

Customary Prayers Said at St. Anne & St. Joseph

The Jubilee Year began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on **Tuesday 24 December 2024** and runs to the **Feast of Epiphany 2026**.

Jubilee Prayer Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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 Parish
The Presbytery, Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5UA



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4th January 2026

THE WRINKLED HANDS OF MY PARENTS

The year 2025 is gone and the new one is here, thanks to God Almighty for his benevolence all through the years of our lives. The Lord is good all the time and all the time the Lord is good.

Last Sunday Dec 28th the Church celebrated the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, our priest explained to us the inner life of the Holy family indicating that the joys and troubles we find in our own families, do not differ from what was going on in the family of Jesus Mary and Joseph at Nazareth.

The first reading from Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 spoke to us of the dynamics of family life and the attitude children should have towards their parents.

Children listen to me your father, do what I tell you and so be safe. The Lord upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father, is atoning for his sins, who ever honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his parents will be happy with children of his own. Whoever sets his mother at ease, is showing obedience to the Lord. Respect your father in deed as well as in word. So that a blessing may come on you from him. A father's blessing makes the houses of his children firm, while a mother's curse tears up their foundations.

Those are powerful words reminding us of the authority of the parents in a family which cannot be disputed. Then the word of God turns to the children:

My son support your father in his old age. Do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your own health and strength for kind to a father shall not be forgotten. The man who deserts his father is no better than a blasphemer, and who ever angers his mother, is accursed of the Lord"

We enter the new year 2026 asking for God's blessings upon our families throughout the year. The first blessings come by creating harmony in our families, by minding for the weakest among us first. When I look at the wrinkled face of my mother, I'm reminded of the light her face radiated in my childhood. I noticed that she has lost all her teeth, but I would not have learned how to smile if she did smile at me as she held me up. My parents hands are now wrinkled and shaky, yet these are the very hands that so many times held my hands teaching me how to walk.

We thank God for the gift for those hands which once changed our nappies; they are blessed hands capable of imparting blessings and a curse. *My son support your father (mother) in old age, even if their mind should fail, show them sympathy.*

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

Training to become a catechist: are you interested in teaching the Catholic Christian faith in our parish? If so, Fr. Jimmy would like to form parishioners endowed with deep personal faith, witness, and accompaniment, who can assist different faith groups to develop their faith or to sustain it. You will learn to explain the faith, live as a witness, and guide others in ways of how to be a committed catholic. Particular interest is in young people who wish to share their faith with other people. At the end of the course the catechist will be expected to lead prayer services in the schools, visit the sick with Holy Communion and let the parish priest know those who need a visit. If you are interested please contact Fr Jimmy.

Cutting the grass in our church grounds and in the graveyard costs the parish about £3000 per year. This is a big sum to raise and to spend on that activity. Throughout summer last year, the grass was cut by the Parish priest, saving the parish money to spend on our critical needs of the parish. I'm asking for volunteers who can cut grass in the church grounds during spring and summer.

Holy Mass for the Staff of St. Joseph Multi Academy will take place on Monday 5th January 2026 bringing together all teachers and support work in our schools. Come and pray with and for our teachers as we start a new year. Mass starts at 09:30am.

You're invited to ALPHA: Curious about faith? Have questions? Just want great company, conversation and good food? Join us for Alpha at Our Lady of the Angels Parish Hall starting 9th January 7pm-9pm. No pressure. No judgement. Just relaxed chats, shared meals, friendship and space to explore life, faith, and God together. Everyone is welcome. Bring your questions and come and journey with us.

Funeral of Pauline Morris will take place on Tuesday 13th January at 10:30am. Her mortal remains will be received into the church on Monday 12th January at 5:00pm. May she rest in eternal peace.

Pay Some Attention to this:

DIOCESAN FUNDRAISING DRIVE FOR PARISHES

Dear Brothers and sisters, thank you for all you do and contribute to the life of the people of God and our shared mission in this parish I count myself blessed to be your parish priest. Together, we can build on very good foundations here, and grow into the future opening up before us.

Thank you all for the planned giving which is linked to a number of charities. Your generosity is great to such extent that we are able to pay utility costs (gas, electricity water bills etc). We have also been able to meet the parish insurance premium. I'm glad that we are still able to keep the church warm and get the roof fixed. However, we have known a few swings and roundabouts; the extraordinary times of Covid and lockdowns, the cost of living difficulties impacting all of us. As a parish, we have lost several key and often very generous parishioners and welcomed several new families. The Parish is moving forward.

As a parish, our carbon footprint is not good, we need to protect our planet for our children to live in it comfortably and in a healthy way. We need to find alternative ways of sourcing our energy. Beside this, as your parish priest, I'm keen that we move beyond maintenance into a renewed phase of mission.

What we are about is the love of God and sharing that love with others in our worship, in our service and in our proclamation of the gospel. However to do these things, we need to get the dull bits right as well and be financially stable.

Our vision for our parish:

As Christians, we are all part of the body of Christ, and we are called to use our gifts, talents and treasures to glorify God and to build his church. As we recover from the impact of Covid19 pandemic, as the cost of living rises, we at the same time look with confidence to the future. God has given us hope as we begin a new year 2026.

During this year let us focus on three points:

Evangelisation and Mission; the boundaries of our parish have expanded, but the priest number has remained the same. As your priests, we are not trained how to close parishes or chapels, but on how to keep them open. We are all called to become missionaries by becoming a missionary church ready to evangelise through our witness to gospel values. We want to be able to fund training and infrastructure in order to enable us to live, share and celebrate the Good News.

Carbon Neutrality: our footprint is not very good, we do not want to contribute unnecessarily to climate change. Therefore I'm contemplating installation of solar energy to our Church, hall and presbytery. Please save energy as much as you can.

Resilience: we need to be financially stable to be certain of our future. Did you know that we are not receiving funding from the government, from the Vatican or from the diocese? Each one of us is responsible for the upkeep of our parish whatever you decide to give in support of the church should suit your circumstances and meaningful to you.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MASS SCHEDULE

Second Sunday after the Nativity– 4th January 2026

Sunday Vigil (Sat) 3rd 6:00pm Susan Brett RIP (ann)

Sunday 4th 9:15am Pro Populo

11:00am Ben Special Intentions

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners

Mon 5th 9:30am Jane Goodyear RIP (bdy ann)

9:30am OLST & St Thomas More Mass

2:00pm Funeral of David Roberts

*Tue 6th 9:30am Jane Goodyear RIP—Mr & Mrs Frank RIP **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord***

9:30am OLST Whole School Mass

Wed 7th 9:30am Ben Special Intentions

Thu 8th 9:30am Kathleen & John O'Reilly & family, Jonathan & M Mikey Intentions

Fri 9th 9:30am Waleria Paczkowska RIP

Sat 10th 9:30am Apostles of Jesus Missionary Intentions

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 after the Nativity– 4th January 2026

Sat 3rd Jan Mass at St. Anne's 5:00pm

Sun 4th Jan Mass at St. Joseph's 08:30am Stephen Melvin (RIP)

Mass at St. Anne's 10:30am

Mon 5th Jan (No Mass)

Tue 6th Jan Mass at St. Anne's 09:30

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Wed 7th Jan Mass at St. Anne's 09:30

Thu 8th Jan Mass at St. Anne's 9:30am

Fri 9th Jan Exposition, 6:00pm Confession Mass at 7:00pm

Mass at St Anne's 7:00pm

Sat 10th Jan Mass at St. Anne's 17:00

Sun 11th Jan Mass at St Anne's 09.30 Trevor and Adela Foster (RIP)

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

Parish Finances week beginning 07/12/25

COLLECTION £ of which Gift Aid £

FABRIC FUND £ of which Gift Aid: £

DECEMBER Tap & Go: £ of which Gift Aid: £

DECEMBER STANDING ORDER: £1507.67

Many
Thanks!



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Sunday 27/28th Dec Mass attendance 518

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 - 12/19/26th Meditation 7:30pm

Tue - 13/20/27th RCIA 7:30pm

Tue - 6/20th Seniors after Mass

Tue - 6/13/20/27th Knit & natter 1:30-3:30pm

Tue - 6/13/20/27th First Holy Communion classes 4pm

Wed - 14th Coffee morning after Mass

Wed - 7th Kinship Group 12-1pm

Wed - 21/28th Bible Study group after morning Mass

Thu - 8/15/22/29th 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 Berkmire, 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:

Pauline Morris (13th Jan 10:30am)

Parishioners whose Anniversaries we remember during the week

Anniversaries week beginning :4th January 2026

Theresa Darlison, Kenneth Salisbury, Sarah Bevan, Maureen Horton, Lily Taylor, Mary Horridge, Catherine Middleton, Philomena Whealan, Tracey Howes, Patricia James, Veronica Goodman, Peter Mulligan, Patricia Wheeler, Dorothy Thornton, James Jackson, Archer Stilwell, Angela Wren, Frederick Calvert & Patrick Whyte.

William Jeffcoat, John Kovaleski, John Boguski, Nancy Moyle, Martin O'Connor and Henry McShane

Priests whose anniversaries appear during the Week:

Rev Martin Cassidy, Rev Philip Garrett, Rev Francis Dwyer, Rev Philip Smith, Rev John Davis, Deacon Joseph Patterson, Rev Brian Harding, Rev John Bentley, Rev Charles Becker, Rev Alexander Brown & Rev Philip Wykes.