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Palm Sunday

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08:30 Mass: Credo: 11

Sanctus: 16

10:30 Mass: Credo: 11

Sanctus: 342

Children's Liturgy will take place during 10:30am Mass today

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Holy Week Services & Activities

Mon 14 th April	09:30	Morning Prayer <i>In Church</i>
	10:00	Mass
	12:00	Walking Rosary or Angelus <i>In the Church Grounds by the Statue of Our Lady</i>
	15:00	Stations of the Cross <i>In Church St.Alphonsus. Hymn the Stabat Mater dolorosa.</i>
	18:30	Evening Prayer <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
	19:00	Talk on "Faith" <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
	19:45	Night Prayer <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
Tue 15 th April	09:30	Morning Prayer <i>In Church</i>
	12:00	Walking Rosary or Angelus <i>In the Church Grounds by the Statue of Our Lady</i>
	15:00	Stations of the Cross <i>In Church Based on Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudatio Si'. Year of Jubilee 2025 'Year of Hope'. Written by St Columban's Mission Society. Hymn based on Were you there when they crucified my Lord?</i>
	18:30	Evening Prayer <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
	19:00	Talk on "Hope" <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
	19:45	Night Prayer <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
Wed 16 th April	09:30	Morning Prayer
	12:00	Walking Rosary or Angelus <i>In the Church Grounds by the Statue of Our Lady</i>
	15:00	Stations of the Cross <i>In Church St.Alphonsus. Hymn the Stabat Mater dolorosa</i>
	18:30	Evening Prayer <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
	19:00	Talk on "Charity" <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
	19:45	Night Prayer <i>In The Parish Hall</i>
Thu 17 th April Maundy Thursday	09:30	Morning Prayer <i>In Church</i>
	20:00	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose and a closing prayer at 10pm
Fri 18 th April Good Friday	09:30	Morning Prayer <i>In Church</i>
	10:30	Alcester Churches Together Walk of Witness
	15:00	The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Sat 19 th April Holy Saturday	09:30	Morning Prayer <i>In Church</i>
	20:00	The Easter Vigil
Sun 20 th April Easter Sunday	08:30	Mass of the Resurrection
	10:30	Mass of the Resurrection
	18:30	Evening Prayer

Calling All Readers (new people welcome): we still need readers for some of the Holy Week masses, please sign up TODAY on the sheet at the back of Church.

Easter Flowers: There is a basket at the back for donations towards the Easter flowers and the general flower fund. Any new parishioners interested in going on the flower rota, please contact Cheryl Cracknell



Alcester Churches Together Walk of Witness – Good Friday 18th April 10:30am

Meet outside the Alcester Baptist Church for a 10.30am start. The walk processes around central Alcester stopping at the following locations for Gospel readings prayers and hymns.

1. Alcester Baptist Church
2. Oversley House
3. Greig Hall
4. Moorfield Park
5. Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Church
6. Alcester Methodist Church
7. Waitrose
8. Alcester High Street
9. St Nicholas Church

Piety Stall Easter cards are now available. Thank you for your continued support.

Good Friday Fasting and Abstinence — The Paschal Fast should be kept sacred. It is to be celebrated everywhere on the Friday of the Lord's Passion and, where appropriate, prolonged also through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the Lord's Resurrection.

It is an obligation on all Catholics to fulfil Easter Duties. That is, at least once a year, to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion. This should be done around Easter time and before Trinity Sunday. It is also recommended by the Church that confession at least once a month is beneficial for the soul and growth in one's Faith.



The next planned ACT monthly drop-in 'open house' for people to spend in prayer are:

- 05 May hosted by Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Church
- 02 June hosted by St Nicholas Church.

Please feel free to drop-in to the above sessions, for all or part of the time, to meet in prayer with fellow local Christians.

ACT Drop-in on Monday 5th May, 4.00 – 4.30pm at Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Church.

As the Government has marked this Bank Holiday as part of the celebrations for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, the theme for the drop-in will be Thanksgiving and Remembrance. Perhaps it would be nice to follow this occasion with a parish gathering, maybe a simple garden party?

If anyone is interested in sharing ideas for, and then helping to plan, this event then you can either email Mike Bennett at mhsbennett@aol.com or meet Mike after the 8.30 or 10.30 Mass next Sunday, April 13th. Obviously time is short and families may have other plans, but if you think this could be a nice event, please contact Mike and together we can see if something enjoyable can be planned for this historic occasion.

Church Offertory Standing Order is our preferred method using the following details:

- Account name: Our Lady & St Joseph's RC Parish Alcester
- Sort code: 40-43-54 Account: 11068687
- Reference: your name.

Legislation is passing through parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide. The Bill's Third Reading and vote is likely to take place at the end of April or start of May. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to contact your MP to express your views.