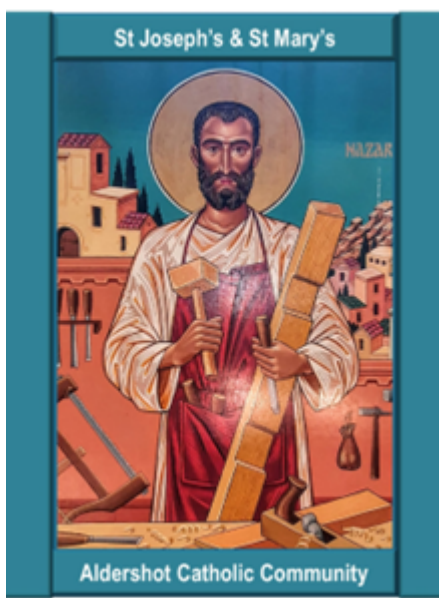




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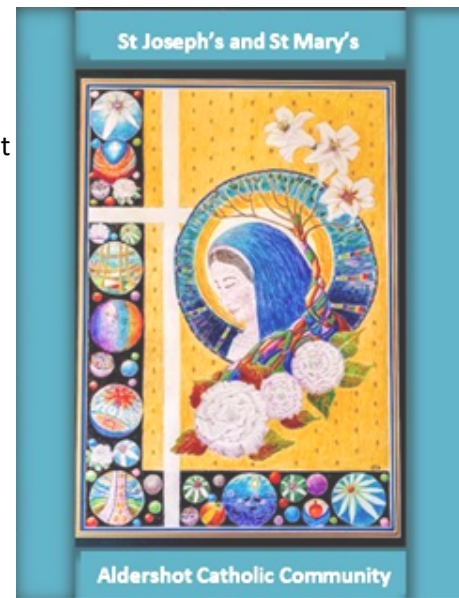
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Office Opening Hours

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. 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.

First Saturday Devotion.

7th March 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.

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.

Votive Candles

Please note that due to the money boxes for the votive candles being broken into, a dedicated tab has been created on the payment/donation machine at the back of the church for candle payments.

Mass Times 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sat	28th	StM	5.30pm		Future of the Parish
Sun	1st	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Dariusz Skorka RIP
Mon	2nd	StM	9.30am		Collins Family Private Intention
Tues	3rd	StJ	9.30am		Marco Family Private Intention
Wed	4th	StM	9.30am		All Friends in St.J Private Intention
		StJ	7pm	Holy Hour	
Thurs	5th	StJ	9.30am		Ronald & Ruby Joven Private
Fri	6th	NO MASS			
Sat	7th	StJ	12pm		George Family RIP FM

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sat	7th	StM	5.30pm		Marco Family Private Intention
Sun	8th	StJ	9.00am		Jozef Minavovic RIP
		StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish



We often approach prayer as a means to change our circumstances, but its most profound purpose is to change us. As your priest, I invite you to reflect on how our daily conversation with God serves not to bend His will to ours, but to align our wandering hearts with His perfect and loving plan.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that through prayer, we "discern what is the will of God" and obtain the "endurance to do it." When we pray the Our Father, we say, "Thy will be done." This is not a passive resignation to fate; it is an active, courageous surrender. Like Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, we bring our honest fears and desires to the Father, yet we conclude with a "Yes" to His greater wisdom.

Alignment happens through the conversion of heart. Regular prayer acts like a "spiritual compass," recalibrating our priorities to "true north"—God's direction. As we spend time in His presence, our selfish impulses begin to fade, replaced by a desire for what is holy, just, and good. This transformation requires humility, acknowledging that God's perspective is far more sublime than our own limited vision.

Furthermore, prayer empowers us to recognize God's providence even in the "closed doors" of our lives. When we are aligned with Him, we no longer see challenges as mere obstacles, but as opportunities to trust and grow in grace. This union of wills is the highest perfection of the spiritual life, bringing a peace that "surpasses all understanding."

Let us, therefore, commit to a life of deeper prayer. By doing so, we do not inform God of our needs—He already knows them—but we open our souls to be transformed by His love.

May you find strength in the quiet moments of the day to say, with total confidence: "Lord, not my will, but Yours be done."

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

2nd Collection, 15th March 2026 Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund

Join us for tea and coffee and a friendly chat in the hall after Mass.
Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 9:30 am Mass, and Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass.

Refreshments After Church Cleaning Saturday 4th March

After helping to clean the church on Saturday 4th March, do stay for refreshments and continue those new cleaning friendships! Soup and a roll, cake, tea and coffee will be served. All donations will go to church funds.

First Communion Parents' Meeting

A reminder that the meeting for parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion takes place on , **Saturday 28th February at 12:30pm in St Joseph's Church.** We will outline the programme, key dates, and expectations for the months ahead. At least one parent or guardian is strongly encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Confirmation 2026

For adults returning to the Faith, those seeking to become Catholic, and those aged 16+ registered for Confirmation. Next session: **Sunday, 1st March 2026 at 3:00 PM in St Joseph's Hall (approximately one hour).** We are pleased to announce that this year's Confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 25th April 2026 at St John's Cathedral. Further details will be provided in due course. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey.

Dairy Dates

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday 29th March

Saturday - St Mary's
4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30 Mass

Sunday - St Joseph's

9am Mass

10.30 Mass

3.30pm Holy Hour

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

St Joseph's - 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by watching at the Alter of Repose until Midnight

11.50pm Compline

Good Friday 3rd April St Joseph's
9am Stations of the Cross
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 4th April St Joseph's
9am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

Followed by preparing the Church for Easter

8pm Easter Vigil

First Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday 5th April

9am Mass - St Mary's

10.30am - Mass - Joseph's

Parish Brunch Saturday 21st March

Join us after the morning Mass on Saturday 21st March at 12.45pm - 2pm for a parish brunch. Come along, make new friends, and enjoy a bite to eat! Egg and bacon rolls, tea and coffee, and cake will be served. All donations will go to church funds and CAFOD

SHARE Lenten Appeal – Sunday 8th March

Students from Salesian College Farnborough will speak at Mass on Sunday 8th March about their Lenten charity, SHARE (Salesian Hearts Advocating for the Relief of Poverty by Education) SHARE supports the City of Joy in Mazabuka, a school run by the Salesian Sisters that helps girls break the cycle of poverty through education. The charity also helps fund the school's Porridge Club, providing a daily meal for the students. There will be an opportunity to support this appeal after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

St Patricks Day Fund raising music concert

We are pleased to announce that Hart Male Voice Choir will perform at St Joseph's RC Church on Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 6.00pm, joined by St Joseph's School Choir. All proceeds will support our church and school. Please see the poster on the notice board at the back of the church for full details.

St Joseph 19th March 2026

A special Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on 19 March for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and patron of the Universal Church.

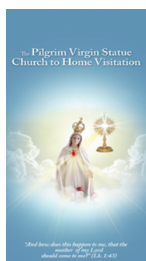
All are warmly invited to join in prayer and thanksgiving as we honour his faith and seek his guidance.

Food Bank

St Joseph's Parish supports the Aldershot Community Grubhub. Please donate non-perishable food and essential items (food, toiletries, household basics). Donation boxes are at the back of the churches and in the Hall entrance. Thank you for supporting our local community.

Would you like to bring Mary into your Home? Sign up for the Pilgrim Statue Church to Home Visitation

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue house to home Visitation is designed to begin in the Church after the Communal First Saturday. This Visitation is quite different from any other Pilgrim Virgin Programme. Instead of going from Home to Home the Pilgrim Virgin Statues travels from the Parish Church to the Home, following the Holy Mass with the purpose of bringing about the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home. The mission of the Pilgrim Queen Statue is then completed by the Host family returning to the mass (following a visit) to Sunday mass Simply put, Our Lady always seeks to bring us to her Son! **Please add your name to the Rota on the table**



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Sign up today
to make your
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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

Parish Financial Support January First Collections

TOTAL:	5,429.08
Contactless	457.38
Direct Debits	480.00
Plate and envelopes:	2,748.70
Standing Orders	1,743.00

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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We need to raise much-needed funds to help maintain our parish churches of St Joseph's and St Mary's, along with the hall and presbytery, where several repairs are needed.

In addition to donations, Gift Aid, and volunteering, you can support the parish through your everyday online shopping. Give as you Live Online allows you to 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 for free, choose Aldershot Catholic Community, and shop as normal via the app, website, or browser reminder. Supporters have already raised over £3,200 for our parish.

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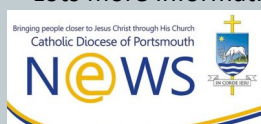
If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob

**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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