

**Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church**  
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**29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Parish Mass Book page 176 08:30 Mass: Credo: 11 Sanctus: 16

10:30 Mass: Credo: 11 Sanctus: 335

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Parish Development Fund (PDF), Good Friday collection for the Holy Places*

**Masses for Holy Week:**

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00am with communal prayer at 9:30am before Mass
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday Mass 8:00pm (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Mass at 3:00pm (no morning Mass)
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil 8:00pm (No morning Mass or confession)
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Masses 08:30am and 10:30am (Mass of the Resurrection)

**Easter Duties:** It's the tradition of the Church that we should fulfil what are called 'Easter Duties', by receiving Communion, and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Eastertide.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For Priests in Crisis.** Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Readers For Holy Week:** sign up sheet is at the back of Church.

**Tea and Coffee** will be served after 10:30am Mass today, Rota: Auriol and Steven.

All are welcome to enjoy a good cuppa and chat in the Parish Hall.

**Food Bank Collection** today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The items needed are: Tinned tomatoes, baked beans, pasta shapes, pasta sauce, jam. The weight last month was an amazing 122.9kgs. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity.

**Gardening:** The next Church gardening session is on Saturday 11th April, 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.

**Children's Liturgy** next takes place during 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

**The Easter Egg Hunt** will take place in the church garden after 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Easter Flowers please give generously:** The price of flowers has increased dramatically. Donations for the flowers for Easter will be gratefully received in the basket at the back of church. Today there are some Oasis in trays for you to take to do a little arrangement for the windowsills with flowers and green from your garden. Please bring it back on Holy Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> April), when we shall be doing the flowers in the afternoon, from 3 o'clock onwards. Alternatively, you could bring your arrangement back on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, but leave it in the sacristy. If you are willing to go on the flower rota circa twice a year please contact Cheryl on 01386 462385 or [cherylcracknell1950@gmail.com](mailto:cherylcracknell1950@gmail.com)

**Piety Stall:** Easter cards are now available.

**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 for our Gift Aid organiser who can answer any queries. Thank you for all your donations. [pt.olasj.alcester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pt.olasj.alcester@rcaob.org.uk)



**Cash Collections for March 15<sup>th</sup>** First Collection £139.29 Second Collection £130.75

**Cash Collections for March 22<sup>nd</sup>** First Collection £166.08 Second Collection £119.23

These collections are in addition to the Standing Orders and Dona donations.

On Good Friday there is a collection for the Holy Places. The Easter Sunday collection is the collection for the clergy. The money will be given to Father Geoffrey. There is no second collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

HOLY WEEK 2026							
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Maundy Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Holy Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
08:30							Mass of the Resurrection
09:30	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	
10:00	Mass						
10:30					Walk of Witness		Mass of the Resurrection
12:00	Rosary or Angelus *1	Rosary or Angelus *1	Rosary or Angelus *1				
15:00	Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross		Liturgy of the Lord's Passion		
18:30	Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer				Evening Prayer
19:00	Gospel Reflection & Night Prayer				Stations of the Cross		
20:00				Mass of the Lord's Supper *2		The Easter Vigil	
22:00				Night Prayer			

\*1 Walking Rosary (dry) or Angelus (wet)

\*2 Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.

**Sunday Gospel Reflections during Lent** the last session will be this Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7 – 8pm in the church hall. **“Matt.26-27. The Lord's Passion”**. The session will close with Night Prayer. During Holy Week, Evening Prayer will be taking place at 6:30pm in the church beforehand, for anyone who would also like to attend.

**Regular Prayer, a Reflection, and Coffee at Feckenham** Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday morning of the month. (1st April, 15th April) St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More Catholic Church, High Street, Feckenham. B96 6HS. Next session 10am, Weds. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

#### Alcester Churches Together Walk of Witness

Good Friday 10.30am, meet outside the Alcester Baptist Church, opposite the Town Hall. This is an annual event and involves walking around central Alcester, behind a Cross, stopping occasionally for prayers and Gospel readings. Please join us if you can.