

Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church  
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Masses are held in the Church, for exceptions see below.



17<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
World Day of the Poor

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Collect*

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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:**

- Wed: Saint Edmund, King & martyr
- Thu: The Presentation of Our Lady
- Fri: Saint Cecilia
- Sat: Saint Clement I

**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 today.

**Tea & coffee** will be served after 10:30 Mass next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November. Rota: AD / JA

**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.

**Help Please! Artificial Christmas Tree Needed**

**Alcester Churches Together** (ACT, of which Fr Geoffrey is the current Chair) traditionally have a

presence on the High Street for the St Nicholas Night Celebrations on 6<sup>th</sup> December. In the ACT gazebo we would like to have a Christmas tree which can be used to hang 'prayer stars' written by children of ALL ages!

So if you have an artificial Christmas left over from last year and you are planning on an upgrade for this year it would be really nice if you could donate your tree to ACT. If you can help please email Mike Bennett at

[mhsbennett@aol.com](mailto:mhsbennett@aol.com) so that collection can be arranged. It would also be good to have a strong parish presence on St Nicholas Night. Details to follow next week.



**Coffee Morning in memory of Lianne Abbott Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – 2:00pm**

Celebrate 25 years of the Shakespeare Hospice at Our Lady & St. Joseph Church Hall, Alcester, B49 5DY Hot drink and slice of cake for suggested donation of £5.

Contact Joan Abbott 07919 621208

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is David Sullivan. He can be contacted on [sg.olasj.alcester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olasj.alcester@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

Please send any messages for next week's bulletin to Bruce Hanley by Weds. evening [bjh2025@yahoo.com](mailto:bjh2025@yahoo.com)

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On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (First Sunday of Advent), a new English version of the Lectionary for Mass comes into force in England, Wales and Scotland. It will be based on the English Standard Version: Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles (APC).

The Sunday Lectionary contains three readings for each Mass, and follows a three-year cycle. It has become common to speak of the Years of Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B) and Luke (Year C), with the Gospel of John featuring during Lent and Easter. The weekday Lectionary is spread over two years, and contains readings for every single day. This allows much more of the word of God to be heard by the faithful.

The underlying structure of the Lectionary is based on the history of salvation, the all-encompassing story of God's loving relationship with the human race. As Saint Augustine expressed it, "*the New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is fully revealed in the New.*" The Lectionary strives to link the Old and New Testaments - a principle called "harmonization" - to show us the "today" of salvation.

The new Lectionary will allow more of the complexity and richness of the Scriptures to reach us. It gives us a new opportunity to better understand the word of God, our inheritance which brings us "*the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ*" (Philippians 3:8).

## Diamond Wedding Celebration

Fr. Geoffrey and all parishioners are invited to attend a finger buffet in the parish hall following 10:30am mass today, to mark the diamond wedding anniversary of **Glenn and Gaby Allison**. Please come along!



14th November 1964

JOIN US FOR

# OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ALCESTER

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER  
4-6PM

★ TOMBOLA ★ RAFFLE ★  
★ STALLS ★ REFRESHMENTS ★  
★ GAMES ★ SANTAS GROTTO ★  
★ PRESENT ROOM ★

FREE ENTRY

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## LUXURY WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALCESTER  
FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER  
6.45 - 9PM

£25 PP (ADULTS ONLY)  
INCLUDES WREATH, ARRIVAL  
DRINK & MINCE PIE

This two hour work shop will be the perfect start to the festive period this year! You will be guided through the process of making your very own Luxury Christmas Wreath!

PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN SECATEURS!!

Booking is essential! Contact: Josie Print to book your place, either in person, Facebook or via email: [PTA@ola.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:PTA@ola.magnificat.org.uk)

Payment is non refundable due to limited spaces

The Parish Hall and Meeting Room are available for hire and bookings.

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