



Our Lady of the Angels, St Anne's & St Joseph's Catholic Parish

The Presbytery, Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5UA

Part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No.234216

15th - 21st March 2026

HEAVEN WOULD BE EMPTY WITHOUT THEM

The most important person in heaven among all created human beings is the teacher of faith, call him or her a Catechist. He/she is so significant that Churches would not exist, and heaven would be empty without them. There are millions of saints in heaven who were never instructed by a priest, less more who were instructed by the bishop, even much less likely who were instructed by a pope, but there is no saint in heaven who did not pass through the classroom of a catechist! This is a fact which should inspire many of us to become one.

A catechist is someone who is passionate about sharing their faith and helping others to learn about Jesus. Think of them as religious educators and teachers of faith. They are the first point of contact that a seeker of Christ meets on the journey, the first to give answers, to encourage and to be inspired by. A catechist is the first person to try to explain the mysteries of our faith and the first to testify that the seeker is now ready to accept Jesus Christ, therefore could be baptised. By the time the seeker meets the priest or the bishop for the sacraments, the catechist has already converted him/her to Christ. So, can anyone think of a Saint who was not instructed in the faith?

The Blessed Virgin Mary had a catechist too: her mother St. Anne that is why St. Anne is painted instructing her daughter Mary who kneels beside her, with an open book to depict her as being instructed by her. Do you want your children to go to heaven, then it is important that you become a catechist in their life. The contrary is also true that if you do not want them to be with God in heaven, keep them in ignorance or at enmity with him.

As we are approaching Easter, and in these final days of our RCIA program, I can see how our parish catechists have been working hard to prepare the catechumens for baptism. It is because of them that we hope to have new members added to our number. Catechists are so central to church growth such that without them, heaven would be virtually empty!

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office/Presbytery, Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5UA

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The Parish Team:

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Deacons: Rev Mike Skidmore 024 76384406 Rev Phil Bracken 07355 535666

Parish Sisters: Sr Therese & Sr Jacinta (024 76350615 (Presentation Sisters)

Parish Secretary: Ms. Stephanie Taunton (Mon-Fri 9am -1pm)

Schools: Our Lady and St. Joseph Primary School CV11 5TY TEL: 024 76383807

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School Camphill Drive, Nuneaton CV10 0JX

Parishioners with Special Pastoral Ministries

Catechists at OLA: Lianne Pape, Pawlina Vernau, Helen Hawley, Sr. Jacinta, Helen Oulton –Doris

Catechist at St. Anne's: Teresa Harriss

Safeguarding representatives: St. Anne Ingrid Klabisz

OLA: Christine Scullion

Music Directors; OLA Mr. David Lloyd, Stephen Angafor, Allan

St. Joseph's: Stella Inglis Roy

St. Anne's: Anthony Bell, Lynn Bell, Cathy Cox

Head of Altar Servers: OLA Daniel Murphy

St. Anne's Reg Woolley

Communication St. Anne's: Mary Sheridan

Chair Parish Finance Committee OLA Phil Yeomans

St. Anne Steve Buckle

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Safeguarding ensures our children and vulnerable adults are kept safe. It is the responsibility of all people within the Parish. If you see anything that could be harming to children or vulnerable adults, say something and report it to the Parish Priest, Safeguarding Representative, or the Safeguarding Team at the Diocese. See it, Say it, Report it to the Parish Priest or to your Safeguarding Representative immediately. The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times.

Your Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: Christine Scullion and Ingrid Klabisz.

Christine can be contacted at sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk.

Ingrid can be contacted at: sg.stanne.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk Please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or the Police if you have any concern.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Lent 15th - 21st March 2026

Sun Vigil (Sat) 14th 6:00pm Carmel Cauchi RIP
Sun 15th 9:15am V.A. Joseph RIP (ann)
11:00 am Anna & Fil's Ints - Carmel Cauchi RIP (1st ann)
Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners
Mon 16th 9:30am Mary Kelly RIP
12:00pm Requiem for Dr Pat Crosby
Tue 17th 9:30am Jonathan Webb RIP *St Patrick*
6:00pm Reception of Betty Flynn
Wed 18th 10:00am Requiem for Betty Flynn
Thu 19th 9:30am Carmel Cauchi RIP (1st ann) *St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity*
9:30am OLST Whole School Mass
6:00pm Penitential Service
Fri 20th 9:30am Brenda Mallaban RIP
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 21st 9:30am Thanksgiving Deepthy
Sat 10.00 am Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:
Mass intentions envelopes and Mass cards at the Piety Shop.

MASS SCHEDULE ST. ANNE AND ST JOSEPH FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent 15th - 21st March 2026

Sat 14th Mar Mass at St. Anne's 5:00pm *Jim Norris (RIP)*
Sun 15th Mar St. Joseph's 08:30am *Paul (Health)*
St. Anne's 10:30am)
Tue 17th Mar Mass at St. Anne's 09:30 *St Patrick*
Wed 18th Mar Mass at St Anne's Church 9:30am
Thu 19th Mar Mass at St. Anne's 9:30am *St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity*
Fridays of Lent Stations of the Cross St. Joseph's 12:00
Stations of the Cross St. Anne's 6:00pm
Mass at St. Anne's 7:00pm
Sat 21st Mar Mass at St. Anne's 5:00pm
Sun 22nd Mar Mass at St. Joseph 8:30am & at St Anne's 10:30am

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

Parish Finances week beginning 8/03/2026

COLLECTION £849.96 of which Gift Aid £317.50

FABRIC FUND £476.85 of which Gift Aid: £476.85

MARCH Tap & Go: £752.00 of which Gift Aid: £596.00

MARCH STANDING ORDER: £1757.67

CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE: £175.03

8 Mar Second Collection Cathedral Maintenance

To DONATE

Scan QR Code



7/8 March Mass attendance 661

Gift Aid it! - to add 25% to the value of your donation contact the parish office!

ST ANNE'S & ST JOSEPH CHURCH COLLECTIONS—FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

First Collection Gift Aid: £345.15 Non-Gift Aid: £671.46

Building Fund Gift Aid: £453.60 Non-Gift Aid: £428.72

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS—Parish Hall

Dates for your Diary:

MAR 2026

Mon – 16/23/30th

Meditation 7:30pm

Tue – 17/24/30th

RCIA 7:30pm

Tue – 17/24^{31st}

Knit & natter 1:30-3:30pm

Tue – 17/24/31st

First Holy Communion classes 4pm

Wed – 25th

Bible Study group after morning Mass

Fri— 20/27th

Alpha Course

PARISH INTENTIONS

For the sick: Philip Jennings, Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berk mire, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Jim Jarvis, Martin Reed, Alice Guiney, Abi Glenn, Carol Wright, Caelan Shannon, Rachel Anderson, Swaren Baden, Stephen Gilbey, Terry Mallabone, Joan Turnball, Neil Bailey & Jean Skidmore.

Doreen Fleming, Rita Clifford, Richie Bowman, Lyudmyla Vasilenco, John-Joseph Shannon, Joyce Haluk, Diane Compton-Belcher, Anne Franklin, Rosie Gilbert & Kate Deeming. Please remember all those in hospital and parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home.

For Parishioners recently deceased:

Sarah Smith (24th Mar)

Parishioners whose Anniversaries we remember during the week:

Anniversaries week beginning 15th March 2026

Cecilia Ruck, Eileen Stevens, Mary Sharp, Nikolai Chimiak, Sylvia Merriman, Michael O'Hara, Thomas Reilly, Dennis Heane, Elizabeth Kent., Lily Pearce, Joan Dunbar, Marian Musial, Carmel Cauchi, Anne Collins, John Curran, John Wilson & Terence Randle.

Pawel Witosz, John Novak, Ellen Hammonds, Jan Juszczuk, Carol Maloney, Daniel Greenaway, Fred Mc Shane, Con O'Conner, Irene Pollard, James Norris, Phyllis Harris, Ron Deeming, Marian Whitehouse, Elsie Richards, Dr Ted Sheridan, Mary Jones, Jan Klabisz, Patricia Reynolds, Mick Diskin, Brian Kearns, Norah Durno, Emilio Gudino, Annie Lynch, Jan Zur, Paddy Fleming, Joe Donahue, Alphons Waraich and Viv Melvin.

Priests' anniversaries during the Week:

Rev Michael Crumpton, Rev William Madden, Rev Andrew Brennan, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft & Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne.

Holy Communion information:

Parishioners who take Gluten Free Host at Mass are asked to speak with clergy beforehand so as not to miss out.

Easter Flowers: if you would like to dedicate an Easter flower, please enclose £3 per flower in an envelope clearly marked 'Easter Flowers with the name of the person written on it. Post it through the presbytery letterbox.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Children Stations of the Cross for Good Friday will be led by children at 10.00am on Good Friday. Encourage your child to come and take part.

The Nuneaton Catholic Disability Fellowship are holding a skittles and games evening on Friday 27th March at the Bulkington Catholic Church Hall 7pm start. Tickets £4 adult, £1 child under 16. Come along for a fun evening, tea coffee and squash provided, bring your own snacks and any other drinks. For further information contact Ken Haywood - trepsa1@hotmail.com

Praise and worship this Sunday, 22nd of March, at 5:00 PM for an hour of praise and worship before the Blessed Sacrament. As we journey through the holy season of Lent, let us take time to pause, focus our hearts on Jesus, and prepare to accompany Him through His passion and resurrection." Many thanks and God bless.

Diocesan / Parish Planned Giving thanks to all who took the flyer last Sunday to support the Church/parish in the way they can. Please remember to return them as soon as possible. If you have filled them in please give them to the priest as you leave the church today.

Parish Penitential Preparation for Easter will take place on Thursday 19th March 2026 starting at 6:00pm. Please make use of the visiting priests because after being supported, they will not be available for confessions here at the Parish but will go to support the priests in parishes within the deanery.

House/home visit to the sick and housebound or even for just a chat with your priests or deacons are important part of the life of the parish. If you would like to be visited by the parish priest or by any member of the clergy team, please approach anyone of them. Communion to the sick can be arranged by themselves or by the extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

Missionary Appeal today we welcome Sr. Rev. Sr. Lucy Mbamara who is visiting our parish to conduct mission appeals on behalf of the Holy Family Sisters of the Needy. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the mission of the Church as carried out by different religious Institutions around the world.

Death and funeral announcement is made for Dr Patricia Sabina Crosby aged 91 years who passed on, Thursday 12th February 2026. Her funeral will take place on Monday 16th March 2026 at Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church 12:00PM. Burial will take place at: Our Lady of The Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cemetery Bulkington at 2:00pm. Dr. Pat Crosby was the head doctor for Birmingham pilgrims to Lourdes. She will be greatly missed.

Liturgy of the Word with little children takes place at the start of the Mass offering them an opportunity to listen and to respond to the Sunday Gospel at an age-appropriate level. The children catechists come forward at the beginning of Mass and process with them to the sacred space where the scriptures are explored through reflection, discussion, song and other appropriate activities. An adult may accompany a very young child until they settle, but it is not necessary to stay. All children return to Mass at the procession of gifts for the liturgy of the Eucharist.

New diocesan vestments have been supplied to the priests working in the diocese, phasing out the golden ones that have been used over the years. Please pray for the priests that they may worthily revere the mysteries of our faith.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje departure dates for 2026 Pilgrimages – 17th – 24th May and 1st – 8th October. Airline – Jet 2 from Birmingham to Split (airfares and travel insurance by each traveller). For more details contact Deacon Keith Millage – 07860 109029 or email.

The pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from Monday 25th May to Saturday 30th May 2026. The price for sharing is £950 by air or £700 by coach from Christ the King. Flights are from Birmingham. The organisers need to start getting definite numbers as soon as possible. Please don't leave it until the last minute. If you plan to go contact Christ the King office at 024 76591618. You can confirm a place with a deposit of £100 as soon as possible.

GIFT AID Envelopes: will be available to collect before and after Masses from Friday 22nd March in the parish hall. If you would like to change from envelopes to Standing Order, it's never too late! Just contact the parish office by email or telephone (during office hours) for the parish bank details or, if you are not already a Gift Aider, collect a Gift Aid Declaration form from the back of church (or the office) and once completed return to the office. Remember, Gift Aiding your donations adds 25% to your donations at no extra cost to you!

Activities of Lent please be reminded that it is our Catholic tradition to celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of every week until we celebrate the Good Friday. In our three Churches this will be observed as follows:

Our Lady of Angels Stations of the cross at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

St. Joseph's New Arley Stations of the Cross at 12:00noon

St. Anne's Church Camphill Stations of the Cross 6:00pm followed by Confessions and Holy Mass at 7:00pm.

Meeting for St. Anne's – reading rota Palm Sunday & Holy Week will take place today Sunday the 15th of March at 11:45 am in St. Anne's parish hall to discuss the reading rota for Palm Sunday and Holy week. If you wish to take part, please attend if you can.

Thank you for the love you showed me on my 60th birthday. I'm very grateful for the presents you gave to me, they will go to St. James home for retired missionaries which is under construction at the Apostles of Jesus Lima Farm in Uganda, where the members will spend years of their retirement. The money you donated will be enough to purchase all the doors and windows of the house For this I'm thankful on behalf of all the Apostles of Jesus.

Customary Prayers Said at St. Anne & St. Joseph

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen,"

Prayer for peace: Almighty and eternal Father, God of wisdom and mercy, whose power exceeds all forces of arms and whose protection in the strong defence of all who trust in thee, enlighten and direct we beseech thee, those who bear the heavy responsibility of government throughout the world in these days of stress and trial. Grant them the strength to stand firm for what is right and the skill to dispel the fears that foment discord. Inspire them to be mindful of the horrors of atomic war for victor and vanquished alike, to seek conciliation in truth and patience, to see in every man a brother and a sister that the people of all nations may, in our day, enjoy the blessings of a just and lasting peace. Conscious of our own unworthiness, we implore thy mercy on a sinful world, in the name of thy Divine Son, the prince of peace, and through the intercession of his blessed mother and all the saints.

Queen of all saints Pray for us
Queen of the Holy Rosary.....Pray for us
Queen of Peace.....Pray for us