



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21ST/22ND Feb 2026, Yr A. (Day for the Candidates for the Sacraments)

Sunday readings: New Sunday Missal p.122 (Blue), p.153(Red)

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

Our Holy Father Pope Leo’s Intention for February:

For children with incurable diseases – Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

PARISH MASS	SCHEDULE	TIME	INTENTIONS
SAT	21	6.30pm	Holy Mass - Patrick Hoban, Martin & Molly Hoban; Cathy Grant, Maureen Collor, Carol Stanfield; Canon Tarbuck RIP
SUN	22 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Julia Morris 70th B'day; Neelam & Kishor B'day; Canon Tarbuck RIP Holy Mass – Mary Pethullis RIP; Esther Ilangasekara RIP; Rob Freeman
MON	23		No Mass
TUE	24	<u>6.30pm</u> <u>7-9pm</u>	<u>Holy Mass</u> – Tammy Family; Pat Smith; Canon Tarbuck RIP <u>Young Adults gathering at St Osburg's</u>
WED	25	9am	Holy Mass – Mary Abraham RIP; Edgar Romero RIP; Canon Tarbuck RIP
THU	26	9am	Holy Mass – Mae Romero RIP; Mary O Reilly RIP; Canon Tarbuck RIP
FRI	27	<u>6-8pm</u> 6.30pm	<u>Charis Evening begins with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary</u> Holy Mass – Patrick Greene RIP; Joseph, Thomas, Cisily, Jacob, Clemena, Anthony, Paul, Martin, Biju, Kunjalikutty, Pappachan Vargese; Canon Tarbuck RIP
SAT	28	<u>9.30am</u> <u>11.30am</u> 6.30pm	<u>Confirmation</u> of St Gregory School Children <u>Confirmation</u> of SJF School Children 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

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

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
Our Lady's	Teresa Tollett	Teresa Tollett
Sacred Heart	Bernard Byrne	Pat Smith, Ollie W
St Joseph's	Marian McCann	James Scanlon
St Anthony's	Breege-John	Phyllis Scanlon

SJF Parish Collection

GAD £348.50.00 Loose £479.45 Total: £827.95
Life Charity: 305.15

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

Patrick Greene (5th Mar at 1pm), Dolly Sharkey, Kay Humpston (12th Mar at 1pm)

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 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 - 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: If you have borrowed the cake stands from the parish centre please return them as soon as possible as we need them for

the afternoon tea on Mothers' Day, thank you!

St John Fisher SVP conference: A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who supported SVP Tombola Stall after the weekend Masses last week. We're delighted to tell you that we raised £210.00 which will be used to help those in need thanks to your generosity.

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 £5-6k 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!

St Anthony's Fund: many thanks for your information; in the past the St Anthony's Fund has been used for all sorts of charitable causes, both local in the parish and internationally. As a pastoral council we will discern where best to distribute this money to help those in greatest need. Thank you to all contributors!

The Vatican Flag: is now flying from our flagpole! This marks our Catholic identity and our unity with our Holy Father, Pope Leo. Many thanks to Stephen for organising this. If you are wondering why it is flying at half-mast, it is because our workman couldn't get to the top! We will rectify this when work on the roof commences, but it is satisfying to put our flagpole to good use in the meantime!

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!

Young Adults group: For those aged 18-35yrs, will meet at St Osburg's on Tues 24th Feb. Fr Marco will be attending after the 6.30pm Mass, please speak with him if you would like a lift!

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, Happy Lent! Of course there is an element of this Holy Season that we don't look forward to (life without chocolate is hard!) but we undertake this journey with Christ who wishes to free us from earthly attachments so that we can soar to the heights! In this Sunday's Gospel, **Jesus confronts the devil.** The devil is very much a real agent in our lives: as is popularly said, *'The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was to convince the world he didn't exist'*. And just as he tempted Jesus in the desert, so too he does the same to us, and often in very subtle ways. **St Carlo Acutis** said: *'the devil uses little compromises to lead us away from God'*. In this Holy Season of Lent, let us be aware of his trickery, and by relying on the strength of Jesus present in the Eucharist, fight against the devil and his snares. *Fr Marco*

DATE	TIME	1 st Reading & Psalms	2 nd R, GA & Bidding Pr.	Eucharistic Ministers	Upcoming Events
SAT 21st Feb	6.30pm	Veeda M	Cyprian M	Maureen S & Nacey A	Charis Evening: This Fri 27 th Feb 6-8pm here at SJF, an evening of Adoration, a talk, and music to help boost our faith, followed by samosas! The talk will be on conversion and how to use Lent well. All welcome! Stations of the Cross: will be prayed on Mondays in Lent starting on 2 nd March at 5.45pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.30pm. Mothers' Day: We are hosting an afternoon tea on Mothers' Day - 15 th 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!
SUN 22nd Feb	9.30am	Kehinde C	Sebastian TM	Luise I & Brid C	
	11.30am	Bernadette N	Joe G	Litty S & Halina G	
SAT 28 th Feb	6.30pm	Veeda M	Cyprian M	Victoria A & Mary C	
SUN 1 st March	9.30am	Kehinde C	Sebastian TM	Niall M	
	11.30am	Bernadette N	Joe G	Manuel & Jaison	

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