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4th May 2025

Sat.

Third Sunday of Easter

Parish Mass Book page 265 08:30 Mass: Gloria: 9 Credo: 11 Sanctus: 16 10:30 Mass: Gloria: 337 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 Exposition and Confession.

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

Confirmation Mass – Monday 12th May 7pm with Bishop David Evans

Feast Days and Saints' Days:

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May

For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in

dignity, and that society might be humanized.

The Food Bank Collection is Today

St. John of Avila

The items needed are: Tinned potatoes, instant potatoes, pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, custard. Last month's weight was 129.6 kgs, thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

There is a fund raising car boot sale at St. Benedict's school on 10th May 9 – 12am (Set-up from 8am.) This is to raise funds for the group of St. Benedict's pupils who will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes during the May half term.

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

May	June	July
Sunday 18 th May	Sunday 8 th June - Pentecost	Sunday 6 th July
	Sunday 15 th June	

Volunteering & Helping

Our Lady and St Joseph Alcester is a lovely small parish. Life changes so you may now feel that you can help the parish regularly or occasionally. Everyone who has previously volunteered to assist in some way helps regularly or gets called upon from time to time. Jobs crop up like the need to facilitate parking for major events or helping when the parish hosts the Worcester Deanery or when the monks from Douai Abbey meet here. There is of course the regular call for gardening help and watering the plants. That will be coming soon. In fact, there has been some watering this week. The various rotas to enable the parish to function well can always do with extra help. The list of rota organisers is at the back of the Church. There is the Summer Supper coming up soon maybe you could help in some way. We will be looking for help to sell raffle tickets after Mass to those who will miss the event. All help before and after the event will be gratefully received. There is a box at the back of the church and cards where you can write your name and contact details and how you can help. We would be delighted if you could join the merry band of volunteers.

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Use this code to donate by phone to Parish Collections



Any Old Iron?

There is an old locked safe that has found its way into Father's office and has been left there. It really should go to Household Waste but it is heavy and no use. Scrap metal dealers will not take it. If you can assist please tell Father or Teresa, it would be great to see it gone.



Funding the Parish

Each month we receive £1809 in Standing orders from two sources: Standing Orders for the church and the other for the Parish Development Fund. Each month we receive money via the Dona machine and by collections during Mass. These collections are for people who do not contribute in any other way. The second collection is usually for the PDF (Parish Development Fund) or a Charity. It is regularly the larger collection as so many people have a Standing Order or use the Dona machine for the Church giving. Our income has increased this year for which we are most grateful. Since September when our financial year starts, we have spent nearly £10,000 on repairs. You may remember we had a terrific lot of electrical work on the Church and house and recently some roof repair on the Hall. The electrical work was essential to enable us to have the appropriate certificates. On a good month our income is £3,300. Utilities are a large expense, £4,000 for insurance and our contribution to the diocese amounts to a month and a half money each year. Budgeting is very tight but greatly helped by donations including the 200 Club and regular giving being Gift Aided. We should always remember the generosity of Fr Geoffrey and Douai Abbey without which this parish would not survive in the way it does today.

The second collection next Sunday will be for the Clergy Training fund

Church Offertory 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.

Please Gift Aid your donation, forms are on the board at the back of the church.

Hall Bookings

Please note that enquiries for Parish Hall Bookings should now be made through the existing Parish Finance email address: pt.olasj.alcester@rcaob.org.uk

