoon tea on Sunday 15th Mar. *Calling all bakers, could you donate a homemade cake, (costs reimbursed) for our parish please?* This is for fundraising for the roof. Please sign the list in the porch. A few tickets left £12pp available after Mass. Many thanks.

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!

