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Masses are held in the Church, for exceptions see below.



10th November 2024 **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Remembrance Sunday Parish Mass Book page 154

Unless otherwise stated the second collection is for the Parish Development Fund (PDF)

Collect Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Amen.

Sunday Masses are at 08:30am and 10:30am

Weekday Mass 10:00am Monday and Friday

Saturday Mass at 10:00am is followed by Exposition and Confession.

Feast Days and Saints' Days this week:

- Mon: Saint Martin of Tours
- Tue: Saint Josaphat
- Wed: All Saints of the Order of St. Benedict
- Sat: Saint Gertrude the Great

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November:
For Those Who Have Lost A Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

Children's Liturgy will take place during 10:30am Mass next Sunday, 17th November.

IMPORTANT: Options for the new Lectionary from Advent (Sunday 1st December)

Due to the new translation, an updated lectionary for Mass will be introduced from Sunday 1st December. The current mass books will still be available in church but the wording of the readings will be slightly different. You can access the new wording in a number of ways:

- **CTS Sunday Missal:** (available to order from Rosalind Marie at the piety stall or 07789 282 689) Red hardback £20. White or burgundy 'presentation' copy in a slip cover £30. Annual paperback £9.95/year. (If there are 6 orders, shipping will be free, and with even more orders the price may reduce).
- **Universalis Website** The website can be used free to access the readings, responses etc. on the day of Mass and a few days either side. This is a live web page so you will need a network connection / mobile signal on your smartphone or tablet, why not try it today?
<https://universalis.com/europe.england/mass.htm>
- You can download the **Universalis app**. for a one off purchase from the app store for £9.99. This works off-line and the readings etc. for any Mass date can be accessed at any time. As well as the Mass and readings, it also has the Divine Office, spiritual reading, The Rosary, Angelus, various books, information about the day and a weekly podcast about the saints of the week.

200 Club

The winners of the October 200 Club draw were:

1st Prize (£75) - A Barter

2nd Prize (£50) - M Carney

3rd Prize (£25) - K Cunningham

Thank you to everyone for your continued support for the 200 Club. There are several numbers still available if you would like to join the 200 Club. Each number is only £24 per year - so you only need to win 3rd prize once a year to recoup your outlay. Please contact James Lloyd for more details.

Piety Stall: Advent calendars and Christmas cards are now available. Cribs and gifts to follow. All profits go to Aid to the Church in need and the parish Development Fund. Thank you for your continued support.



Limited Edition Parish Honey

The honey from the bees in the church garden has been extracted and bottled and will be on sale in the hall after the 10.30 mass on 24th Nov. It will be £6 per 1lb. jar, by cash or card.

The first honey box was quite full by mid May and this has yielded 13lbs. of set honey.

The second and third boxes were removed on 29th June and these yielded a further 29 lbs. of runny honey. This is a remarkably good yield which will raise £252 for the parish development fund.

Calling all Gardeners

Please can you come and help put the gardens to bed before the winter. We need volunteers of all ages together with their gardening tools to help on Saturday November 16th from 11am -1pm. The gardens need a final tidy before the winter and before the bad weather. We look forward to seeing a merry band of workers in good weather.

Advent Talks

We are holding 5 talks in preparation for Christmas. The talks will be led by Nick Cosgriff whom many of you know. He is training to be a Deacon. Time 7.30pm for one hour on Tuesdays from 19th November to 17th December inclusive in the Parish Hall Meeting Room for the first talk, If you have a bible or Lectionary please bring it with you. **Parking:** Please can you drive towards the presbytery, past the church and park along by the wall. We will back up around the grass. The Civic Society have booked our Hall they arrive after we have started and leave after us so we will keep the cars in separate areas otherwise it could become chaotic. There will be a member of the parish on "carpark duty" After the first week there will be no one else in the Hall so you can park anywhere on the tarmac.

Proposed Christmas Lunch Monday December 9th 12.30pm - Broom Tavern

Pre -Covid the Parish would have a Christmas lunch at a different pub /restaurant. We have tried 5 different ones over the years so we will try another one this year. We are aiming for Broom Tavern the cost excluding a tip and drinks is £26.00. That is so much more than we had paid previously but that is what it is now. We would love to see you. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church if you are interested in joining us. The Tavern require a £5.00 deposit. This is a great opportunity for those on their own to join in a Parish activity. For others do bring your partner or a friend. If you need a lift, just put a note by your name. This is not a parish fund-raiser this is an opportunity for us the join with Fr Geoffrey before Christmas and enjoy a meal together.

Church Offertory

 Ways to contribute are as follows:

- Standing Order is our preferred method. Please set up your standing order directly with your bank, using the following details (this is a business account):
Account name: Our Lady & St Joseph's RC Parish Alcester
Sort code: 40-43-54 Account number: 11068687 Bank reference: your name.
- Contactless device (Dona machine): - this can be found at the back of the church. Simply choose "Church Offertory" from the list on the screen and please select the option to add Gift Aid if you are a tax payer (Note: this device can also be used for Special Collections.)
- Gift Aid envelope scheme: white envelopes for any cash donation which can be Gift Aided.
- Loose cash: Please place in the collection bags.
- You can also use the QR code at the top of this bulletin to donate by phone to the Parish Collection.

Cardinal calls for Catholics to pray to uphold the dignity of human life

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has called for Catholics in England and Wales to join him, and the Bishops of our countries, to pause for an hour at 5:30pm on Wednesday, 13 November to pray for the dignity of human life.

On that day, the Bishops will pause for an hour in the middle of their autumn plenary meeting to kneel in front of the Blessed Sacrament for a holy hour in light of the bill passing through the UK parliament that seeks to legalise assisted suicide.