

# THE PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY COVENTRY

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**RIP Please pray for those who have died recently especially Fr. Michael Knight, Fr. Norman Millard, Henry Leung, Eileen Linthwaite, Ronald Jones and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.**

**Let us pray for pray for our sick priests, parishioners, family and friends** including: Bishop Crispian Hollis, Fr Brendan Donlon, Deacon Tony Colby, Mary Lynch, Peggy Law, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Tony & Rose Gavin, Ann & Colin Evans, Mr and Mrs McManus, Gabriel & Tina Mulligan, Ann Peavoy, Mrs Staunton, Phylis Cooke, Maura Stone, John Knight, Kevin McNamara, Eugene Gallagher, Jan Wardle, Brian McGonnigle, Abraham Doherty, Mabel Loake, Agnes Heavey, David Anderson, Bridie Carolyn, Gerry Hassett, Bob Jones, Bridie Jones, Myles Hastings, Mary McKelvy, Pat O'Neal, Mabel, Louisa, Muriel Finn, Laurence Sullivan, Ann Lennie, Ryan Green, Anne O'Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Kelsie-Sky Cutting, Sheila Cutting, Betty Buggle, Jim Ward, baby Max, Brigid Jones, Jean Kelly, Shirley Woolston, Harrison O'Leary, George Lawlor, Alan Barry, Cathy Wanczycki, Nora Heavey, Pat Cahill, Marion Morris, Ann Bullock, Ann Kirkwood, Claire Hynes, Eileen Duckett, Mary Graham, Jack Sweeney, Jenny Forbes Smith, Eileen Jackson, Mary Maloney, Sylvia Barrow, Mary Short, Michael Stanley, Philomena Alonge, David Nesbitt, Tony Carey, Pamela Phillips, Stanley Hands, Dan Harty, Eileen Allen, Paul Evans, Jack Garry, Joe Leahy, Charlotte Carter and Pat Kelly.

The Great "O" Antiphons: We have now entered into the second part of the Season of Advent which directly prepares us for the celebration of the Nativity. Each day we hear one of the great titles given to Christ in the "O Antiphons".

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

18<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### LITURGY THIS WEEK

		Masses	Services	
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<i>Joe McKelvie</i>	<i>7.00pm Confessions</i>	Fourth Sunday
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>6pm Divine Mercy &amp; Lectio Divina</b>	of Advent "O Adonai"
Mon	9.00am	<i>Kathleen Hoare (Bergin)</i>		'O Radix Jesse'
Mon	<b>11.00am</b>	<i>Funeral Mass: Eileen Linthwaite</i>		
Tue	9.00am	<i>Tommy &amp; Margaret Feeney (Bell)</i>	<b>6.30pm Reception into Church of the late Henry Leung</b>	'O Clavis David'
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<i>PARISH</i>	<i>PENITENTIAL</i>	<i>SERVICE</i>
Wed	<b>10.00am</b>	<i>Funeral Mass: Henry Leung</i>		'O Oriens'
Thurs	9.00am	<i>Marie Simmonds (Newey)</i>		'O Rex Gentium'
Fri	9.00am	<i>Michael Cody 9ward)</i>		'O Emmanuel'
Sat	10.00am	<i>John Rahill (anniv)</i>	<b>Confessions after Mass until 11.15am.</b>	Christmas Eve
		<i>CHRISTMAS</i>	<i>SEASON</i>	
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<i>Mary &amp; Tom McNamara</i>		The
	<b>11.30pm</b>	<i>Carols and Readings and Midnight Mass offered for the People of the Parish</i>		Nativity
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Intentions of the Giampaglia Family		Of the
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Mgr. Tom Gavin (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv)</i>		Lord

**Advent Penitential Service:** On Tuesday evening at 7.30pm there will be five priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) with us in preparation for Christmas. Please make coming to confession a priority this week and ask for the Lord's grace and mercy as you prepare for him to come in glory. If you have not been to confession for a long time, make sure you take the opportunity this week.

**Flowers for Christmas:** Thank you for generously giving to our second collection today so that we may adorn our church for Christmas. Flowers are expensive this year, so your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

**Christmas Mass Times:** Christmas Eve Vigil 7pm, Christmas Eve 11.30pm Carols and Readings and Midnight Mass, Christmas Day: 9am & 10.30am. Please invite extended family and friends to share in our parish celebration of Christmas. *Let us keep up our parish tradition of attending the Christmas Masses in great numbers including the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.*

**Refreshments after Midnight Mass:** Our parish custom of offering refreshments after Midnight Mass will continue this year. Please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Last Christmas many people brought poinsettias to church to place around the crib in memory of deceased relatives and friends. We hope to do this again this year. These will be gratefully received from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please bring them to the church

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Your services are going to be needed over the Christmas Season. Please make sure you are available to exercise your ministry and please sign the relevant rota.

**Blessing of Family Cribs:** The parish custom of bringing your family crib to Mass for blessing before Christmas takes place this weekend at the end of Mass today

**Choir for Christmas:** We really need volunteers to take part in our musical preparations for the Season of Christmas especially for the Mass at Midnight and Christmas Day. Rehearsals take place in the choir loft on **Wednesday evenings 7.30pm**. Please come and help! Thank you!

**Divine Mercy & Lectio Divina:** Come and share in a time of prayer and reflection in preparation for the Season of Christmas. Take this opportunity this Sunday at 6pm to make some space to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

**Parish Mass Books:** Please make use of the Mass books that have been provided to follow the responses and the Scripture readings. It is really important that everybody makes an effort to join in the new responses for the celebration of the Mass at every Mass.

**Tea and Coffee after Mass:** Why not spend a few minutes enjoying the company of other parishioners with a cup of tea or coffee?

**Christmas is Coming:** Our parish Piety Stall is still stocked with Christmas cards and other goods for the Season of Advent and Christmas.

**New Sunday Missals:** If you would like your own copy of the Sunday missal, please order from Sarah Bergin at the piety stall. She is waiting to place a new order this week, so please let her know if you would like your own copy.

**Help for Refugees:** Members of our parish youth group ask for your donations to support refugees in Coventry this coming Christmas. Please add your contributions to the box in the porch.

**Lourdes:** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place at the beginning of June during the half term holiday 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June. There is a local Coventry group attending and the cost will be £575.00. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Jonathan as soon as possible.

**Tote Numbers:** We have plenty of spare numbers for the parish tote. Why not get one today? Better odds than the lottery and good support for the parish. See the wardens in the porch.

**Christmas Offerings:** The offerings on Christmas Day are the traditional offering for the parish clergy.

**Diocesan Directories:** On sale at the piety stall today, the new 2012 edition of the Diocesan Directory. It provides essential information for the life of the Archdiocese including telephone numbers, addresses and any other information that you might want to know like, "how old is Deacon Robert?" You will find this a very helpful and interesting booklet.

**Catholic Today:** The Christmas edition of our Diocesan newspaper is available today. Please take it away and share it with friends and family, especially those who do not come to Mass. A real act of witness to your faith at this time of year.

**Journey in Faith:** There is no Journey in Faith this week. It will resume on Thursday 5th January 2012 at 7.45 in the Parish Hall.

**Parish Census:** Have you completed your census form? **PLEASE** could you do it today? There are more forms now printed and available to complete in the porch. Many thanks.