

Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church
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30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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08:30 Mass: Credo: 11 Sanctus: 16

10:30 Mass: Credo: 11 Sanctus: 342

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

Monday & Friday 10:00am Mass in Church

Saturday Mass 10:00am in Church followed by Stations of the Cross and Confession.

Sunday Masses are at 08:30am and 10:30am

Feast Days and Saints' Days:

- Wed: St. Francis of Paola
- Fri: St. Isidore
- Sat: St. Vincent Ferrer

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April
For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Tea and Coffee will be served after 10:30am Mass today

All are welcome to enjoy a good cuppa and chat after 10:30am Mass today in the Parish Hall.

Food Bank Collection next Sunday 6th April

The items needed are: tinned potatoes, custard, tinned cold meats, tinned fruit, toiletries.

Last month's weight was 109.2 kgs, thank you for your ongoing generosity.

During Lent a food bank collection basket will be available at the back of Church for contributions at any time as well as for the regular collection.

Calling All Readers (new people welcome): the sign up sheet will be on the notice board these next two weeks for all the Holy Week Liturgies. Please fill it up!

Lent season of prayer, fasting and charity.

To assist us with our prayer life during Lent, there is the opportunity to say Morning Prayer together, in the Church, on Monday and Friday before Mass. Morning Prayer will be at 9:30am on the following dates. Morning Prayer books will be provided.

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| Monday 31st March 2025. 9:30am | Monday 7th April 2025. NO MORNING PRAYER |
| Friday 4th April 2025. 9:30am | Friday 11th April 2025. 9:30am |

Holy Week commencing Monday 14th April 2025. Morning Prayer will be at 9:30am every morning, up to and including Holy Saturday 19th April 2025.

A date for your diary: Calling all brass cleaners! The church brassware will be cleaned and polished on Friday 11th April, in the presbytery, after the 10am Mass.

The more helpers, the merrier and the quicker the job will be done. Please come along and bring old cloths for polishing. Brasso will be provided. Thank you.

Easter Flowers: There is a basket at the back for donations towards the Easter flowers and the general flower fund. Any new parishioners interested in going on the flower rota, please contact Cheryl Cracknell

Piety Stall There are some lovely Bible story based recipe booklets available to purchase. Suitable for 7yrs upwards, don't miss out on them! Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion cards and gifts are available on request. Easter cards coming soon. Thank you for your continued support. Rosalind Marie 07789 282689.



Children's Liturgy will take place at 10:30am Mass on the following Sundays.

| April | May | June | July |
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| 13 th April - Palm Sunday | Sunday 4 th May | Sunday 8 th June - Pentecost | Sunday 6 th July |
| Sunday 27 th April | Sunday 18 th May | Sunday 15 th June | |

Church Offertory Ways to contribute are as follows:

- Standing Order is our preferred method using the following details:
 - Account name: Our Lady & St Joseph's RC Parish Alcester
 - Sort code: 40-43-54 Account: 11068687
 - Reference: your name.
- You do not need a form from Church to set up a standing order, just use the information above to set it up directly with your bank.
- The forms at the back of the church are for Gift Aid declarations and to join the 200 Club
- You can give cash at the collections in Mass, or use the Dona card reader machine in Church.

New Altar Servers

We still need new Altar Servers to join our team at both Masses. Training is available to anyone that has received their First Holy Communion. We are also happy to welcome servers that have previously been trained in other parishes. Please speak to Mike the parish MC after the Sunday 10:30 Mass or e-mail mike@catholicchurchalcester.org.uk