



## 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

22<sup>nd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

### **The Sunday Mass is the goal of Lenten Observances**

Lent is a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It mirrors Jesus Christ's time in the wilderness (*Mt. 4:1-13*) to deepen our faith, confront sins, and draw closer to God. In this season, we are encouraged to *pray, repent, fast* and give *alms* (CCC 1434). During this Lent, *let our life be a prayer* i.e. transition from viewing prayer solely as a scheduled, formal activity to treating it as something natural/innate. This means integrating prayer into daily activities and treating services/work and challenges as offerings to God. Anchor prayer to things you already do, such as praying while attending a patient or client, preparing a meal, driving or commuting. ***Pray through work***: Offer daily tasks to God. Treat your job and service to others as prayer or alms, regardless of its secular nature. Then, all these short and spontaneous prayers in form of work or service bring them to Church on Sunday to be crowned by the Sacrifice of Mass.

However, to offer a meaningful and transforming prayer, fasting and alms giving interplay. While fasting is a fuel to prayer, its goal is to weaken selfish desires, freeing up resources (talents, time, money) to be shared. It is breaking bad habits to transform the body into vessel of worship (CCC 2043). As the same time, the body can't be a vessel of worship if it isn't contrite, that's why ***repentance*** is the core exercise during Lent. It transforms lives by driving the three pillars: ***prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*** from mere observance into 'fuel for the fire' of conversion. Repentance motivates fasting as a way of 'detoxifying' the soul and gain self-control over passions (CCC 1438). This is why every Mass starts with the *Penitential Rite*. In essence, fasting prepares the heart; prayer directs the intention; almsgiving acts on that intention; reconciliation reorders the soul towards God. Together, they help us become like Christ.

All these exercises have a communal element; they are a collective journey of the ***'Body of Christ'*** toward Easter. This communal approach turns individual sacrifices into shared acts of solidarity, fostering a sense of belonging which is expressed by Sunday Mass. So, I invite you to weave our devotions around Sunday to restore back to it the dignity it deserves as the day of the Lord (***Dies domini***) build a sense of community; the day of ***'family of families'*** (CCC 1656-7, 2207).

Fr. Pius Mmanda AJ

## **PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION**

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**The Parish Team:**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Jimmy Lutwama, AJ.-[fr.jimmy.lutwama@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.jimmy.lutwama@rcaob.org.uk) (07906 124756). Fr. Pius Mmanda, AJ. - [fr.pius.mmanda@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.pius.mmanda@rcaob.org.uk)

**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](mailto:sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk).

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

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MASS SCHEDULE**

**First Sunday of Lent– 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

*Sun Vigil (Sat) 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm*

*Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:15am* Augustine RIP

*11:00am* Pro Populo

***Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners***

*Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30am* Beatrice Dowding 104<sup>th</sup> birthday Ints

*Tue 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30am* John, Kathleen & Family Intentions

*Wed 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am* Thanksgiving

*Thu 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30am* Mary Skidmore RIP (bday ann)

*8-9pm Holy Hour*

*Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am* Beatrice Dowding 104<sup>th</sup> birthday Ints

*6:00pm Stations of the Cross*

*Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30am* Special Intention

***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**

**First Sunday of Lent– 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

*Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb* Mass at St. Anne's 5:00pm

*Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb* St. Joseph's 08:30am

St. Anne's 10:30am

*Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb* (No Mass)

*Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Feb* Mass at St. Anne's 09:30

*Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb* Ash Wednesday Mass at St Anne's Church 7.00pm

Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joseph 12.00noon

*Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Feb* Mass at St. Anne's 9:30am

*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 28<sup>th</sup> Feb* Mass at St. Anne's 5:00pm

*Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Mar* Mass at St. Joseph 8:30am & at St Anne's 10:30am

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

Parish Finances week beginning 15/02/2026

COLLECTION            £687.10    of which Gift Aid    £259.65

FABRIC FUND           £204.90    of which Gift Aid:    £204.90

FEBRUARY Tap & Go: £2617.00 of which Gift Aid:    £2476.00

FEBRUARY STANDING ORDER: £1628.67

**LIFE Charity: £160.75    CAFOD Cake Sale: £77.95**

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Sunday 14/15<sup>th</sup> Feb Mass attendance 612

**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 JANUARY 2026

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

### OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS—Parish Hall`

Dates for your Diary:

#### FEB 2026

Mon – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Meditation 7:30pm

Tue - 24<sup>th</sup>

RCIA 7:30pm

Tue - 24<sup>th</sup>

Knit & natter 1:30-3:30pm

Tue - 24<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communion classes 4pm

Wed - 25<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study group after morning Mass

Thu - 27<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation classes 4pm

Fri— 27<sup>th</sup>

Alpha Course

Sat – 28<sup>th</sup>

Building Bridges presentation after 6pm Mass

## **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:**

Margaret Kelly 'Peggy' (24<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Crematorium) & Jill Brocklehurst (2<sup>nd</sup> Mar)

### ***Parishioners whose Anniversaries we remember during the week:***

*Anniversaries week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> h February 2026*

Paolina Carolina Willars, Theresa Clarke, Roy Aston, Brian Taylor, John McDonald, Paula Moore, Desmond Smith, Baby Bojan, Nina Friswell, Mary Gash, Stanislaw Kresinski, Catherine McCarthy & Derek Wilkinson.

Mary Gudino, Jane Latter, Fred Mc Shane, Vincent Mc Garry, Peter Murphy, Vicki Millard, Margaret Donnelly, Sarah Smith, Jonathan Webb, Patrick Carroll, George Preston and Bill Weightman

### **Priests' anniversaries during the Week:**

Rev Michael McCabe, Rev Martin Meagher, Rev John Collins, Rev Oliver Kemp, Bishop Joseph Cleary, Rev George Brewster, Rev George Tarrant & Rev John Flynn.

**15<sup>th</sup> March** Holy Family Sisters of the Needy mission appeal.

**St. Joseph Church Stations of the Cross** for Lent will be held every Friday at 12:00 noon

**Walk with Me Prayer Booklets for Lent** have been received in the office; they are good books to support our prayer journey through Lent. It is recommended that each person takes one when the time comes. A £1.00 donation is suggested for each book to cover the cost of their printing.

## **MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Christ in the Home - Lent 2026** is a Lenten Campaign which our parish priest wishes to promote during this holy season. Every Monday (7.30pm-8.30pm) & Wednesday (1.30pm-2.30pm) during Lent parishioners will open their homes for a Holy Hour of Adoration. The name, address and contact number for each host can be found on the table as you leave church (these will not be posted online or printed in the newsletter). Please could you make a note of the details for the host and contact them in advance to let them know you intend to go (so they have a rough estimate of how many to expect). You can also send a text to Lianne Pap (07814 736564) to find out details.

**Parish Pastoral Councils of Our Lady, St. Anne's & St Joseph's** held a joint meeting at St. Anne parish hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February. It was an opportunity for us to pray together and to reflect on how we can assist every member of the parish to become an evangeliser. While reflecting on the magnanimity of the task ahead of us as members of these three communities, the members recognised with gratitude everyone who makes effort to come to church where we meet to celebrate our faith.

**Ash Wednesday** was overwhelmingly well attended, thank you all for starting this season of Lent with that external sign of our readiness to repent reconciling ourselves with God and with one another.

**This is encouraging**, to see an increasing number of children and young people who come to Sunday Mass. Thanks to the parents who walk an extra mile to prepare them and to encourage them. Thank you for sharing your beliefs in them and for planting the seed. It is our responsibility as a community to nurture that seed.

**Christian Meditation Group will resume on Monday** 23rd February when schools start again. You are always welcome to join the group for quite moments of prayer and personal reflection during the Lenten period. This takes place every Monday from 7:30-8.10pm in the parish hall lounge.

**The Parish Financial committee** chairman of Our Lady of the Angels will give a talk on the weekend of 21/22 February at all Masses at Our Lady of the Angels Church. The Diocese is requesting us all to pay special attention to the message that Financial Committee members are delivering to their parishioners this weekend.

**Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Married** couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, are invited to the thanksgiving Mass at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 2nd May 2026 at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. For more information, and to register your attendance, please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass)

**Saint Carlo Acutis to visit Coventry:** first class relic of the teenage saint will be displayed for public veneration at St. Osburgs Church on Barras Lane from Wed 11<sup>th</sup>-Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March. Details are on the noticeboard.

**Adoration, praise and worship**, on this Sunday, 22nd of February, at 5:00 PM for an hour of praise and worship before the Blessed Sacrament. As we enter 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. Other services will be held on every 4th Sunday of the month as follows: 22nd March, 26th April, 17th May and 28th June. For further details please contact Sara Temptra.

**Become an evangeliser:** all of us have come across people who have never been to a Catholic Church or who have been away from going to Mass for a long time. We want to invite them back. Remember what I spoke to you sometime ago: “*every saint has a history, and every sinner has a future*”. You can use the following words to help such a person to come back to church:

‘The Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Birmingham welcome all people to come and visit or worship with us. You needn't be a baptised Catholic to walk through the doors of our Church or to stay and pray during Mass.

We are very happy that you have come to visit us. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, then speak to your local parish priest.

There is a period of instruction prior to being received into the Church that people go through so that they may better understand Catholic beliefs and why we do the things that we do.

This is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or is more commonly known as **RCIA**. This is offered to small groups in some parishes, or may be delivered on a one-to-one basis. If you are already a Catholic but have been away for the Church for any amount of time, please know that you are most welcome to return.

You may wish to speak to your parish priest about Confession. Be assured that it is always a great source of joy when someone returns to the Church after being away from the faith.

The priest will be very understanding if you are returning and let him know how long it has been since your last Confession, he will be happy to guide you through the process’.

### **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