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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)

**We celebrate the **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****

**21<sup>st</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026, Yr A. (Day for the Candidates for the Sacraments)**

**Sunday readings:** New Sunday Missal p.144 (Blue), p.177(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	21	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Mathew Jones; Mary Taylor; Mary & James Howard, Eileen & Maureen Moher
SUN	22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Mathew Joseph RIP; Mary & Hugh Graham Sp Int Holy Mass – Danny Kidney RIP; Joe Buckley RIP; Kay Larkin RIP, Stephen & Rita Wilde <i>Please pray for Jia who will be baptised after Mass today.</i>
MON	23 ST TURIBIUS	5.45pm <u>6.30pm</u>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass – Patrick Greene RIP
TUE	24	<u>9.30am</u>	Requiem Mass of Mary Commune RIP (All welcome)
WED	25 SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION	9am	Holy Mass – Mary O'Reilly RIP; Mr and Mrs Brendan Atuchi Chibuzor
THU	26	<u>9.15am</u>	Holy Mass at St Gregory School (All welcome)
FRI	27	1.30pm 6pm 6.30pm 7pm	<i>Funeral Service of Scott Humpston at Canley Crematorium</i> <i>Adoration and Holy Rosary</i> Holy Mass – Dolly Shergill RIP; Norma Fundan RIP; Constantino Banan RIP <i>Talk on Holy Week</i>
SAT	28	9am 10am 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> Holy Mass – Pro Populo (For all Parishioners) Holy Mass – St John Fisher Thanksgiving; Margaret Asini RIP; Dolly Sharkey RIP
SUN	29 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Paterson Family living & deceased Holy Mass – Joanne & Alvin (25th wedding anniversary)

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

SJF Parish Collection		
GAD	£353.00	Loose £351.50 Total: £704.50

8-DAY CANDLES (now £5) To request a candle, please fill in an envelope at the back of church, thank you!		
SHRINE	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
<b>Our Lady's</b>	Pat Smith & Ollie W	Tom Dullard
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Aaron	Pat Smith
<b>St Joseph's</b>	Mary Taylor	-
<b>St Anthony's</b>	-	-

*We remember and pray for all those who have died recently:*  
**Mary Commune** (24<sup>th</sup> Mar at 9.30am), **Scott Humpston**,  
**Valerie Ahern** (31 Mar at 10am), **Dermott Barnes** (7 Apr at 10.30am),  
**Malcolm Cable-Barnard**  
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](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)

**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](mailto:sjfcovsvp@gmail.com) - membership enquiries also welcome!

**Recent News**

**Catechesis for children in non-Catholic schools:** Confirmation classes on Saturdays at 10.45am with Fr Marco, First Holy Communion on Sundays at 10am with Stephen N. (Enrolment now closed.)

**Diocesan Fundraising Appeal:** A big thank you to all who have helped with this and to those who have switched to Standing Order and Gift Aid, it is a great help! Please note that, as well as increasing income, we are also trying to reduce expenditure. Just two examples: we are especially hoping to reduce our heating bills with a

more efficient boiler in the presbytery and better insulation on our buildings, and also switching website provider to a cheaper rate. Please note that lamps are now a £5 suggested donation and Masses a suggested £10 donation (this is the figure recommended by the Archdiocese). Many thanks again for your generosity!

**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!

**Parish Archivist:** many thanks to Sarah who has volunteered, anyone else wanting to help is welcome!

**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.

**Science and Faith Group:** meet this Monday, 23rd March, at 7pm in the parish hall to discuss 'Astronomy & Evolution: Part 1'. Thank you to Ella for organising, all are very welcome!

**Charis Evening:** this Friday starting at 6pm with the Rosary, followed by Holy Mass at 6.30pm, Spiritual talk at 7pm, Adoration at 7.30pm, refreshments (samosas!) at 8pm. An excellent preparation for Holy Week, all are welcome!

**Lenten Penitential Service:** takes place at 6.30pm in church with the opportunity for Confession with visiting priests. If you haven't yet been to Confession during Lent or haven't been in many years, this will be an excellent opportunity, don't miss out! ☺

**Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum:** These are the most important ceremonies of the year as we accompany our Lord from the Last Supper to His rising on Easter Sunday. Times are as follows:

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm;  
Good Friday 3pm;  
Easter Vigil 8.15pm.

**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!

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,** Today we have another long Gospel, the story of the raising of Lazarus. It is a wonderful act of kindness that Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, a gesture of great love for his friends Martha and Mary. But this raising is, as we know, only temporary: Lazarus will eventually die again. But the raising of Jesus from the dead at his Resurrection is a pivotal moment in all history. His Resurrection isn't just for a short time but for all time, and the power of His Resurrection is a power that we can experience in our daily lives if we let the power of Christ's Resurrection enter into us through the Eucharist. As we receive Jesus in Holy Communion today we can pray: *Jesus, please raise me up too! From my sin, from my past, from my burdens, from my anxieties, from everything that weighs me down, and may I experience the power of your Resurrection in me today!* Have a blessed week!

*Fr Marco*

DATE	TIME	1st Reading & Psalms	2nd R, GA & Bidding Pr.	Eucharistic Ministers
SAT 21 Mar	6.30pm	Nigel Mc	Nesty DR	Mary C & Terry B
SUN 22nd March	9.30am	Dominic B	Ngozi O	Brid C & Niall M
	11.30am	Charlie F	Bernadette N	Susan O'G & Halina G
SAT 28 Mar	6.30pm	Jane S	Rija B	Victoria A
SUN 29th March	9.30am	Pete W	Brendan F	Gaye G
	11.30am	Sinu X	Leslie R	Joe G Manuel

**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.

**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!

**Charis Evening:** this Friday at 6pm (details above).

**Penitential Service:** Tues 31 Mar at 6.30pm (details above).

**Holy Week liturgies:** the most important days of the year! Please do attend all three sacred liturgies if you can.

