Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church
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1st November 2026 — Feast of All Saints

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08:30 Mass: Gloria: 9 Credo: 11 Sanctus: 16
10:30 Mass: Gloria: 208 Credo: 11 Sanctus: 213

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

Masses This week:

- Monday & Friday 10:00am (Morning Prayer at 9:30am)
- Saturday 10:00am followed by Exposition and Confession.
- Sunday 08:30am and 10:30am

Mass readings for today and the week ahead: https://universalis.com/europe.england/mass.htm

Feast Days and Saints' Days:

- Mon. All the Faithful Departed
- Tue. St. Winifride
- Wed. St. Charles Borromeo
- Thu. Deceased relatives and benefactors of the English Benedictine Congregation

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November: For the Proper use of Wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth — that, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity with those who have less.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY Should there be a fire or other emergency please follow the instructions from the Stewards. Leave using the nearest exit and assemble by the Fire Assembly point by the fence next to the Priory Tuery.

Food Bank Collection today. The items needed are: Tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, baked beans, pasta shapes. The weight last month was an amazing 138.5kg. A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Children's Liturgy takes place during 10:30am Mass today, and on the first and third Sundays of each month – exceptions will be notified in the bulletin and parish website.

Holy Souls Envelopes. DON'T DELAY COLLECT YOUR ENVELOPES NOW! Envelopes are available for us all to place the list of names of your deceased relatives and friends for whom you wish to pray. A Stipend/donation should be included towards the Masses to be said. They will be placed at the foot of the altar and prayed for at every Holy Mass during November. Please return the envelopes promptly to the presbytery.

Morning Prayer Every Monday and Friday at 9:30am before 10:00am Mass. (Unless Mass is cancelled).
Walking Rosary Every Friday morning at 10:45am after 10:00am Mass (Unless Mass is cancelled).

Poppies are now on sale Last year we raised the most money overall for our area so let's try to do it again for this worthy cause!

The Parish Quiz Night Is now planned for Friday 27th November to start at 7:30pm and finish around 9:30pm. Teams of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 6 with a charge of £3 per person and pay cash on the night. Individuals or couples can be allocated to teams on the night if needed. Participants may bring their own snacks and drinks. To register please contact Jim Nallen via the details on the printed bulletin issued at Church (team or individual registration.) Jim will also be available after 10:30am Masses on the Sundays before the quiz. Closing date for entries is Wednesday 24th November.

Piety stall. Diaries, calendars and cards are now available. Advent calendars, Gifts and Nativity items coming later.

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Use this code to donate by phone to Parish Collections

CANDLES and FIRST AID Kits for TEAMS 4U. Thank you for the toiletries received over the summer. (We are still collecting.) The next things we need and hope you might help us by donating are:
Candles (any shape or size) and small First Aid kits, to go in our Home Boxes. Please put any donations in the box at the back of church. I will also leave some T4U 2026 leaflets for you. Thank you for your continued support. It's much appreciated. Emma Walker.

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 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 pt.olasj.alcester@rcaob.org.uk

Grab a bargain while gift shopping! We are planning a new fundraising initiative in the hall on some Sundays after Mass, hopefully starting 15th November, then 29th Nov and 6th December.
An 'As new / Unwanted Gifts' Stall. Please pay via the Dona machine.
Firstly, please look out such unwanted items and place them in the box at the back of church then please come and shop! Brand new and 'as good as new' items of all kinds are welcome.
Secondly, we need volunteers to help and some weeks coffee will be available so more volunteers would be helpful for that role too please. This will be a way to recycle items, benefit the Parish and yourselves!