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Office Opening Hours

Monday - 10am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm

Friday 10am - 2pm



Mass Times

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sat	13th	StM	5.30pm	St Lucy	Fijac Family RIP
Sun	14th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Lucia Fattore
Mon	15th	StM	9.30am	3rd Week of Advent	Vocations
Tues	16th	StJ	9.30am	3rd Week of Advent	Sick of the Parish
Wed	17th	StM	9.30am	Liturgy of Day	Private Intention
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thurs	18th	StJ	9.30am	Liturgy of Day	Holy Souls
Fri	19th	StJ	No Mass		
Sat	20th	StJ	12pm	Liturgy of Day	Future of the Parish

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat	20th	StM	5.30pm	Liturgy of Day	People of the Parish
Sun	21st	StJ	9.00am		Private Intention
		StJ	10.30 am		Matthew Fernandes
Mon	22nd	StM	9.30am	Liturgy of Day	Sick of the Parish
Tues	23rd	StJ	9.30am	Liturgy of Day	Vocations
Wed	24th	StJ	8pm	First Mass of Christmas	
Thurs	25th	StJ	9.00am		
	25th		10.30am		
Fri	26th	StJ	11.00am	St Stephen	

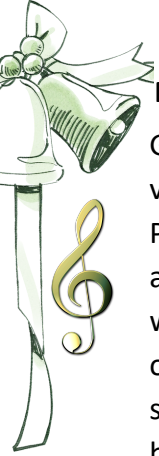


Confession

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. 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.



Message from Fr Rob

Gaudate Sunday, coming from the Latin word for rejoice. There is a change in a sense of this season seen visibly symbolised by the lighting of the rose candle on the Advent wreath and the vestments worn by the Priest. The colour signifies an addition to the penitential season of solemn preparation with that of joyful anticipation, mirroring the shepherds' joy at the angels' announcement of Christ's Birth. This is seen in this weeks readings. Where previously we have been warned of the importance and urgency of being ready for our time of judgement. We now add the Hope the world and ourselves receive and accept, that God's salvation is at hand through the Birth of Jesus Christ as the light of the world. In the Shadow of the cross yes but also in the light of the resurrection to come. It is in this truth we can be free from the anxieties and depression of this modern world and live life to the full. Even in the midst of our daily and worldly challenges Our hope in Christ brings a steadfast joy.

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

Carols Night

You are warmly invited to join St Joseph's Primary School for their annual Carol Concert on Tuesday, 16th December, at 6pm in St Joseph's Church. This much-loved event brings together pupils, families, and parishioners to celebrate the joy and hope of the Christmas season.

The evening will feature traditional carols, readings, and music performed by the children, It promises to be a beautiful and uplifting occasion for all ages.

We hope you will join us to share in the festive spirit and support our young people as they lead us into the final days of Advent.

All are welcome we look forward to celebrating with you!

Help Needed for Church & Hall Decorating – 20th December

Father warmly invites volunteers to assist with decorating the church and parish hall on Friday, 20th December, from 10.00am to 12.00pm. As we prepare to welcome the Christmas season, many hands will make light and joyful work, and all help will be greatly appreciated.

Following the decorating session, there will be Mass, after which everyone is invited to stay for light refreshments in the hall.

If you are able to spare some time, please do come along — your support will help make our church a beautiful and welcoming place for all this Christmas.



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.



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.



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.

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.



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.

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 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

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

**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

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Gift Aid Officer: Jimmy Chung, E: giftaid@aldershot-catholics.uk

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

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All Hallows Catholic School

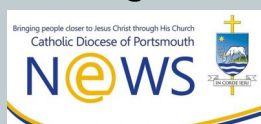
Weybourne Road, Farnham GU9 9HF

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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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