

# THE PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY COVENTRY

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**RIP Please pray for those who have died recently especially Gwen Molloy, 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.

Feast of the week: Monday St. Stephen the first martyr to witness to Christ by the shedding of his blood. St. Stephen is the Patron Saint of our altar servers. Tuesday St. John the Evangelist the "beloved disciple" who remained ever close to Jesus. Tradition tells us that he took the Gospel to Ephesus part of modern day Turkey. Wednesday the Holy Innocents who shed their blood in the persecution of King Herod after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Thursday St. Thomas of Canterbury the English Martyr who was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral. St. Thomas is the patron saint of the English clergy. Friday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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**25<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

### LITURGY THIS WEEK

		Masses	Services	
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<i>Mary &amp; Tom McNamara</i>		The
	<b>11.30pm</b>	<i>Carols and Readings followed by blessing of the crib and Midnight Mass offered for the People of the Parish</i>		Nativity
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<i>Intentions of the Giampaglia Family</i>		Of the
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Mgr. Tom Gavin (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv) (Fr. Jonathan)</i>		Lord
<b>Mon</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<i>Intentions of Hilda and Denis Allen (Diamond Wedding)</i>		St Stephen M.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<i>Rose Thompson &amp; Deceased Murphy Family</i>		St John Apostle and Evangelist
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<i>Intentions of Widows of Coventry Catanian Circle</i>		Holy Innocent Martyrs
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>		St Thomas Beckett B.M
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>		Feast of the Holy Family
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<i>Kathleen Hoare</i>		Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<i>Patrick Skerritt</i>		Solemnity of
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<i>Michael Cody</i>		Mary Mother
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<i>Ann and Bartle Nugent (Baz)</i>		Of God

**Christmas Welcome:** To all our visitors and all those who are returning home for the Christmas festivities. It is good to have you with us at St. John Vianney. We hope and pray that this Christmas will strengthen your faith and fill you anew with hope in Christ who is the everlasting light in our world.

**Welcome:** To Mgr. Mark Crisp the Rector of Oscott College who joins us for our Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve. Fr. Mark is no stranger to our parish and it is good to welcome him amongst us again.

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

**Visit to the Crib:** Please make sure that you visit the crib each time you come to church during the Christmas Season. The crib stands as a powerful reminder to us of how God who comes and share our weakness and raises us up to share in his glorious everlasting life.

**Offerings at the Crib:** This year any offerings that are left at the crib will go to the LIFE organisation which supports all those who need special help and support during pregnancy and protecting the life of unborn child.

**Thank You:** To everybody who has worked hard in contributing to the preparations for our celebration of Christmas. A special word of thanks to our cleaners, readers, musicians and Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers and many more. You will notice that the church has been carefully decorated for this festive season. Thank you to all who have played such a special part.

**New Years Day:** This year 1<sup>st</sup> of January falls on a Sunday and is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated on New Years Eve at 6pm and on New Years Day at 10am and 11.30am. It is thought the later time might help those who have had a late night before!

**Sunday Evening Prayer:** There will be no evening Prayer next Sunday, but this will be transferred to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

**Congratulations:** To Dennis and Hilda Allen who celebrate their Diamond anniversary on Boxing Day. The Mass will be offered for their intentions. Our best wishes and prayers go to them.

**History of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:** Copies of this book on the life of our diocese are on sale in the piety stall for £5.00. they include photographs and a history of every Catholic Church in the diocese including our own St. John Vianney.

**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.

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**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.