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Office Opening Hours

Monday - 10am - 2.30pm
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2ND COLLECTION
25TH JANUARY 2026
CATHEDRAL

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 February 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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	24th	StM	5.30pm		People of the Parish
Sun	25th	StJ	9.00am		Private Intention
		StJ	10.30am		Luigi Giordano RIP
Mon	26th	StM	9.30am	St Timothy & St Titus	Holy Souls
Tues	27th	StJ	9.30am	St Angela Merici	Vocations
Wed	28th	StM	9.30am	St Thomas Aquinas	Future of the Parish
Wed		StJ	7pm	Holy Hour	
Thurs	29th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	Sick of the Parish
Fri	30th	No Mass			
Sat	31st	StJ	12pm	St John Bosco	Minguel & Efeinia Nunes RIP

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	31st	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	1st	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Angelo AJ Nunes RIP



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

We are coming to the end of our week of prayer for Christian unity. I would like to talk about the importance of this. Particularly from a Catholic perspective. Through life my perspective has ranged from thinking we are all the same to what difference does it make. After all Jesus came for all. I have also thought that Salvation comes from the Catholic Church. I have also met many Holy and devout people from different denominations and their Love of Jesus Shines forth.

Let's start with the fact that our faith is the most precious gift even when it seems fragile. The fullness of truth is contained fully in our Catholic Faith. Which means we are confined to it and humbly should surrender to it and through it to the will of God through Jesus Christ and His body the Church. However, this is for our salvation. Although desired by God it adds absolutely nothing to Him. Which means God's reach is not confined by this, but we should be.

From the earliest times of the Church, it has taught against error and preserved a consistence message. Its style and manner of messaging may have changed to suite the times. Its understanding may have deepened and broadened. Still the message has not changed. We can be certain of this because of the extant writings we have external of Scripture contained in the writings of the Church Fathers from the 1st Century onwards. So, we can be confident in what Our Faith professes.

Over time their human nature led to fractures from the Church. The fracture of East and West and more significantly the reformation. Some 500 years ago. Since then, there are now over 30 000 Christian religions with little cohesion. They can't all be right. So how do we as Catholics view this particularly when we profess One Holy and Catholic Church every week at mass.

We know there are aspects of our Faith that are non-negotiable like The Eucharist being the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ Himself. So, it would be logical to conclude that we cannot have Christian Unity unless it is through the Eucharist.

What we look to and where we can work together is in Christian Outreach to the poor and marginalised. We can meet and find commonality in the truths that they have taken with them. For example, it could be argued that many of our Christian sisters and brothers have made scripture an essential part of their daily lives to our embarrassment. This is a good thing without a doubt. Borne out in part as their rejection of the Eucharist in the liturgy led to a greater focus on Scripture. Sadly, however it is the cry of scripture alone that has led to the endless fracturing since the reformation that has led to tens of thousands of unresolved disputes. This is bound to happen when the authority of the Church is dismissed and assumed by the individual.

We should stand with our Christian family. Living in the truth and for a reconciliation of the Church into the one true fold of the Church lived since its founding by Jesus Christ.

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

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Racial Justice

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 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.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of Adam Kinghorn who died recently. The Requiem mass will be Monday 23rd February. 1130am St Joseph's Church.

Please remember also David Tomlinson. Requiem mass 29th January 12 noon St Joseph's.

I ask also for your prayers for the repose of the soul of Louis Guembes. A pupil of All Hallows who tragically died on Monday evening. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Holy Hour – Wednesday at 7:00 PM

All parishioners are invited to a Holy Hour this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the church. Join us for a peaceful time of prayer, reflection, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend this sacred hour with the Lord and find renewal in His presence.



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.

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.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

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.

Raffle Prizes

We still have several raffle prizes waiting to be collected.

The winning numbers are displayed in the hall. Please check your number and collect your prize as soon as possible.

Other News

Our Lady of Walsingham

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their apostolates of prayer, parish missions, hospitality, chaplaincy and youth work. Any amount, large or small is greatly appreciated and the community assure you of their prayers. Cheques payable to COLW can be sent to House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ. More information, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: www.maryshouseappeal.org E: office@walsinghamcommunity.org T: 01362 692574

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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 December First Collections

TOTAL:	7,395.92
Contactless	1,363.26
Direct Debits	1,279.89
Plate and envelopes:	2,670.03
Standing Orders	2,082.74

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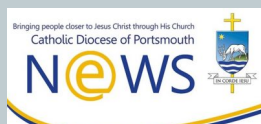
If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob

**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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