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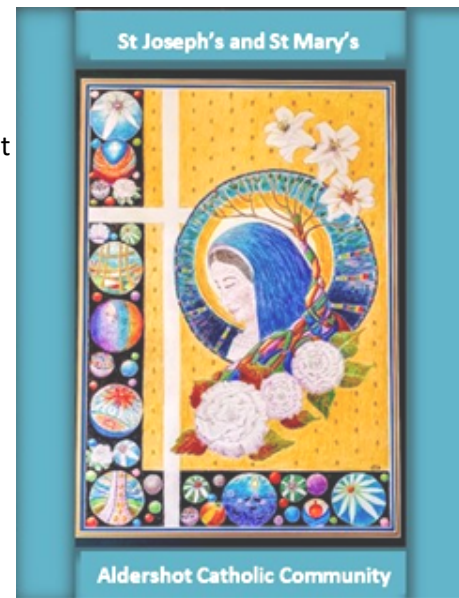
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Office Opening Hours

Monday - 10am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm

Friday 10am - 2pm



**2ND COLLECTION
18TH JANUARY 2026
WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

Mass Intentions

Request Mass Intentions at the Parish Office 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.

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.



Lamb of God
Behold , the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world

John 1:29

Mass Times

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	17th	StM	5.30pm		William Miles RIP FM
Sun	18th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Malvina Rodrigues Dos Santos RIP
Mon	19th	StM	9.30am	Feria	Vacations
Tues	20th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	Sick of the Parish
Wed	21st	StM	9.30am	St Agnes	Holy Souls
Wed		StJ	7pm		
Thurs	22nd	StJ	9.30am	Feria	Future of the Parish
Fri	23rd	No Mass			
Sat	24th	StJ	12pm		

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	24th	StM	5.30pm	St Francis de Sales	People of the Parish
Sun	25th	StJ	9.00am		
		StJ	10.30am		Luigi Giordano RIP

Message from Fr Rob

The Season of Ordinary Time.

Entering Seminary having spent several years working on building sites I found several challenges. One of these was the language of the Church. I am not referring to the official language of the Church which is Latin, rather to common parlance and the vocabulary used. Studying texts in Theology and Philosophy many times I would find myself coming across words for the first time and having to find a definition. So, it was with the season of ordinary time.

Ordinary is a word we use every day to describe the normal the mundane, nothing special. This is a far cry from what ordinary time is. There are five seasons in the Church's year. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. Each has a particular focus; each exists for our growth and maturity. Unlike the seasons of the year that have a chronological effect, which is passive. The Seasons of the Church requires engagement and action on our part. The longest of these seasons is the Season of Ordinary time. The logical conclusion is that the season of Ordinary Time would be the part of the year when most of our spiritual maturing takes place.

In Ecclesiastical (Church) Language when we refer to the Ordinary of the Diocese, we refer to Our Bishop Philip. The Church is hierarchical and the Bishop through Apostolic succession is the direct descendant of the Apostles. Yet we refer to Him as ordinary. Not the word we use to describe the Apostles particularly when we see how God worked through them and how they set a blaze of Faith through the known world.

Ordinary is us about fitting into the right order an order that is hierarchical. In today's modern world this statement alone can cause a reaction of resistance in so many souls. We however should not be surprised by this. Ordinary time is about putting ourselves in the correct order with God. To move from any superstition into the supernatural revealed by God the Father, Through the Holy Spirit, in the person Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, through His Church. This is essential for our salvation. It is the Start of Wisdom, the gateway to the virtue of Humility and the only way to true Joy in this life.

This Season we focus on being in that right order with God. Many will say Lord, Lord and I will say I do not know you..... These are the words of Jesus. It is not what we profess as so much, as the decisions we make, and the way we live that cry to heaven Jesus is Lord. Is He the Lord of Our Lives? The Lord of Our Time, at work, at leisure? Our achievements, our belongings our finances? Is He the Lord Of Our Household? Is He the Lord of Your Family bedroom, your dining room? Is He the Lord of Our Worship or do we have another focus at Mass. Do we keep the Eucharistic Fast, Do we ensure being in a state of grace to receive the Eucharist. Do we reverence Our Lord in the Tabernacle with a genuflection and an expression of our right order with Our God.

These are just some examples from my own life that have required attention and regular review. Do not be passive and let this Season pass by. It is an opportunity to avail ourselves to God's Grace in a more real and intimate way. It is this way of living that should become our normal and our ordinary to build the foundation that each subsequent season builds on. In that we grow and mature in the deeper realities of God that will sustain us in this time.

God Bless you all.

Fr Rob.

Week of Christian Unity.

Today starts a time of prayer for Christian unity. I will say more on this next week. This is something we should all be striving for. We recognise our differences yes but acknowledge those areas of common ground. Loving and professing Jesus as Lord. Serving Him in our neighbour and our local community. However there can be no Christian Unity unless through the Eucharist. You may find this prayer useful.

Prayer of England

O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen

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

2nd Collection, 25th January 2026

Cathedral

Confirmation and RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults)

The easter vigil this year will be on Saturday the 4th 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 1st February and on Sunday 22nd February.

Confirmation

The pastoral area has been given the date of 25th 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.

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.

Rest in Peace

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of Adam Kinghorn, please keep his family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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.

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.



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.

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.

Marriage Help

LAST CALL for online marriage programme.

Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026.

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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**

TOTAL:	11,610.27
Contactless	1,610.65
Direct Debits	960
Plate and envelopes:	5,320.27
Standing Orders	3,719.35

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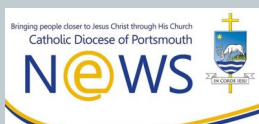
If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob

**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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