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**Office Opening Hours**

**Monday - 10am - 2.30pm**

**Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm**

**Friday 10am - 2pm**



**First Saturday Devotion.**

**6th December**

Confessions available from 11 am at St Joseph's during the first Saturday prayers and readings. Mass at noon, concluding with final prayers at 12:45 pm.

All are welcome.



**Confession**

On Saturday, St Joseph's 11-11.45am & St Mary's 4.45 - 5.15pm. Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office on 01252 320956 to arrange a time convenient for you.

**Mass Intentions**

Request Mass Intentions at the Parish Office (Mon-Fri 10 am-12 pm), phone, or email: [office@aldershot-catholics.uk](mailto:office@aldershot-catholics.uk). Father will announce names during Mass - please be patient with pronunciations as he honours each person with care. Mass intentions traditionally support the parish priest's income. Contact the parish office to arrange.

**Mass Times**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

Sat	6th	StM	5.30pm		Amanda Wood - RIP
Sun	7th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Georges Bonnelame
Mon	8th	StM	9.30am	Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rafaela Martinez Bringas
Tues	9th	StJ	9.30am	St John Diego	Mary Nicolli -RIP
Wed	10th	StM	9.30am	Our Lady of Loreto	Private Thanks Giving
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thurs	11th	StJ	9.30am	2nd Week in Advent	Sick of the Parish
Fri	12th	NO MASS			
Sat	13th	StJ	12pm		Vocations

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Sat	13th	StM	5.30pm		Fijac Family RIP
Sun	14th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Lucia Fattore

**The Second Sunday of**  
**ADVENT**



## Parish News

Please send any information you would like to be included in parish news to the parish office by Tuesday lunch time for consideration. Thank you



Join our parish choir and help enhance our liturgy through music ministry. New voices welcome, especially those who read music. Father Rob would love to meet you stop by after Mass, email the parish office, or chat with choir members. Rehearsals on Thursdays 7-8 pm in the church.

### St Joseph's Parish Hall

Looking for a welcoming space for your next event or gathering? Our parish facilities are now available for hire. To make a booking, please contact the parish office or simply scan the QR code displayed on the notice boards in the church and hall to express your interest.



Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

By supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future.

By volunteering, raising or donating funds, and by praying, YOU make mission possible.

Together we are enriching today's global Catholic community.

Together we are training tomorrow's generation of Priests and Sisters.

Together we are giving hope to the world's poorest children.

Together we are Missio

**We have been provided with some calendars as way of saying thank you which you will find on the table at the back of the church. Please help yourselves to a copy and please continue to support their vital work.**



Find the perfect gift this Christmas - choose from our range of beautiful virtual gift cards and cute stocking fillers.

World Gifts offer a meaningful way for our parish community to live out the Gospel values and support families around the world. Whether through Advent giving, Lenten fundraising, or a special appeal, these gifts allow us to come together and make a real and lasting difference.

World Gifts are virtual charity gifts that bring joy to those you give them to, while helping to transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty.

A **World Gifts** catalogue has been provided and can be found on the table at the back of the church, as well as on the table at the entrance of the church hall. Please feel free to take one home and explore the many ways you can bless others this season.

### Thank you

Fr. Rob extends his heartfelt gratitude to Dong Rya, Don Amano, Rolando Villabos, Gerald Taguibal, and Jeff Alegre for their invaluable help with the recent roof repairs and other maintenance work around the parish. He also offers special thanks to Marius Englart for his time and effort in ensuring the heating in the hall was properly maintained. Your thoughtfulness and spirit of community are truly appreciated.

### Church and Hall Cleaning

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who help keep our church and hall clean each week — your time and effort are truly appreciated! Cleaning takes place every Friday, If you can spare a little time to lend a hand, we'd love to have your help.

### Repository/Church Shop

The Repository will be open in St Joseph's after each Sunday Mass. Do pop in — our lovely church volunteers, will be happy to assist you with purchases of rosaries, cards, and other devotional items.

### Tea & Coffee

Join us for tea and coffee in the hall after Mass — on Tuesdays and Thursdays following the 9:30 am Mass, and on Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass. It's a lovely opportunity to share a chat and some fellowship.

## Health and Safety

### Organ

Please ensure that children do not sit on or play around the organ, and avoid placing any items on it, especially drinks. We also ask that hymn books, toys, or other objects not be inserted into the instrument, as repairs can be very costly. Thank you for helping us care for this valuable part of our church.

### Votive Candles

For safety reasons, children should not play with or light candles in any of the chapels

### Personal Evacuation Plan (PEEP)

The church is committed to the safety and well-being of all our members. As part of our health and safety measures, we will soon be introducing Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) for members who need mobility support or have accessibility requirements. These tailored plans will ensure everyone can evacuate the building safely and efficiently in an emergency.

## Other News

### Free Christmas Lunch for over 60's at Harlow Hall Care Home

Dear Friends, Families and Acquaintances of Harlow Hall, With Christmas in the not so distance future, this can often be a lonely time of year, with the prospect of spending Christmas Day alone. Don't be lonely, come and join our warm and welcoming community at Harlow Hall Care Home. Meet new people and create memories to cherish all year round. Anyone spending Christmas alone, over the age of 60, please do get in touch and let us spread festive cheer to the wider community. Enjoy a delicious, home cooked 3-course lunch on Christmas Day, on us at Hartford Care. Please see the tempting menu attached to this email.

Limited places available - Call Natalie on 07880 367099 or email [natalie.gosling@hartfordcare.co.uk](mailto:natalie.gosling@hartfordcare.co.uk) for further information.

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Aldershot

The admissions cycle for September 2026 is now open and closes on 15th January 2026. If you would like your child to receive an Outstanding (Ofsted February 2024) Catholic education, please apply to our welcoming and happy school. You will need to make an online application via your local authority and we request that you also complete our Supplementary Information form, a copy of which can be found [HERE](#). If you would like to visit the school, please call 01252 350583. We look forward to welcoming you to the St. Joseph's family.



### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos. in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen



### Food Bank

St Joseph's Parish supports the Community Grubhub in Aldershot. Please donate non-perishable items such as canned vegetables or fruit, pasta, rice, cereals, shampoo, washing powder, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Place donations in the boxes at the back of the churches and the Hall Entrance. Thank you for helping our community.

### Christmas Toy Donation

Harlow Hall is delighted to support our neighbour, Aldershot Town FC and help collect new, unwrapped, unopened toys that would be bedside appropriate for the children to use whilst in hospital. They are running the Shots Toy Appeal for the third consecutive year for children who will spend the festive period in local hospitals. Please drop off any toy donations at Harlow Hall Care Home by Friday 12th December. Your generosity will directly support young patients spending Christmas at the Royal Surrey County and Frimley Park hospitals.

What are we looking for?

If you would like to make a donation, we are asking for new, unwrapped, unopened toys that would be bedside appropriate for the children to use whilst in hospital. We would like to ensure that all children of all ages are catered for so below we have put together a guide of what you can contribute, should you choose. Rattles, soft toys, Small figurines (Paw patrol / Disney / Bluey / Spiderman / other characters etc), Fidget toys, Interactive books / colouring books, Crafts / Bead making painting / colouring, Puzzles / Board Games / Family Activities, Play Doh, Building blocks / LEGO, Vouchers / Gift Cards / Fragrances (for teens) For further details please see the SHOTS Toy Appeal link below. [SHOTS TOY APPEAL | Aldershot Town FC.](#)

### Surrey Voices

J.S. Bach: Christmas Oratorio

Saturday 20 December 2025, 6.30pm

Admission free

Cathedral of St Michael and St George

Queen's Avenue, Aldershot GU11 2BY

Please note this event is not suitable for small children

Parish Financial Support Sept & Oct First Collections	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11,610.27</b>
<b>Contactless</b>	<b>1,610.65</b>
<b>Direct Debits</b>	<b>960</b>
<b>Plate and envelopes:</b>	<b>5,320.27</b>
<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>3,719.35</b>

**SENSIBLE  
GIVING**

Sign up today  
to make your  
donation worth  
25% more  
with Gift Aid

**STABLE  
GIVING**

Set up a regular  
monthly  
donation  
through a  
Standing Order  
to support your  
parish

**SERIOUS  
GIVING**

Don't just give  
the leftovers to  
God...  
be generous in  
your giving

Most parishes aim to receive 75% of their income from monthly standing orders to give stability to parish collection income. Aldershot has a long way to go, and Fr. Rob will be working with us on this in the coming months.

Please support our parish by donating via standing order and signing up for gift aid Forms are available at the table at the back of the church

Our parish bank details:

CDP Aldershot St Joseph

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account No: 00873072

Please set up your standing order by contacting your bank yourself

Parish Priest: Fr Rob Stewart T: 01252 320956

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Parish website

Our website has changed - we're now part of the diocese's site. Weekly newsletters are uploaded there. Thanks to our volunteer managing this. The site is being refreshed, but you can download newsletters from: St Joseph's & St Mary's Aldershot, [St Joseph's & St Mary's Aldershot - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#).

Lots more information about what's on in the Diocese from [e-News - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

## Schools

### St Joseph's Primary Academy

Bridge Road, Aldershot GU11 3DD

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### All Hallows Catholic School

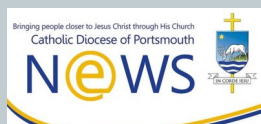
Weybourne Road, Farnham GU9 9HF

T: 01252 319211 E: [admin@allhallows.net](mailto:admin@allhallows.net)

If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob

If you are going into hospital, please get in touch with the relevant chaplaincy service:

Frimley Park Hospital, Portsmouth Road,  
Frimley GU16 7UJ T: 0300 6134184



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