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**1<sup>st</sup> March 2026                      Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments**

Parish Mass Book page 155                      08:30 Mass: Credo: 11                      Sanctus: 16

10:30 Mass: Credo: 11                      Sanctus: 335

*The second collection today is for Life, please also return your CAFOD fast day envelopes*

**Masses This week:**

- Monday & Friday at 10:00am (With communal prayer at 9:30am before Mass during Lent.)
- Saturday 10:00am followed by Stations of the Cross and Confession.
- Sunday 08:30am and 10:30am

**Feast Days and Saints' Days:**

- Mon. St. Chad

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for March:**

**For disarmament and peace.** Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Food Bank Collection** is today. The items needed are: tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, pasta shapes, custard, The weight last month was an amazing 140kgs. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity. The food bank are astounded by how much they receive from the Catholic Church.

**Children's Liturgy** takes place today and on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month during 10:30am Mass.

**Gardening:** The regular Saturday Church gardening sessions re-starts on Saturday 7th March, 11:00am to 1:00pm. Please be ready to give some of your time to help make our Parish gardens look special for spring and summer, no experience needed, it would be helpful to bring some gardening tools.

**KEEP THE DATE:** Brass cleaning will be done after the 10am Mass on Friday 27th March. Please join this growing team!

**PIETY STALL:** The Imitation of Christ books are now out of stock but if anyone else would still like one, please ask at the piety stall and we can reorder if they are available.

**Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in aid of St Richard's Hospice Sat 14 Mar 2026 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

Our Lady & St Joseph Parish Hall, Priory Road, Alcester, B49 5DY



Join us for a lovely afternoon tea to begin Mother's Day weekend in the most meaningful way — celebrating mums while supporting an incredible cause.

- £15 per person
- Two sittings available:
  - 1:00–2:30pm or 3:00–4:30pm
- Please bring cash on the day — raffle tickets will be available to purchase
- You are welcome to bring your own fizz if you'd like to celebrate a little further!



For more details and to book please scan the code or visit:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/strichardshospicegreatwallofchinatrek/>

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phone to Parish Collections



**Parish Hall** We are delighted that so many parishioners are taking advantage of the facilities of our Hall for their family occasions. We suggest that as soon as you know the date you wish to use the Hall you contact the Booking Secretary to avoid disappointment: [bookings.olasj.@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bookings.olasj.@rcaob.org.uk) We have bookings for 3 out of 4 weekends in March. Parishioners are charged at a reduced rate. A booking form is completed and an invoice raised. Payment is made directly into the Hall account.

**Donations to Parish Funds** We have recently received more Standing Orders for both parish expenses and the Parish Development fund. Thank you for your support, including signed Gift Aid forms.

**Collections in Church for Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

First Collection £117.77 Second Collection £119.47

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**Church Offertory** If possible a Standing order is the preferred method of supporting the Church.

- Account-Our Lady & St Joseph RC Parish Alcester
- Sort Code 40-43-54 Account 11068687
- Reference -your name

There is a Dona machine by the front Church for donations by card, these can be Gift Aided as can all donations. There are forms at the back of the Church and contact details for our Gift Aid organiser who can answer any queries.

**Positions available in The Archdiocese of Birmingham.** A number of positions are available, see the Archdiocese website for further details: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/faqs/category/jobs>

**Alcester World Day of Prayer** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm, Alcester Methodist Church.

This years' Service is written by the Christians of Nigeria

You are invited to the **Women's World Day of Prayer** service at 2pm on March 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Gregory's Church, Stratford on Avon. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT 2026** Communal Morning Prayer will be said in Church, at 9:30am, on every Monday and Friday, before Mass, during Lent. Communal Morning Prayer will still be said, in the Church, on those few occasions, during Lent, when there will be no morning Mass. All are welcome.

#### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FOR LENT 2026 FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

Please give whatever you can this Fast Day in Lent to enable CAFOD to use your money to provide local solutions on the ground where it is needed. You can donate by using the CAFOD envelopes in Church, or give on-line by either scanning the QR code on the poster at the back of Church, or by visiting the CAFOD site [contactless@cafod.org.uk](mailto:contactless@cafod.org.uk) Thank you.

UPDATE! GENEROUS BENEFACTORS AT NATIONAL LEVEL HAVE PLEDGED TO MATCH FUND ANY DONATIONS GIVEN ONLINE BEFORE 1ST MARCH 2026. THIS EFFECTIVELY DOUBLES THE VALUE OF ANY DONATION MADE ONLINE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO US, THE DONORS

#### GOSPEL REFLECTIONS DURING LENT 2026

Every Monday evening during Lent there will be the opportunity for Reflection on the Sunday Gospel. Each session will close with Night Prayer. The sessions are in the Church Hall.

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	Matt. 17:1-9. The Transfiguration	7pm – 8pm.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Jn.4:5-15. The Samaritan woman at the well.	7pm – 8pm.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Jn.9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38. Jesus giving sight to the blind.	7pm – 8pm.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Jn.11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45. The restoring of Lazarus.	7pm – 8pm.

#### REGULAR PRAYER, a REFLECTION, and COFFEE at FECKENHAM

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday morning of the month. (4th March, 18th March, 1st April, 15th April)  
St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More Catholic Church, High Street, Feckenham. B96 6HS.

During the 4 meetings through Lent we will be taking our reflections from The Imitation of Christ by Thomas à Kempis. This is Fr. Geoffrey's recommended spiritual reading for Lent. Now out of stock but if anyone would still like one, please ask at the piety stall and we can reorder if they are available.

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

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