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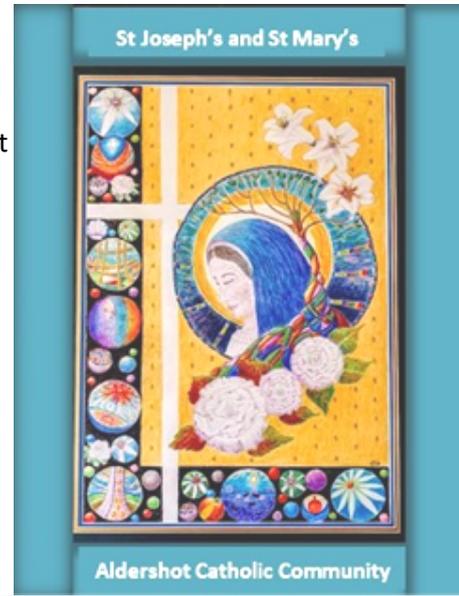
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Office Opening Hours

Monday - 10am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm

Friday 10am - 2pm



2ND COLLECTION
14TH FEBRUARY 2026
PAX CHRISTI - PEACE SUNDAY

Fr Rob Away

Please note Fr Rob is away this week. We are grateful to Fr Patrick Sherlock who will take the Mass for the 14th & 15th

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 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSION ON THE THE SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2026

Mass Times

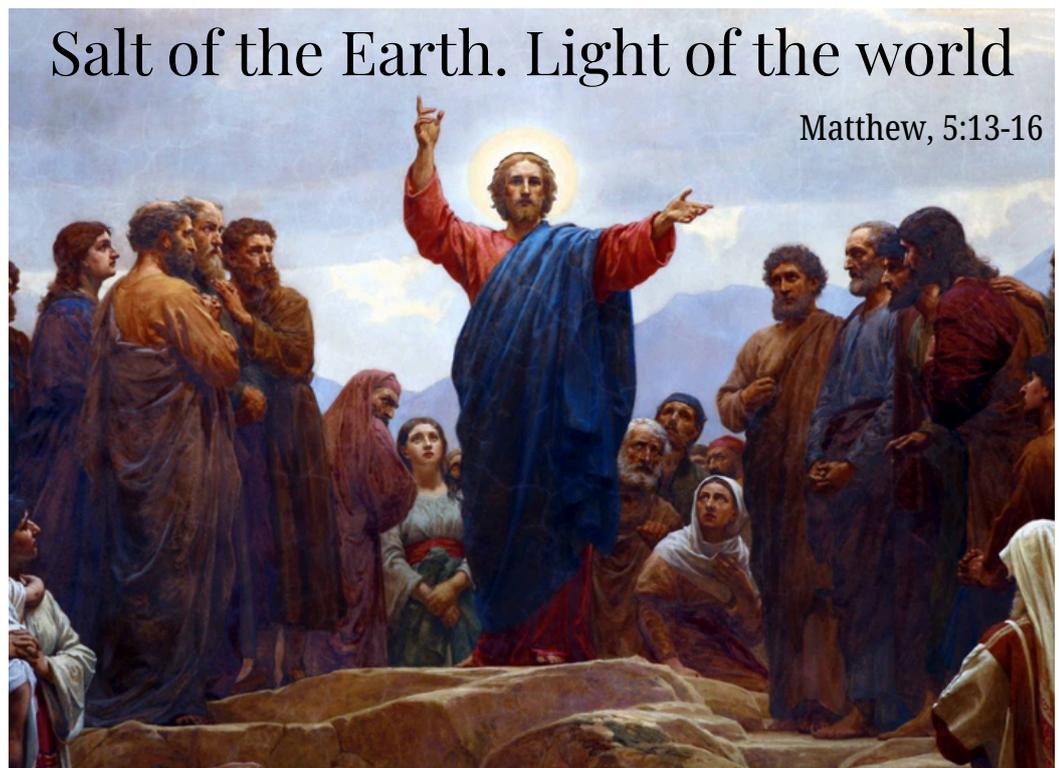
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	7th	StM	5.30pm		Albert King - RIP
Sun	8th	StJ	9.00am		Alssandro Meszullo RIP
		StJ	10.30am		Witold Grzeszczuk RIP

Mon 9th to Friday 13th - No Mass

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	14th	StM	5.30pm		John Ryan RIP
Sun	15th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Eugenia & Marian Grzeszczuk RIP



You are the light of the world.

After next week we will take a break from the season of ordinary time as we enter the season of lent. This season is a preparatory season focused more on penitence and repentance as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

Today Jesus reminds us of his plan for salvation for the world after his ascension. He reminds us in this Ordinary Time that we are called to participate in his plan for the world. In today's Gospel Jesus calls his disciples to mission he tells His disciples to be what God's people were always meant to be. This Gospel follows on from last week's gospel where in the proclamation of the kingdom of God Jesus teaches the beatitudes. We are meant to be Salt of the Earth and light of the world. Salt was used and still is, to flavour and preserved food. Through living the beatitudes Jesus's disciples become salt of the Earth preserving all goodness in the world everything that is of God. The disciple who does not embody the beatitudes is like salt that loses its taste they become no longer good for anything. Again, the disciples are called to be light of the world in the Jewish tradition. Israel was to be a light of nations. Jesus calls us as his disciples to embody in our lives the beatitudes in such a way that the world may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Rather how we live should lead people to God.

The Catholic faith is such a great gift from God to us. Jesus reminds us today that our faith, the graces we receive, the gifts that God gives us, the grace received through the sacraments of initiation the pinnacle of which is Jesus in the Eucharist. We are given these for the building up of Our Parish community and for the wider community. They are never given solely for the individual and neither do the sacraments work in isolation from each other. The lit lamp is to be put on the lampstand, as in today's Gospel.

As Disciples of Christ, we are called to live and embody the beatitudes in our daily lives. Constantly striving, imperfect and sinful yet desiring to surrender more to the will of God. It is the Sacraments working together that sustain the disciple on this journey. It is discipleship that has to come first before as this is what the sacraments help us to live. It is why the sacraments are celebrated amongst the community because they embolden the individual disciple who through their lives build up the community of faith to which they are a member, never just for ourselves. The beneficial attributes of salt and light, like our faith are for all. Solely for the building up of the Church the body of Christ.

The call is immediate. There is no time in Life we can live separate to our Faith, well with the exception of when we sin. Notice Jesus does not say you will be the salt of the Earth, you maybe the light of the world. He says you are. It is His plan. We are called to cooperate and work in this plan. It has always been His plan. We are called to and through the gift of Our Faith as part of Gods plan for salvation. We can find this hard to accept that God would choose us. Who are we when we compare who God is. Clearly, He could achieve all without us. The hard truth is He has called you by name since the dawn of time to be here to serve Him in this place at this time. To unite our entire lives to His. To profit us for Our own salvation. As we say at each Mass, "it is our duty and salvation". Yet we can all agree that this can seem so far from the reality we face each day. This is why the community is important. To support people in these times. To learn from each other to grow in knowledge and understanding. To be confident that we can explain with reason and rational to others why Our Faith makes sense. To grow together living in the reality that through Faith You are the Light of the world.

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, 1st March 2026

CAFOD

**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.**

Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

Please find attached a poster with details of two formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. These sessions will take place at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester on the 9th May and 17th October
A copy of the poster can also be found on the notice board at the back of the church.

Anyone wishing to attend should register by emailing liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 27th February

CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, working with communities around the world to tackle poverty and help people flourish in the face of hardship. One of the key ways we join in this mission is through the Lent Family Fast Day, when we are invited to fast in solidarity with our global neighbours and give the money we save to support essential development, food security and resilience projects overseas. By fasting, praying and giving generously, we live out Jesus' call to love our neighbour and support those struggling with hunger, climate disruption and poverty.

This year CAFOD Family Fast Day falls on Friday 27th February 2026.

To help our parish prepare and reflect on this important day, Tracy Ryan will give a short talk about the Lenten Fast Day on Saturday 21st February and again at both Masses on Sunday 22nd February.

Berkshire/North Hants/Surrey Marriage Care

We are pleased to inform you that we will be hosting two in-person Preparing Together Days; the first one on Monday 04th May 2026 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2HE, and the second one, on Saturday 18th July 2026, at St. Josephs Catholic Church, located at 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL67EG.

Please visit our website: www.marriagecare.org.uk to find out more information and book a place, here with us in Wokingham or in Maidenhead, then please make this clear to them so that they can book accordingly.

For couples who you think may find it difficult to access the course, such as those with low level English, literacy or from the Traveller community or those who may struggle to pay the fee, please ask them to call our Appointments Service to book on 0800 389 3801, Monday to Thursday 9am – 6pm

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.

Ash Wednesday

As a reminder, next week marks Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. We invite you to join us as we observe this important day of reflection, prayer, and renewal.

Rest in Peace

With deep sorrow, we announced the death of Adam Kinghorn. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 23rd February at 11:30am** at St Joseph's Church. All the faithful, relatives, and friends are invited to come together in prayer, commending his soul to God's mercy and offering comfort to the bereaved family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Sacraments

Confirmation: Confirmations will take place at the Cathedral on 25th April.

First Communion: There will be an initial meeting for parents before the programme starts. As there are currently no First Communion catechists in the parish, children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Food Bank

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

Curtains for the Presbytery

Can you help? The presbytery is in need of curtains, ideally thermal. We're looking for donated curtains or help with sewing, as some windows are non-standard sizes. Please contact the parish office if you can help. Thank you very much for your help.
Kind regards, Mary-Ann Warren

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to support your
parish

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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 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**

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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.

Visit www.giveasyoulive.com/join search online for Give as you Live, or scan the QR code on the leaflets available after Mass.



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Schools

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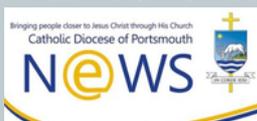
If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob

**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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