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

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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 ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)

13TH / 14TH Dec 2025, Yr A.

Sunday readings : *New Sunday Missal on Pg No 13 (Blue), 38 (Red)*
Please see the Missalette for readings or go to <http://universalis.com/>

Our Holy Father Pope Leo's Intention for December: *for Christians in areas of conflict –*

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, may be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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*

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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

PARISH MASS	SCHEDULE	TIME	INTENTIONS
SAT	13	06-30 PM	Holy Mass – Giovanni, Giuseppina, Nina, Aurelio, Carmela, Nicola, Domenico RIP; James Higgins RIP
SUN	14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)	09-30 AM 11-30 AM	Holy Mass – Garito Rosalia RIP Holy Mass – Jim Newsome RIP & Betty Noctor RIP; Micheal Cullinan <i>Please pray for Leon who will be baptised after Mass today</i>
MON	15	06-30 PM	SJF School Carol Service
TUE	16	09-00 AM 06-30 PM	Holy Mass – Carol & James Mitchell RIP St Gregory School Carol Service
WED	17 O SAPIENTIA	09-15 AM 07-00 PM	Holy Mass <u>at St Gregory School</u> (all parishioners welcome); Pro Populo <i>Advent Bible Study (in narthex/foyer)</i>
THU	18 O ADONAI	09-15 AM	Holy Mass – SJF School Mass; Pat Smith Sp Int
FRI	19 O RADIX JESSE	05-30 PM 06-30 PM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass – Thomas Melia RIP
SAT	20 O CLAVIS DAVID	09-00 AM 06-30 PM	<u>Holy Mass</u> – Karen Milliner RIP Holy Mass – Teresa Tollett RIP; Bryne Family; Mathew Jones Int
SUN	21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O ORIENS)	09-30 AM 11-30 AM	Holy Mass – Thomas Melia RIP; Aurora Fundan Thanksgiving; Celine Sturgeon Holy Mass – Rose Trill RIP; Brendan Kelly RIP; Brenda Slater RIP

- > Today's Retiring Collection: -
- > Next Sunday's Retiring Collection: -

8 DAY CANDLES (£4)		
SHRINE	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
<i>Our Lady's</i>	For Peace & Reconciliation among Nations	Richie Taylor RIP
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	For those with addictions	Teresa Taylor
<i>St Joseph's</i>	Families	For Expectant mothers
<i>St Anthony's</i>	Unborn babies	For Housebound & Lonely

SJF Parish Collection on 07/12/2025

GAD [40]	£424-00	Loose	£ 335-70
St Anthony	£59-00	Candles	£106-00
Hall Hire	£80-00	Piety	£55-00
100 Club	£110-00	Donations	£85-00
Tea/Coffee	£23-65	Thank you!	

Poor Parishes

GAD [31]	£113-00	Loose	117-30
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We remember and pray for all those who have died recently,
Karen Milliner, Geoffrey Wilson
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.*

Prayers are requested for those who are sick at this moment – Elaine Watkins, Arthura Bernadette Watkins, Derek Coyle, Kristy Ward, Cathy O’Toole, Daryl Talbot, Garry John Hole, Robert Freeman, Kathleen Freeman, John McCann, Aneta Luc-Kocur, Cathy Grant, Ian Connell, Margaret Buckley, Mary O’Reilly, James Lockyton, Winefride Dorrington, Jean Flannigan

- **Cuppa & a Chat** – on Mondays in the parish centre, 12noon – 2pm. Lifts available and all are welcome!
- **Crafty Fishers** – Crafty Fishers group will be every second & fourth Thursday 6pm-8pm in the parish centre. All are welcome.
- **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.
- **Advent Bible Study:** Advent is sometimes described as a ‘mini-Lent’ and is a great opportunity for spiritual growth. Please join us for the Wednesdays of Advent when we will follow Mauro Iannicelli’s course on the Sunday Advent Gospel readings for a deeper look into our Sunday Gospels. Last session this Weds 17 Dec 7-8pm in the narthex/foyer.
- **Christmas Eve / Day Mass times:** after consultation with a number of different parishioners (synodality in action!), it was felt that good Mass times would be: Christmas Eve (24th) – 6.30pm and 9pm; Christmas Day (25th) – 9.30am and 11.30am.
- **Christmas Mass intentions:** All Christmas Eve and Day Mass intention slots have all been filled, however one Christmas Day Mass will be offered for all parishioners (the Pro Populo Mass, in accordance with Canon 534). Other Mass intentions will be celebrated in the Christmas Octave, a special week in the Church’s year in which liturgically each Mass is like Christmas Day!
- **Carol Service led by St John Fisher Primary School:** Mon 15th Dec at 6.30pm.
- **Carol Service led by St Gregory Primary School:** Tues 16th Dec at 6.30pm.
- **Altar Servers’ Training session:** to give God our best for Christmas we are organising some training for the Christmas Masses which will take place after the 9am Mass on Tues 23rd Dec for all altar servers who are able to attend.
- **Advent Penitential Service:** Christmas is Jesus’ birthday and it’s good to him a gift! One of the best gifts we can give is a pure heart that has been cleansed through Confession. Our service will be Mon 22nd Dec at 6.30pm with visiting priests.
- **SVP Christmas Raffle:** tickets for the wonderful hamper will be on sale after Masses this weekend, be in it to win it!
- **WhatsApp Community:** Please scan the QR code to join our WhatsApp Community to be informed of all our parish events and news: unless you join a specific group, your number will remain private, and you will only receive announcements from the admins so you won’t get too many messages! Try it and see (you can always opt-out at any time)!

SJF WhatsApp Community



In Other News...

- **Could you be a Healthcare Volunteer in Lourdes?** Are you a nurse, doctor, or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise in Lourdes? Every year sick pilgrims journey to Lourdes thanks to a dedicated Healthcare Team. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new please consider joining us in the summer half-term, 25-30th May 2026. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, known as ‘Gaudete Sunday’, *gaudete* being the Latin for ‘rejoice’! We rejoice because Jesus’ birth is getting ever closer: He is the One by whom **“the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them”**. Jesus continues these miracles today, though primarily in a spiritual way: those who are spiritually blind will see the truth of the Gospel, those spiritually paralysed will walk forward in hope, those spiritually unclean, deaf or dead will have their sins forgiven, and those spiritually poor will be filled with Jesus’ abundant graces. As we approach Christmas and the wonderment of God assuming our human nature in the Christ-Child, let us pray that many will receive these spiritual gifts this Christmas!

Thank you to all those who have already joined our WhatsApp Community and the various groups! We hope these groups will expand in time as the various gifts and talents in our parish come to the surface! Wishing you every blessing in the run-up to Christmas – as we prepare cards and gifts and food, let us also pray that our hearts will be fully-prepared too. Every blessing!

Fr Marco

DATE	TIME	1 st Reading & Psalms	2 nd Reading, Gospel Acclamation & Bidding prayers	Eucharistic Ministers	Upcoming Social Events
SAT 13 th Dec	06-30 PM	Rija B	Jane S	Terry B & Mary C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast with Santa! Come along to have breakfast with Santa. Fun for all the family with a present from Santa for the little ones. <u>On Saturday 20th Dec 8.30-10am</u>. Breakfast includes, pancakes, a selection of fruit, hot dogs, hot chocolate and orange juice. Tickets £10 per person on sale after each Mass. ➤ New Year’s Eve family social: Free entry!! (but please bring a raffle prize WRAPPED UP!). The evening will start with Mass at 7pm followed by <u>a bring-and-share supper</u> in the centre and a variety of activities including music and dancing, raffle, karaoke, a bit of a quiz, and maybe some bingo! A wonderful way to welcome in the New Year with others from our parish community!
SUNDAY 14 th Dec	09-30 AM	Dominic B	Felicia B	Niall M & Brid C	
	11-30 AM	Charlie F	Sinu X	Litty S & Halina G	
SAT 20 th Dec	06-30 PM	Cyprian M	Veeda M	Victoria A & Nacey A	
SUNDAY 21 st Dec	09-30 AM	Pete W	Michelle S	Gaye G & Alicia M	
	11-30 AM	Sue D	Leslie R	Bernadette & Joe G	

