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



20th October 2024

World Mission Day

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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:

- Tue: Saint John Paul II, Pope
- Wed: Saint John of Capistrano
- Thu: Saint Anthony Mary Claret
- Sat: Saints Chad and Cedd

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for October:
For A Shared Mission**

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

Children's Liturgy will take place during 10:30am Mass today. The next session will be on Sunday 17th November.

Tea & coffee will be served after 10:30 Mass next Sunday, 27th Oct. Rota: MR/CR

Advent –a spiritual preparation for Christmas

It is aimed to hold a series of five talks in our Hall on a Tuesday evening from 7pm-8pm starting on 19th November in preparation for Christmas. Do make a note in your diary.

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 overleaf to donate by phone to the Parish Collection.

Thank you for your support.

Diaries and Calendars 2025 There are 3 options for Catholic diaries this year (regular, spiral bound, hardback). Please let me know of your preference and also how many calendars you would like as we ran out last year early on! Thank you. Rosalind Marie (07789 282 689).



First Communion Classes

Parents of children in year 3 and above who are not at a Catholic school, we will be starting First Communion Classes soon - normally the beginning of Advent. Jenny Fletcher and Sara Palmer will be running the classes. Please would you contact either of us via WhatsApp or SMS to indicate your interest. Once we have an idea of the number of children we will let you know further details. Please contact us by the end of October.

Many thanks Jenny - 07967385810 and Sara 07498446057

Hall Bookings

From Monday to Friday there are several regular bookings on each day but there are odd slots available for one off 2 hour bookings. The Meeting Room is the popular venue so there is more availability for the Hall. We are delighted that Parishioners are using the Hall at weekends for family events.

Please use the details at the foot of this bulletin to enquire about bookings.

As November Approaches we turn our thoughts more frequently toward Purgatory and the holy souls who dwell there for a time, expiating their faults. It is a work of charity for us, and the Church admonishes us to pray more especially during November for these souls, both known and unknown to us.

Envelopes will be put out these next 2 weekends for you all to place the list of names of your deceased relatives and friends for whom you wish to pray. A Stipend/donation may 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.

If it were but known how great is the power of the good souls in Purgatory with the Heart of God, and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession, "they would not be so much forgotten. We must, therefore, pray much for them, that they may pray much for us." – St. John Vianney

The Lectionary: A New Translation

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing information about the new Lectionary, and what it means to you with changes to our Mass books etc

*A new edition of the Lectionary — using the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles — will come into use in England and Wales on the **First Sunday of Advent**.*

Since the 1980s the readings we hear at Mass have come from the Jerusalem Bible translation. And that translation has served us well for nearly 40 years – maybe surprisingly well, given that the English Jerusalem Bible translation was first of all prepared to accompany the excellent explanatory footnotes provided for the original (French) *La Bible de Jérusalem*.

However from the beginning there were concerns about the accuracy and consistency of that translation. In recent years the Holy See has asked local Churches to ensure that the translations they use in Liturgy and for catechesis are as faithful to the original Hebrew and Greek as possible.

The bishops of England and Wales have concluded that the better English translation is the English Standard Version. From the First Sunday of Advent the scriptures proclaimed at Mass will be taken from that translation.

A full and lively account of why the ESV has been chosen is to be found in the CTS booklet '[Hearing Christ's Voice: A New Lectionary for the Church](#)' written by Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.

Fr Allen Morris, former Secretary to the Bishops' Conference Department for Christian Life and Worship