



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

April 5th – 19th 2026

THE NAVEL MARK ON YOUR BODY

Some people were unfortunate to grow up without their mothers; others have them but are distanced from them as if to deny they exist! Whichever relationship you may have with your mother or the respect you give to her, the navel mark on your body, reminds you that you have a mother who gave you life and nursed you. Whether you think of yourself to be important or great, the navel mark reminds you of the historical moment of your origin and dependence. To deny your ancestry because you never saw them is cancelled by your navel mark obtained from someone else.

Thanks to God that this week we are celebrating Easter. Some people deny the historical existence of Jesus Christ. However, how could we be here for over 2000 years if he who is believed in did not exist! It is easier to say that since Christians believe in Jesus, they have invented stories about him. On the contrary, there exist independent testimonies about the existence of a historical Jesus. Here are some:

Josephus Flavius (37-100AD) *"... About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was a doer of surprising deeds, and a teacher of such people as accept the truth with pleasure. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Messiah. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pontius Pilate had him condemned to a cross. Those who had first come to love him did not desert him, for He appeared to them on the third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared. - Jewish Antiquities, 18.3.3 §63 (Based on the translation of Louis H. Feldman, The Loeb Classical Library.)*

Tacitus (55-120 AD) the "greatest historian" in the ancient Roman empire wrote: *Christus, the founder of the name, was put to death by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea in the reign of Tiberius. Christus, suffered the extreme penalty by being nailed on the cross". (The Annals (15:44) written in 115 AD).*

Pliny the Younger (61- 112 AD), a Roman governor in Bithynia (modern Turkey), wrote to Emperor Trajan for advice on prosecuting Christians. His letter (*Epistulae X.96*) provided crucial non-biblical evidence of early Christians, stating they met on a fixed day, sang hymns to Christ "as to a god," and adhered to high moral standards.

Pliny the Younger gives some key details regarding Christians whose origin or founder Jesus Christ was:

- *Evidence of Christian Practices:* Pliny noted that Christians gathered before dawn on a specific day to sing antiphonal hymns to "Christ as to a god".
- *Worship of Christ:* The correspondence confirms that early Christians believed Jesus was a historical figure and worshipped him as divine
- *Moral Code:* Pliny observed that Christians vowed to abstain from sins like fraud, theft, and adultery, highlighting their ethical community practices.
- *Context of the Letter:* Pliny was seeking advice on whether to persecute Christians for their beliefs, which he referred to as a "depraved, excessive superstition" spreading through his province.

Let us go back to the analogy of the navel mark. We are Christians today, because of the Christians of yesterday, who in turn were Christians because of the Christians of the other day until Jesus Christ. To deny that Jesus existed would be to deny that there are Christians today in the world. Easter celebrates God who took on human flesh and lived among us, He died and rose from the dead. Let us remember that an empty tomb proves Jesus' resurrection but empty Churches or closing them down denies it! ***Alleluia He is Risen Alleluia.***

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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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

Easter Sunday 5th - 12th April 2026

Sun Vigil (Sat) 4th 8:00pm Dr Pat Crosby, Alice & Frederick Higgins RIP

Sun 5th 9:15am Brenda Musial RIP (15th ann)

11:00 am Viv Melvin RIP – Michele Rosa RIP

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners

Mon 6th 10:00am Deceased AJ Missionaries in South Africa

Tue 7th 9:30am Theresa Devaney RIP

Wed 8th 9:30am Shalit Collins, Michael McCormack & Mary Neale (RIP)

Thu 9th 9:30am Marie Ryan RIP

Fri 10th 9:30am David Vernau RIP (5th ann)

Sat 11th 9:30am Pro Populo

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

Easter Sunday 5th - 12th April 2026

Sat 4th Apr Mass at St. Anne's 5:00pm

Sun 5th Apr Mass at St. Joseph's 08:30am

Mass at St. Anne's 10:30am John and Phyllis Novak (RIP)

Tue 7th Apr Mass at St. Anne's 09:30

Wed 8th Apr Mass at St Anne's 9:30am

Thu 9th Apr Mass at St. Anne's 9:30am

Fri 10th Apr Exposition, 6:00pm Confession Mass at 7:00pm

Mass at St Anne's 7:00pm

Sat 11th Apr Mass at St. Anne's 8:00pm

Sun 12th Mass at St Anne's 10:30am

Sun 12th Mass at St. Joseph 8:30am. Peggy & David (Thanksgiving).

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

Parish Finances week beginning 29/03/2026

COLLECTION	£837.32	of which Gift Aid	£285.51
FABRIC FUND	£479.21	of which Gift Aid:	£260.50
MARCH Tap & Go:	£1420.50	of which Gift Aid:	£1104.50
MARCH STANDING ORDER:	£3422.67		

2ND COLLECTIONS: 3RD APRIL HOLY PLACES

To DONATE

Scan QR Code



28/28 March Mass attendance 748

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:

APR 2026

Mon – 13/20/27 th	Meditation 7:30pm
Tue – 14 th	Seniors after Mass
Tue – 14/21/28 th	Knit & natter 1:30-3:30pm
Tue – 14/21/28 th	First Holy Communion classes 4pm
Wed – 15 th	Coffee morning after Mass
Wed – 8/22/ 29 th	Bible Study group after morning Mass
Fri— 3/10 th	Alpha Course

Everyone is welcome to join the **Seniors group** after morning Mass on **Tuesday 14th April** in the parish hall to enjoy a Way of St Francis Presentation that Peter Ormond has created.

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 Vasilenko, 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: Filomena Mulligan (16th Apr) & Frances Beardmore.

Parishioners whose Anniversaries we remember during the week:

Anniversaries week beginning 5th April 2026

Dominic Stevens, Ruth Baxter, Kathleen Cooper, Marjory Stsnko, Gladys Hewins, Fr Pat Emmanuel, Cark Burgoine, Anne Doyle, Krystina Moore, Reginald Walkden, Michael Farrell, Lucia Gunn, Margaret Bailey, Kenneth Dunne, Alice Higgins, Frederick Higgins & Imelda Brailsford

Danny Shovelin, Marisia Kocielska, Eajk Beckeys , Gabriel Ruban, Winnie Brett, John Scanlon, Philomena Lynch, Sarah Shovelin, Joe Kelly, Audrey Mc Dermott, John Stephenson, Dr Maurice Livera, Eddie Brett, Carmen Gudino, Mary Comer, Dr Heron Roy, Eva Bell, Antonio Suarez, Patrick O'Brien, Chris Brady, Maria Trueba, Tessa Sheridan, Wilfred Mackey, James Dunne, and Thomas Marle.

Priests' anniversaries during the Week:

Bishop Anthony Emery, Rev Michael Glynn, Rev Timothy Burke, Rev Kevin Preston, Rev Eamon Clarke, Deacon Jack Foxall, Rev Kenneth Collins, Canon Peter Jones, Rev Joseph Barr & Rev Michael McManus.

Holy Communion information:

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

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Easter Monday Mass will be at Our Lady of the Angels to thank God as a people of this town for the gift of Easter. There will be no Mass at St. Anne or at St. Joseph. The Mass will take place at 10:00am. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the Mass.

Novena to the Divine Mercy started immediately after Good Friday prayers and it will continue until Sunday when the Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated. Novena prayers will replace the daily Rosary.

Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Sunday 14th April at St. Mary and Benedict Church in Coventry starting at 2:00pm. St. Mary's Church on Raglan Street CV1 5QF, is the Shrine of Divine Mercy in this Coventry and Nuneaton Denary. There will be an opportunity for Confession for those who will need the Sacrament.

Young Discerners Group the Diocesan Vocations Office is planning a day for young men in school years 9-13 who feel they might be called to the priesthood to meet and explore how to discern, spend time in prayer, and experience seminary life, on Saturday 9 May at St Mary's College, Oscott. Their parents are also invited to attend as part of a parallel programme, where they can have a tour of Oscott and meet with a priest's parents, who can answer their questions. If there are any boys in the parish who feel interest in the priesthood, they are encouraged to attend. Booking is essential for both catering and safeguarding purposes. The boy or one of his parents should contact Deacon Owen Gresty (Diocesan Promoter for Vocations) deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk / 0121 321 5135 for more information and to sign up.

Archbishop requests: a Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life has been arranged to take place at 5.30pm (Rome time) on the Sunday afternoon of the Bishops' Conference Spring Plenary (19 April) taking place at Palazzola. It is hoped that parishes across the world will arrange Holy Hours at the same time (4.30pm UK Time) to unite themselves in prayer with the bishops. Archbishop Bernard has asked us to arrange a Holy Hour in our parishes and chaplaincies for this intention on Sunday 19 April at 4:30 pm.

GIFT AID Envelopes: are available to collect before and after Masses in the parish hall, or from the parish office during working hours. 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!

Are you interested in keeping your administration skills in accounting? Are you gifted with dealing with numbers, figures and balancing books? Can you support the parish to keep on top of things in terms of spending some hours picking up phones and dealing with some paperwork? Fr. Jimmy is looking for someone who can do voluntary work in that field. In the past, we had men like Hugh M’cAteer (RIP) and Pat Corcoran (RPI) who supported the parish. If you can render service, please let me know.

Customary Prayers Said at St. Anne & St. Joseph

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

End Note Best wishes of Easter

Fr. Pius and I wish you a blessed peaceful and festive season. I thank you for preparing yourselves to celebrate the event of the Lord’s resurrection with prayer, fasting and with acts of charity. Thanks to those who sought reconciliation with God and with one another. Thank you for all the good work you do to support our ministry among you as the Lord enables you. There will be only One Collection on Easter, and it is the Will of the Archbishop that it goes to the personal support of your parish priests.