

Mary Kelly RIP: I'm very sorry to announce to you the death of Mary Kelly which occurred on Sunday 11th January shortly after watching the 9:15am Mass livestreamed by Mary's friend Laura. Thank you all who visited her in hospital and for praying for her. The funeral will be announced later.

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



**Our Lady of the Angels, St Anne's &
St Joseph's Catholic P a r i s h**
The Presbytery, Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5UA



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18th January 2026

HE MUST INCREASE AND I MUST DECREASE Jn 3:30

The Galilean wilderness is a hostile place to live. I remember some years ago going to the Holy Land, how the tour guide cautioned us not to step beyond the demarcated areas for fear of stepping on a landmine! It was in this wilderness where John son of Zechariah appeared, preaching the message of repentance. It was in this wilderness where Jesus travelled with his disciples preaching the good news of salvation.

This Sunday, the Gospel speaks about John the Baptist who identified Jesus as the "*Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world*". In Hebrew tradition, lambs were sacrificed in expiation for sin. It was the blood of the lamb that was smeared on doors to save the Hebrews in Egypt. The lamb prefigured Jesus the innocent victim, the suffering servant who died to save mankind.

In John's gospel, John the Baptist prepares for Jesus and then steps aside. He had all the chances to be acclaimed the Messiah, indeed if he did so, everybody would have believed it. However the Baptist reminds us of our position in the building up of the Church and of our parish. We are called to be like John in the roles Jesus commissions us to play. While John was devoted in his call to be a prophet, he was also aware that, the outcome was not for his being recognised but for the recognition of Jesus as the promised saviour.

At one time some of the followers of John the Baptist who had now become followers of Jesus, came across a man who was preaching and performing great miracles using the name of Jesus although he was not one within Jesus circle. They immediately stopped him. When Jesus was told of this action, he was not impressed, instead he reminded the disciples to be quick in finding good in people who are unfamiliar. God has scattered seeds of goodness in all peoples cultures and languages. We should avoid the trap to think that there are superior people or cultures.

During this year 2026, let us outdo one another by looking out for parishioners who can be mentored to replace us in the ministries we are doing., I'm desperately interested to find young people who wish to become priests or to find parishioners who would like to become catechists. Yes, I'm looking for someone to prepare, so that he can take on the work I have laboured at for some years now. Let us have the joy to see people take on what we have laboured at for many years. They must increase and we must decrease (John 3:30).

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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Parishioners with Special Pastoral Ministries

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

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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

Parish Finance Committee OLA Phil Yeomans

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. We wish to keep our Parish communities safe, and should you want to carry out a role or set up a group or activity, please let the Parish Priest and your Safeguarding Representative know. They can support you with this and ensure that processes including Safer Recruitment paperwork and follow up is completed. Thank you for your support in keeping our Parish community safe. The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative are: Christine Scullion and Ingrid Klabisz. Christine can be contacted at Christine.Scullionsg.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.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

RCIA or (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program that introduces adults who are non baptised or who were baptised in other churches but would like to be received into the Catholic Church. The program is going very well and well attended by candidates who want to become Catholics. Please pray for them all.

Peace Sunday: the 59th World Day of peace 2026 is celebrated this Sunday 18th January. Pope Leo has announced the theme – '*Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming peace.'*' He has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent 'is core to Catholic Social Teaching and a key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict. Novena for Christian Unity starts on Sunday 18th and concludes 24th January.

Sunday of the Word of God: coincides with the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25th. Please bring the Bibles that you have in your families so that the Word of God may bless us as we shall bless the books that contain the Word of God.

Help Needed ALPHA course started on 9th January 7pm-9pm. Everyone is welcome. Could you please contribute £1 towards funding the Alpha Course. We are providing our guests with a light meal plus drinks. We would be most grateful for a little financial help. Thank you very much, Bring your questions and come and journey with us. The Alpha Team

Bible Study will focus on Wisdom Literature, including the books of Sirach, Proverbs, Wisdom and Psalms, linking in with New Testament readings For details see Pat Rudkin.

Induction of Fr. Jimmy as parish priest of St. Anne's and St. Joseph's Camphill will take place on Friday 30th January 2026 at 7:00pm. This is in addition to his responsibility as Parish priest of Our Lady of the Angels Nuneaton. Please keep him in your prayers.

Bishop Richard Walker will confirm some pupils of St. Anne primary school and some parishioners on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 6:00pm. On 12th February, he will confirm the pupils of Our Lady and St. Joseph Primary School at 7:00pm.

Funeral of Pauline Morris: was prayerfully attended last Tuesday on the 13th of January. The presence of Fr. Stephen Day, Canon Andrew Clark from Scotland and of Fr. John O'Brien was a very good gesture of solidarity with our parish upon our loss. Thank you for the your empathy and sympathy we give to one another during difficult times.

Pay Some Attention to this:
COMMITMENT TO MY PARISH

For the last two weeks, I have dedicated this page to bring to your awareness the changing world which also affects the church. We know for example, that the cost of living affect the Church just like all other people. Whatever a parish needs for its upkeep, it has to be purchased from suppliers including the charges of the people who deliver it to the door. The Church being a Charitable organisation, goes an extra mile to respond to the needs of everyone in need without distinction. The good example I can give are Charities such as CAFOD or St. Vincent de Paul or Nuneaton Catholic Fellowship, they respond to the needs of every person irrespective of who they are or where they come from.

Over the past two weeks you have read about the financial needs and plans of our parish. The main point was to make us aware of the need 'to save for the rainy day' as the saying goes. As we continue to face the challenges of the national cost of living, every parish and the Church in general, faces higher costs. But I'm confident in asking you to play your part, not because you are not doing so, but to make sure that we can continue to develop and to enhance the mission given to us by Christ.

While His Grace Bernard Longley is the spiritual father of the archdiocese, he is also the custodian of the material goods of the church in the archdiocese. He has made us aware that the physical needs of the church and the maintenance of its existing infrastructure are becoming too heavy to maintain. This is occasioned by falling numbers of practicing Catholics contrasted by the increasing number of the need to evangelise. He has asked all parishes to come up with plans that can reduce expenditure. This week you are being asked to consider prayerfully how you might support your parish especially to reduce expenditure or to find ways of creating income. Think about how you might support the parish, or about how you are playing your part, always keeping in your mind your means and circumstances.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that contracting someone to cut grass in the parish grounds costs thousands of pounds every year, yet if just two or three people commit themselves to cut it once a month, it will save that money for our parish to spend it on other things. This is how to make money and how to spend it wisely.

On the weekend of 28th February and 1st March 2026, Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery will launch a diocesan appeal to the parishioners of this ecclesiastic area to consider increasing their giving to the parishes so that parishes may reduce cost or increase their production. Some of the ways of supporting the parish is by increasing the mandate on your standing order or by giving your Sunday collection through the Gift Aid Scheme. By doing so, the parish can claim 25% of the tax you pay to the government. This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities—what we value, what we want, what we seek and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. Let us bring our talents to glorify God and his Church.

In a week or so, I will produce a form which you will be encouraged to take away and start to consider how you can support your parish.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MASS SCHEDULE

Second Sunday of the Year— 18th January 2026

Sun Vigil (Sat) 17th 6:00pm Pro Populo

Sun 18th 9:15am Sebastiao Pires bday Thanksgiving

11:00am Mathew KM RIP

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners

Mon 19th 9:30am Peter Hanlon RIP (13th ann) - Dominic Mmanda RIP *St Wulstan*

Tue 20th 9:30am Pauline Morris RIP

Wed 21st 9:30am Agnes Diack-Evans RIP *St Agnes*

Thu 22nd 9:30am Pauline Morris RIP

Fri 23rd 9:30am Mrs Jolly Jacob RIP

Sat 24th 9:30am Pro Populo

St Francis de Sales

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

Second Sunday of the Year— 18th January 2026

Sat 17th Jan Mass at St. Anne's 5:00pm

Sun 18th Jan Mass at St. Joseph's 08:30am

Mass at St. Anne's 10:30am

Mon 19th Jan (No Mass)

St Wulstan

Tue 20th Jan Mass at St. Anne's 09:30

Wed 21st Jan Mass at St. Anne's 09:30

St Agnes

Thu 22nd Jan Mass at St. Anne's 9:30am

Fri 23rd Jan Exposition, 6:00pm Confession Mass at 7:00pm

Mass at St Anne's 7:00pm

Sat 24th Jan Mass at St. Anne's 17:00 Mary Brown Special Ints St Francis de Sales

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

Parish Finances week beginning 11/1/2026

COLLECTION	£644.52	of which Gift Aid	£280.71
FABRIC FUND	£466.15	of which Gift Aid:	£220.74
DECEMBER Tap & Go:	£920.00	of which Gift Aid:	£650.00
JANUARY STANDING ORDER: £1417.67			

*Many
Thanks!*



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Sunday 10/11th Jan Mass attendance 605 Scan QR Code

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

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS—Parish Hall`

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

JAN 2026

Mon – 19/26th	Meditation 7:30pm
Tue - 20/27th	RCIA 7:30pm
Tue - 20th	Seniors after Mass
Tue - 20/27th	Knit & natter 1:30-3:30pm
Tue - 20/27th	First Holy Communion classes 4pm
Wed - 21st	Coffee morning after Mass
Wed - 7th	Kinship Group 12-1pm
Wed - 21/28th	Bible Study group after morning Mass
Thu - 22/29th	Confirmation classes 4pm

St Anne's collections—For the month of December 2025

First Collection Gift Aid: £275.04	Non Gift Aid: £489.48
Building Fund Gift Aid: £391.99	Non Gift Aid: £539.99
CHARITY: Poor Parishes £45.00 Non Gift Aid: £00.00	

CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR THE 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, Mary Kelly, 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:

Frank McAleer (6th Feb) & Mary Kelly

Parishioners whose Anniversaries we remember during the week

Anniversaries week beginning :4th January 2026

William Bull, Margaret Lapicz, Elsie Miller, Michele Finelli, William McMahon, Stanley Portland, Keith Bosworth, Noel Meigh, Joan Feehan, Caroline Dawson, Raymond Hewitt, Nino Palumbo, Doreen Jones, Sheila Vincent, Vincent Wright, Bernard Goss, Angelina Palumbo, Noel Sharpe, Thomas Foryan, & Rodney Pearce.

Noel Meigh, Edward O'Neil, Vince Wright, Brian Kearns and Arvids Melkis

Priests whose anniversaries appear during the Week:

Rev Timothy Dinan, Rev Cecil Keane, Rev Bernard Robertson, Rev Edward Kirner, Canon Garrett Byrne, Rev Michael Walshe, Canon Bernard McKenna, Rev George Jackson, Rev John Tolkien, Rev Joseph McKenna, Rev David Lloyd, Rev Charles Ross, Rev Jon Garvey, Mgr Peter Dao-Duc-Diem & Rev Anthony Timlin.