

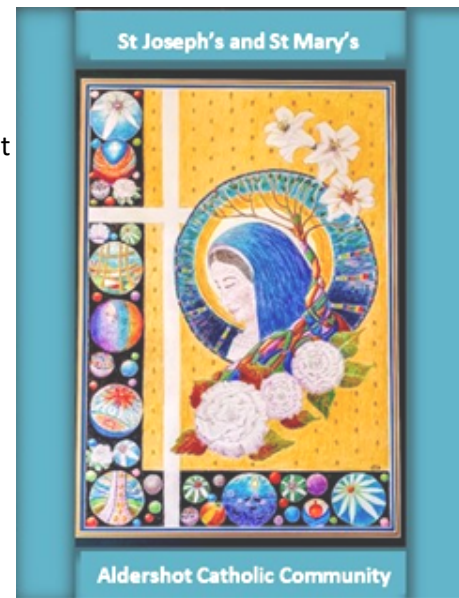
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#### Office Opening Hours

**Monday - 10am - 2.30pm**  
**Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm**  
**Friday 10am - 2pm**



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#### Mass Intentions

Request Mass Intentions at the Parish Office 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.

#### 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.

#### First Saturday Devotion. 7th Marh 2026

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.

### Mass Times Baptism of the Lord

Sat	10th	StM	5.30pm		Jean King - RIP
Sun	11th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Vocations
Mon	12th	StM	9.30am	Feria	Holy Souls
Tues	13th	StJ	9.30am	St Hilary	Private Intention
Wed	14th	StM	9.30am	Feria	Sick of the Parish
Wed		StJ	7pm	Holy Hour	Private Intention
Thurs	15th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	Future of the Parish
Fri	16th	<b>No Mass</b>			
Sat	17th	StJ	12pm		William Miles RIP/FM

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	17th	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	18th	StJ	9.00am		
		StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish



## **Message from Fr Rob**

Happy and Holy New Year to you all.

Thank you sincerely for the many gifts, donations, and cards I received. If you were away over the holidays, I hope you had a blessed and restful time. My thanks also to everyone who helped prepare both our churches for the Christmas season, and to all who participated in and supported our liturgies.

As we look ahead to the new year, there is still much to be done. I am deeply grateful to all who have volunteered their time and talents over the past two years. I would like to thank Jason Clark and Paul Salisbury for taking on the maintenance and updating of the parish website and for establishing a social media presence for the parish, long overdue and well beyond my own expertise.

Among the many outstanding responsibilities, I will need to devote more time to the pastoral area. As Coordinating Pastor, I have not yet been able to give sufficient attention to developing the Bishop's Ten-Year Plan, which is now in its fourth year. As the Bishop noted in his recent letter, ten priests have died this year, with others retiring, and there are no new seminarians entering for our diocese. While England and Wales still have one of the highest priest-to-population ratios globally, it is clear that in the immediate and mid-term future we cannot sustain the former model of one priest per church, or even one priest per parish.

I ask for your prayers as we begin to address these challenges. I would also greatly value your thoughts, feelings, and suggestions, especially regarding possible solutions. Change is never easy, but it is sometimes necessary. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that our parish may continue to be inspired and led into the future, united with Christ in the body of His Church.

God Bless you all.

Fr Rob.

## **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

## **Confirmation and RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults)**

The easter vigil this year will be on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> April. This is the usual time to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation with our candidates. Our next meetings will be 3pm, St Josephs hall Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February and on Sunday 22nd February.

## **First Communion**

The first communion programme will be starting in February this year. please speak to Fr Rob personally at the end of mass to register, over the next few weeks. There will be an initial meeting for parents before the course starts. As we have no first communion Catechists in the parish it will be necessary for the children to be accompanied by Parent or Guardian.

## **Confirmation**

The pastoral area has been given the date of 25<sup>th</sup> April for Confirmations to be held at the Cathedral. If you are wishing to be confirmed please contact Fr Rob directly after mass. there is not much time to prepare so please contact in next two weeks.

## **Welcome into the Church**

This weekend, we are delighted to announce that Jason Clarke will be received into the Church. This is a joyful and significant moment in his faith journey.

We ask all parishioners to please keep Jason and his family in your prayers, that they may be blessed with faith, peace, and strength as they continue to grow together in their relationship with Christ.

May God guide and support them always.

## Holy Hour – Wednesday at 7:00 PM

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a Holy Hour this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the church. This is a special time set aside for quiet prayer, reflection, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

During the Holy Hour, we come together as a faith community to spend time in the presence of the Lord, offering our prayers, intentions, and thanksgiving. It is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and find peace, strength, and renewal through prayer.

Everyone is welcome to attend. We encourage you to come and spend this sacred hour with the Lord.

## Church Fundraising Sale

To help raise funds for our church, there will be a sale of religious items held in the Church Hall. A variety of items will be available, and all proceeds will go toward supporting the work and activities of the church.

We warmly invite everyone to visit the tables and support this worthy cause. Your participation and generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you there.

## 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.



## 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.

## Other News

### Lourdes by coach Feb 2026 Portsmouth Diocese

Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9 to 14 February 2026.

It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother.

Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026 Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. Travel, full board and program cost £590. Call millie on 07957594646 for more info.



Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) was founded by women who have personally experienced abortion and understand the struggles that can follow. ARCH is dedicated to promoting the emotional and psychological well-being of women, men, and families affected by abortion. They offer confidential, compassionate, and non-judgemental counselling and supportive help, all provided free of charge.

For more information about ARCH and the support available, please see the information table located at the entrance of the church hall.

### World Leprosy Day, Sunday 25 January 2026

Today we mark World Leprosy Day, a time to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world. We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, inspired by John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. Please keep the people of Mutemwa in your prayers and consider supporting this vital work through prayer, awareness, or donation. [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com), Tel: 07979 187498, Post: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB, Email: [info@johnbradburne.com](mailto:info@johnbradburne.com)

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donation  
through a  
Standing Order  
to support your  
parish

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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

**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>

**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**

We need to raise essential funds to maintain our parish churches of St Joseph's and St Mary's, as well as the hall and presbytery. Alongside donations, Gift Aid, and volunteering, you can also support the parish through your everyday online shopping.

By using Give as you Live Online, you can raise free donations for the Aldershot Catholic Community when you shop with over 6,000 retailers, at no extra cost to you. Simply sign up, shop as usual via their website, app, or browser reminder, and a percentage of your spend is donated to the parish.

This has already raised over £3,200 for our parish. To get started, visit [www.giveasyoulive.com/join](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join), choose Aldershot Catholic Community, and start shopping. QR code leaflets are also available at the back of church.

Thank you for helping support our parish in this easy way.

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### All Hallows Catholic School

Weybourne Road, Farnham GU9 9HF

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

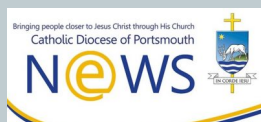
**If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob**

**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**



## Parish website

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](#)



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