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

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www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE –

www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (18th Jan)

and

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (25th Jan)

(SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)

PARISH MASS	SCHEDULE	TIME	INTENTIONS
SAT	17	06-30 PM	Holy Mass – Pat Hastings RIP; Mathew Jones Int; For all Parish Helpers
SUN	18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09-30 AM 11-30 AM	Holy Mass – Ivens Family; McManus Family; Dulcie Kearns RIP Holy Mass – Thomas (Tom) Dullard RIP; Catherine (Kitty) Callaghan; C.G. Thanksgiving
MON	19 – ST WULSTAN, BISHOP		No Mass
TUE	20		No Mass (Mass at St Mary and St Benedict's CV1 5QF at 9.30am)
WED	21 – ST AGNES, VIRGIN		No Mass (Mass at St Patrick's CV2 1ER at 9.30am)
THU	22		No Mass (Mass at St Patrick's CV2 1ER at 9.30am)
FRI	23 ST NICOLAS OWEN, MARTYR	05-30 PM 06-30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for 25yrs of Jesus Youth in UK; M. V. Jose RIP; Albert & Helen Wilson
SAT	24 ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR	09-00 AM 10-00 AM 06-30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Holy Mass – Holy Souls; Fr Seamus Gilroy; Pat Smith Sp Int Holy Mass – Katie O Connor RIP; Jane Simoes RIP; Carmina Parris Int
SUN	25 THIRD SUNDAY WORD OF GOD SUNDAY	09-30 AM 11-30 AM	Holy Mass – Sweeny & Milton Braganca thanksgiving; Kalve family Holy Mass – Bridie Flynn & Family; Schwartz family; Norah & Dec'd members of McGrogan family
MON	26 – ST TIMOTHY & TITUS		No Mass
TUE	27	09-00 AM 10-30 AM	Holy Mass – Nilou Pereira RIP; Steven Edmonds RIP; Bridie Devin RIP Requiem Mass of James Grant
WED	28 ST THOMAS AQUINAS	09-00 AM 01-30 PM	Holy Mass – Desiree Faith Montes Sp Int; Bridget & Hughue Owens RIP; Kitty & John Kidney & family Funeral Service of Brett Goodlad
THU	29	09-00 AM 11-00 AM	Holy Mass – Rafaela RIP and Pedro Bonsol RIP; Daniel Mendoza RIP Funeral Service of Thomas O'Regan
FRI	30	05-30 PM 06-30 PM 07-15 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass – Carol Connolly; Esezobor, Blessing, Osabuikem, Oliseka, Oghani, Osalcwe Talk on Forgiveness (Parish Hall)
SAT	31 ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST	09-00 AM 10-00 AM 06-30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Holy Mass – Eileen Murphy RIP; Fr Sebastian Namattahil B'day Int Holy Mass – Emerciana Antao RIP; Dec'd members of Cantillon & O'Sullivan family; Rose Trill RIP
SUN	1 ST FEB FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09-30 AM 11-30 AM	Holy Mass – Susie Cook & family; Mary O'Reilly Sp Int Holy Mass – Anegala Peyton RIP

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, Robert Freeman, Kathleen Freeman, John McCann, Aneta Luc-Kocur, Cathy Grant, Ian Connell, Margaret Buckley, Mary O’Reilly, James Lockyton, Winefride Dorrington, Jean Flannigan

- **Drop-in Session:** Usually Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm in the presbytery (but not Tues 20th!).
- **Annual leave:** there are be no Masses or drop-in session 20-22nd Jan as Fr Marco is on annual leave. (For accountability: a parish priest can take 30 days of holiday per year, excluding a retreat as per Canon 533 §2 – for the Canon Law enthusiasts out there!)
- **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.
- **WhatsApp Community:** Please scan the QR code in the narthex to join our WhatsApp Community to be informed of parish events and news. This is becoming a very useful means of communication especially for last minute notices, so please do join if you can!
- **Children’s Liturgy:** this year we are hoping to restart the Children’s Liturgy at the 11.30am Mass on a fortnightly basis. If you are willing to help with this, please speak to Fr Marco. Hopefully with enough volunteers we can have a rota, many thanks in advance!
- **Talk on Forgiveness:** “Blame keeps wounds open. Only forgiveness heals.” (T. S. Monson) Forgiveness is something we all find difficult and yet is at the heart of our Christian Faith. On Fri 30th Jan at 7.15-8.15pm (in the parish hall) we will explore this topic together with a spiritual reflection on forgiveness by Fr Marco. All are welcome.
- **Kids’ Bulletin:** we are trialling a bulletin for children – please pick one up from the back of church and let us know what you think!
- **Mass with Anointing of the Sick:** 3pm on Sat 7th Feb followed by light refreshments. All welcome. Any transport concerns please contact Julie at julie.fulea@live.com and we will support if possible!
- **Catechesis for children in non-Catholic schools:** primarily for those preparing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation, will start in February. Confirmation on Saturdays starting 21st Feb at 10.45am, First Holy Communion on Sundays starting 22nd Feb at 10am. Please email your details (name, DOB, Sacrament desired) to the parish email address if you would like to join!
- **Altar Servers’ Retreat at Alton Castle:** for altar servers in Years 5-13. Fri 27 Feb to Sun 1 Mar. Cost £109. Please speak to Fr Marco if you are interested!
- **St Anthony’s Collection:** as you may be aware, there is a basket for ‘St Anthony’s Collection’ beside the candle stands. Two problems have come to light: (a) it is not clear to many where monies donated to this collection go; (b) money for candles is going into the basket as well. Therefore (1) if you give money to St Anthony’s collection, please let us know where you think this money is going, and (2) please ensure that candle money is placed in the votive candle stands and not in the St Anthony’s Collection, thank you!
- **Know someone in need?** We are very blessed to have an active **SVP Group** here. ‘SVP’ Stands for the ‘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 07774842943 or email sjfcovsvp@gmail.com - membership enquiries are also welcome!

In Other News...

- **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Join Fr Marco on a 7-night pilgrimage to Medjugorje Tues 9th-16th June 2026. £765 per person for bookings secured with £150 deposit prior to 31 Jan, or £795 for bookings made on/after 1 Feb. Includes: return flight from Birmingham, 7- nights’ accommodation, coach transfers with local guide, 24h rep-support throughout the stay. Organised by Marian Pilgrimages (www.marian-uk.com), contact Anita Giblin on 07930 674351 (anitagiblin@aol.com) for more information.
- **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? Then please join the Birmingham Archdiocesan pilgrimage in the summer half-term, 25-30th May 2026. You will make a real difference. For more information, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I hope you are all keeping well and fighting off the January blues! This Sunday marks the beginning of the **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**, when we are encouraged to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who are not part of the Catholic Church. We pray that we may grow ever more united with them until we all reach our fulness in Christ. Please do keep this intention in your prayers this week. Next Sunday is designated as **Sunday of the Word of God** when we focus on the gift of God’s Word given to us in the Sacred Scriptures. The Bible is a great guide for us: it has been described as the ‘Instruction Manual for Life’. We can reflect: is the Bible a guiding light for my life? Does it influence my decisions? Sometimes however, it can be difficult to know how to read the Bible: Pope Francis used to recommend reading the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament for 5mins a day (or about a chapter). The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are a great place to start as they focus on the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. By getting to know His life, we can start to imitate Him and follow Him more closely. Lord Jesus, may Your Word take root in my life! Every blessing! *Fr Marco*

Upcoming Events

Awakening Healing & Evangelisation Service: 24th Jan, 9-4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, Birmingham B70 7JW. All are Welcome. For transport please contact +44 7827872079 by text.

Please pray for our recently deceased: **James Grant, Brett Goodlad, Timothy O’Regan, Bill Phimister, Elizabeth (Collette) Kane.**

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

Reading and Eucharistic Minister Rotas

Sat 17 Jan, 6.30pm	Nesty DR (1R), Nigel Mc (2R)	Maureen S & Nacey A (EM)
Sun 18 Jan, 9.30am	Teresa (1R), Isaac (2R)	Gaye G & Joshy M (EM)
11.30am	Charlie F (1R), Leslie R (2R)	Bernadette N & Joe G (EM)
Sat 24 Jan, 6.30pm	Rija B (1R), Jane S (2R)	Victoria A & Mary C (EM)
Sun 25 Jan, 9.30am	Issac (1R), (2R)	Moira T & Luise I (EM)
11.30am	Sue O’G (1R), Bernadette (2R)	Halina G & Manuel (EM)

8-DAY CANDLES (£4)

SHRINE	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
<i>Our Lady’s</i>	Pat Smith Sp Int	Pat Smith Sp Int
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	-	Mary O’Reilly S.I.
<i>St Joseph’s</i>	-	Mary Barnacle S.I.
<i>St Anthony’s</i>	-	-

