Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church
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25th October 2026 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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. Ss. Chad and Cedd.
- Wed. Ss. Simon and Jude

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

Tea and Coffee will be served after 10:30am Mass today, Rota: Maureen and Chris R. All are welcome to enjoy a good cuppa and chat in the Parish Hall. **The delicious Parish honey** will also be on sale – It is priced at £6 per 12oz. All proceeds will go to the Parish development fund.

Food Bank Collection next Sunday, 1st November. 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 next takes place during 10:30am Mass on Sunday 1st November, 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!

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT. The parish will be holding a fun Quiz Night on Friday 20th November. Venue will be the church hall. Entry will be given to the first 10 teams to apply. Each team can be 4 - 6 people. Money raised will be for the Parish Development Fund. Further details in the coming weeks. Contact Jim Nallen.

Piety stall. Diaries, calendars and cards are now available. Advent calendars, Gifts and Nativity items coming later. 2027 Missal: If anyone would like an annual paperback CTS Missal please order asap from the piety stall. They will be £9.95. Hard back permanent Missals are still in stock too.

October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary: Our Lady has frequently requested we pray the Rosary daily for peace and other intentions.

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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 Recent collections:
October 4th 1st Collection £176.00 PDF £116.00
October 11th 1st Collection £211.24 PDF £126.00
October 18th 1st Collection £202.96 Collection for Misio £156.52
The CAFOD envelopes have been sent. We are most grateful to all those who contribute to the Church and the Parish Development Fund by a Standing Order and even better if you can Gift Aid your donation. Donations via the Dona machine save the counting and banking. Whichever way you support the parish thank you your parish really does need your support. The Standing Order, Dona donations, Collections at Mass and Gift Aid repayments are needed to maintain and support the development of the Church and Parish and grounds.
The Hall is run and maintained using the hire charges and takes no money directed for the benefit of the Church. If you have any concerns regarding your donation, contact Teresa Quick. The best way if you cannot catch me at Mass is to put a note through the presbytery letterbox with your contact details. Anthony Carus looks after Gift Aid and Chris Ryde the 200 Club.

Parish Christmas Lunch Monday 7th December 12:00 arrival for 12:30, Kings Court Hotel, Coughton. Names, menu choices and £15 deposit per person today please (total price £35 per person) will be collected by Joan Abbott and Angela McKinley after 10:30am mass today and at coffee in the hall.

STARTER Tomato and Sweet Pepper Soup. Chicken liver pâté served with spiced fruit chutney and toast Smoked Salmon Carpaccio, with caper, lemon and gherkin salsa
MAIN Served with roast potatoes, braised red cabbage, sprouts, chestnuts & roasted carrots & parsnips Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings / Honey and Mustard Roast Ham with wholegrain mustard sauce / Roasted Cod Fillet with tomato and caper cream sauce / Roasted Vegetable Feta and Cranberry Stuffed Zucchini with plum tomato and tarragon sauce
DESSERTS Traditional Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce / Lemon and raspberry Crème Brûlée with fruit coulis / Irish Cream Cheesecake with chocolate sauce
Three courses, including coffee and mince pies A deposit of £15.00 per person required today please

Gardening Volunteers Needed – Refreshing the Main Border In our next session, we will be finishing the refreshing of the main border with a selection of Mediterranean and drought-tolerant plants and weeding to help ensure colour and resilience through the hotter summers and into mid/late-summer next year. None of the existing planting will be removed, and we have moved potted plants into the ground so they can establish more deeply and cope better with changing weather conditions. Can I thank those that have donated plants for our refresh. A big thank you to those that have volunteered this year, and we will now have a garden break until March 2027.
Steven Cubitt coordinates gardening activities for parishioners who help care for and maintain the Church Gardens. Our next gardening session will be held on **Saturday 31st October, from 11:00 to 12:30.**
We warmly welcome new volunteers. You can contact Steven on **07726 961966** (text or WhatsApp preferred) or by email at **steven.cubitt@yahoo.co.uk**.
No gardening experience is needed. Please bring your own tools if you have them; if not, Steven will be happy to lend some on the day.

The Parish Hall and Meeting Room are available for hire and bookings.
For enquiries email bookings.olasj.alcester@rcaob.org.uk