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**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 ADVENT 29<sup>TH</sup> / 30<sup>TH</sup> Nov 2025, YrA.**

**Sunday readings :** New Sunday Missal on Pg No 7 (Blue), 29(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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE –

[www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

PARISH MASS	SCHEDULE	TIME	INTENTIONS
SAT	29	06-30 PM	Holy Mass – Mathew Jones Int; Cardoz Family Sp. Int.; Margaret Smith (B'day)
SUN	30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09-30 AM 11-30 AM	Holy Mass – Maureen & John Quigley RIP, Anthony James RIP; Lemke family Holy Mass – Buckley & O'Donnell families; Mercy Okafor RIP; Arthur Flanagan
MON	31 ST EDMUND CAMPION		No Mass
TUE	02	09-00 AM 06-00 PM	Holy Mass – James & Lizzie Family Int.; Pro Populo <i>Reception of the late Bridget 'Biddie' Walsh</i>
WED	03 ST FRANCIS XAVIER	09-00 AM 12-30 PM 07-00PM	Holy Mass – Sweeny & Milton Braganca Thanksgiving Requiem Mass of Bridget 'Biddie' Walsh <i>Advent Bible Study (in narthex/foyer)</i>
THU	04	09-00 AM	Holy Mass – Brendan Kelly RIP; Maureen & John Quigley RIP; Luise Ivens & Int'ns
FRI	05 ST BIRINUS	05-30 PM 06-00 PM 06-30 PM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Padre Pio Devotions</i> Holy Mass – Mary O'Reilly Sp. Int.; Jojo, Rose, Jervin & Jacob and Int'ns
SAT	06 ST NICHOLAS	09-00 AM 10-00 AM 06-30 PM	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> Holy Mass – Dawn Wooding; Armstong & Howard family RIP Holy Mass – Tony & Rose McAndrew RIP; Tega Inoini RIP; Pascoal Pinto RIP
SUN	07 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09-30 AM 11-30 AM	Holy Mass – Tom McGee & John & Josephine Devoy; Cathal Cryan RIP Holy Mass – Sean Newsome; Tony Archer RIP; Fr Mathew Thalanany RIP

- Today's Retiring Collection: *Church Flowers*
- Next Sunday's Retiring Collection: *Poor Parishes of the Diocese*

**8 DAY CANDLES (£4)**

SHRINE	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
<i>Our Lady's</i>	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Eileen Cahill RIP
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	Pro Populo (Parishioners)	Pro Populo (Parishioners)
<i>St Joseph's</i>	Sick & Housebound	Phyllis Scanlon
<i>St Anthony's</i>	Youth all over the world	James Scanlon

**SJF Parish Collection on 23/11/2025**

GAD [41]	£516-00	Loose	£ 378-55
Candles	£126-00	St Anthony	£ 14-00
Tea & Coffee	£11-20		

**Catholic Youth Service**

GAD	£107-00	Loose	£123-60
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**We remember and pray for all those who have died recently,** Bridget Lisa Walsh, Fr Simon Hall, 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 move 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. 7-8pm in the narthex/foyer on Weds 3 Dec, Weds 10 Dec and Weds 17 Dec.
- **Blessing of the Crib in the City Centre:** in Broadgate will take place at 4pm on Sunday 30th Nov. This crib is paid for by the Catholic parishes of Coventry and provided for all the people of our city, please do support if you are able!
- **Advent Walk With Me Booklets & (free) Calendars:** will be available next Sunday at the back of church. If able, please donate for the Walk With Me booklets (suggested £1.50) via the specific option on the Dona machine or the loose plate, thank you!
- **SVP Meeting:** takes places this Weds at 2pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.
- **Celebration of the Immaculate Conception:** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> of Dec is a beautiful feast day of our Lady, the Immaculate Conception. In many countries it is traditional to light candles in her honour as her conception marks the dawning of our Salvation. We will have a short Candle Service for our Lady on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at the end of the 6.30 pm Mass. After Mass, join us for festive refreshments in the parish centre and sing along to your favourite carols. We will be serving mulled wine & Gaelic coffee for purchase. It's the perfect way to toast the season & keep the winter chill at bay! \*Donations of mince pies gratefully received!\*
- **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 (24<sup>th</sup>) – 6.30pm and 9pm; Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup>) – 9.30pm and 11.30pm.
- **Christmas Mass intentions:** please remember that we have a maximum of 3 intentions per Mass, with some slots already taken, so please submit your requests as early as possible to avoid disappointment, thank you.
- **Carol Service led by St John Fisher Primary School:** Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm.
- **Carol Service led by St Gregory Primary School:** Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm.
- **Advent Penitential Service:** Christmas is Jesus' birthday and it's good to him a gift! The best gift we can give is a pure heart that has been cleansed through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Our service will be Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 6.30pm with visiting priests.

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

Happy New (Litururgical) Year! Today we begin the **Holy Season of Advent**. 'Advent' comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning arrival or coming. In the first half of Advent, we focus on our Lord's Second Coming at the end of time; in the second half of Advent, we remember our Lord's First Coming when he took on human flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

So let's focus on **Jesus' Second Coming:** are we ready for Him? As advised in the bible, can we meet him with our heads held high, acknowledging that we are sinners but trustful in His Mercy? Our aspiration (short prayer) for the first half of Advent could be simply, 'Come, Lord Jesus!'. We pray for Jesus to come anew into our hearts and into our world. We do this very much by our Lady's side as we prepare for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Our Lady spent her whole life preparing for Jesus' coming. For that reason, she was ready to give her wholehearted 'yes' when the Angel Gabriel appeared. Let us pray to our Blessed Mother that she may prepare our hearts in a similar way. It was great to see so many for our **Advent Bible Series on Weds:** do consider joining even if you missed the first week. On Friday, our Archdiocese celebrated the ordination of a **new deacon, Jithin Titto**, ordained in the Syro-Malankara rite. It was so beautiful to see a young man giving his whole life over to God as he made his promises of obedience and celibacy. Let us also pray that God will raise up many more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that young people may not feel afraid to give their all to Jesus through these beautiful vocations. Finally, thanks to all who are involved in our parish bazaar, hope you find a good bargain!

With every blessing for this Holy Season! *Fr Marco*

DATE	TIME	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalms	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading, Gospel Acclamation & Bidding prayers	Eucharistic Ministers	<b>Upcoming Social Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Bazaar Day:</b> takes place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov after 11.30am Mass. Many thanks to all those who have donated, sold raffle tickets, set up the stalls and will be helping during the bazaar, <i>your generosity is very much appreciated!</i></li> <li>➤ <b>Candle Service for our Lady and Carols:</b> Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, after the 6.30pm Mass there will be devotions to our Lady by candlelight, followed by carols, wine and mince pies in hall. All welcome!</li> <li>➤ <b>New Year's Eve family social:</b> in the parish centre, details to follow.</li> </ul>
SAT 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	06-30 PM	Veeda M	Cyprian M	Mary C & Terry B	
SUNDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	09-30 AM	Sebastian M	Issac	Joshy M & Moira T	
	11-30 AM	Leslie R	Sue D	Anne C & Jaison A	
SAT 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	06-30 PM	Nigel M	Nesty D	Nacey A & Victoria A	
SUNDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	09-30 AM	Tressa J	Aaron J	Bex F & Luise I	
	11-30 AM	Bernadette N	Joe G	Sue D & Cath M	

*In Jesus' Name, we continue to pray, in Jesus' Name, we continue to serve, in Jesus' Name, we continue to love, in Jesus Name, we continue to live, in Jesus' Name, we continue to listen. AMEN*  
*We pray that God will bless our parish and all our homes and families for the many good unseen things that go on but which are always seen by God. THANK YOU SO MUCH.*

