

Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church
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8th March 2026 Third Sunday of Lent
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Parish Mass Book page 158 08:30 Mass: Credo: 11 Sanctus: 16

10:30 Mass: Credo: 11 Sanctus: 335

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

Masses This week:

- Monday 9th March: 10:00am with communal prayer at 9:30am before Mass.
- Friday 13th March: 10:30am at Our Lady's Primary School
 - (Communal Prayer will still take place in Church at 09:30am)
- Saturday 10:00am followed by Stations of the Cross and Confession.
- Sunday 08:30am and 10:30am

Feast Days and Saints' Days:

- Mon. St. Frances of Rome
- Thu. St. Gregory the Great

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For disarmament and

peace. Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

The winners of the February 200 Club draw were:

1st Prize (£75) - M Vanson

2nd Prize (£50) - E Walker

3rd Prize (£25) - E Holmes

Thank you to everyone for all your continued support for the 200 Club in 2026. If you would like to join the 200 Club or take out any more numbers, please contact James Lloyd.

Children's Liturgy takes place next Sunday 15th March during 10:30am Mass.

KEEP THE DATE: Brass cleaning will be done after the 10am Mass on Friday 27th March. Please join this growing team!

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in aid of St Richard's Hospice Sat 14 Mar 2026 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Our Lady & St Joseph Parish Hall, Priory Road, Alcester, B49 5DY



Join us for a lovely afternoon tea to begin Mother's Day weekend in the most meaningful way — celebrating mums while supporting an incredible cause.

- £15 per person
- Two sittings available:
 - 1:00–2:30pm or 3:00–4:30pm
- Please bring cash on the day — raffle tickets will be available to purchase
- You are welcome to bring your own fizz if you'd like to celebrate a little further!



Pre-booking is essential - scan the QR code or use the web link below, or contact Jenny Holmes (Tel: 07810 141466 email: jennyholmes2014@gmail.com)

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/strichardshospicegreatwallofchinatrek/>

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“Born For This” – Birmingham Symphony Hall, Weds. 25th March

Experience the power and passion of “Born For This” in a special 30th anniversary performance. This dramatic and musical retelling of the Stations of the Cross has a vibrant cast, with young people from across our region **including pupils from St. Benedict’s Catholic High School, Alcester** as part of a 300-strong choir of young voices. The unforgettable production promises an inspiring journey of faith, hope and beauty. For tickets and more details visit: <https://bmusic.co.uk/events/born-for-this>

Symphony Hall
Born for This: CJM
Music & Birmingham
and Solihull Catholic
Secondary Schools
25 Mar 2026



Wednesday 7:00pm £15 (U18 or over 60s) - £28.50

PIETY STALL: The Imitation of Christ books are now out of stock but if anyone else would still like one, please ask at the piety stall and we can reorder if they are 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 by the font Church 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.

MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT 2026 Communal Morning Prayer will be said in Church, at 9:30am, on every Monday and Friday, before Mass, during Lent. Communal Morning Prayer will still be said, in the Church, on those few occasions, during Lent, when there will be no morning Mass. All are welcome.

THANK YOU for your generous giving to last week’s CAFOD Family Fast Day. On behalf of those people, who you will never meet, but whose lives you have changed for the better, thank you. *“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”* Matt.25.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS DURING LENT 2026

Every Monday evening during Lent there will be the opportunity for Reflection on the Sunday Gospel. Each session will close with Night Prayer. The sessions are in the Church Hall.

Monday 9 th March 2026	Jn.4:5-15. The Samaritan woman at the well.	7pm – 8pm.
Monday 16 th March 2026	Jn.9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38. Jesus giving sight to the blind.	7pm – 8pm.
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Jn.11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45. The restoring of Lazarus.	7pm – 8pm.

REGULAR PRAYER, a REFLECTION, and COFFEE at FECKENHAM

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday morning of the month. (18th March, 1st April, 15th April)
St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More Catholic Church, High Street, Feckenham. B96 6HS.

During the 4 meetings through Lent we will be taking our reflections from The Imitation of Christ by Thomas à Kempis. This is Fr. Geoffrey’s recommended spiritual reading for Lent. Now out of stock but if anyone would still like one, please ask at the piety stall and we can reorder if they are available.

The Parish Hall and Meeting Room are available for hire and bookings.

For enquiries email bookings.olasj.@rcaob.org.uk