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Feast of Epiphany of The Lord

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

Weekday Mass 10:00am Monday and Friday
Saturday Mass at 10:00am followed by Exposition and Confession.
Sunday Masses are at 08:30am and 10:30am

Children's Liturgy will take place at 10:30am Mass today.
(First and third Sunday of the month at 10:30am Mass – exceptions will be advised here)

Feast Days and Saints' Days this week:

- Tue: St. Raymond of Penyafort

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2025:
 For the right to an education.**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

The Food Bank is today. Particularly needed are tinned cold meat, instant potatoes, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes. Last month's weight was 129.5 kg, in 2024 you donated an amazing total of 1105 kg, on behalf of the food bank we would like to thank everyone for your generosity throughout last year and for future donations.

Church Coffee Rota (Last Sunday of each month after 10:30am Mass)

Week (Sunday)	Responsibility
26 th January	Sarah R. and Jenny H.
23 rd February	Maureen and Chris R.
30 th March	Joan A. and Angela
27 th April	Jo C. and Sarah R.
25 th May	Jo M. and Sarah L.
29 th June	Sarah R. and Jenny H.
27 th July	Steve and Chris F.
31 st August	Jo C. and Sarah R.
28 th September	Jo M. and Sarah L.
26 th October	Maureen and Chris R.
30 th November	Joan A. and Angela

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 can give cash at the collections in Mass, or use the Dona card reader machine in church.



2025 Jubilee Year

The Jubilee Year will run from the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026. Archbishop Bernard celebrated Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year, at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 29 December 2024.

The Jubilee Years, also known as Holy Years, started in 1300AD and recall the great jubilee of Israel: a time for land to be rested and debts to be cancelled, when God called people to be reconciled with one another and with Him. They now occur every 25 years, although the next will be 2033 – the anniversary of Christ's death and resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

These Years, the Church explains, are years "of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, '...and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters'"

To help us to respond to this high calling during the Year, a plenary indulgence can be gained not only by making a pilgrimage to a Jubilee church, but by devotedly performing one of the acts prescribed by the Church.

The following Jubilee churches and sites have been chosen by His Grace as particular places of pilgrimage, and for the granting of the indulgence:

- St Chad's Cathedral – Shrine of St Chad
- St Anne's Church, Caversham – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes
- St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis
- The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham
- Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster
- Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford

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