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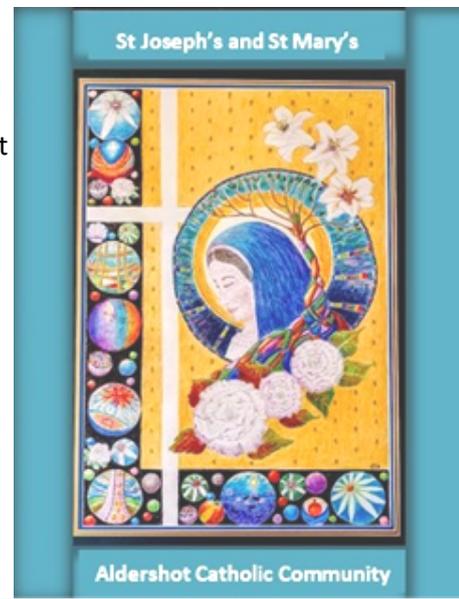
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Office Opening Hours

Monday - 10am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm

Friday 10am - 2pm



**2ND COLLECTION
15TH MARCH 2026
DIOCESAN CLERGY ASSISTANCE
FUND**

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
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
Mon	9th	StM	9.30am		Lorenza Piamonte Private
Tues	10th	StJ	9.30am		Ronald & Ruby Jovan Private
Wed	11th	StM	9.30am		Sharmane Marshal Private
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thurs	12th	StJ	9.30am		Meena Smith Private
Fri	13th	NO MASS			
Sat	14th	StJ	12pm		Private Intention

4th Sunday of Lent

Sat	14th	StM	5.30pm		People of the Parish
Sun	15th	StJ	9.00am		James O'Reilly RIP FM
		StJ	10.30am		Sick of the Parish



As we journey through these forty days of Lent, the Church offers us many tools for our spiritual aid. Among the most potent is the Stations of the cross. In both the Churches of this parish we are blessed to have beautiful stations of the cross. During lent the stations of the cross will be prayed after each weekday mass and on Wednesday evenings. This devotion is not merely a historical reenactment or a grim walk through past sorrowful events; it is a living encounter with the transformative power of the Passion.

The primary benefit of the Stations is that they provide a reflection on our repentance. Lent is a season of "turning back," but often we don't know where to turn or how to start. By physically moving from station to station, we mirror the internal movement of the soul. We stop, we kneel, and we look at the face of Christ. This physical participation breaks the lethargy of our daily routines and forces us to confront the weight of our sins—not to despair, but to see the immense love that was willing to carry them.

Furthermore, the Stations serve as a profound antidote to the isolation we can experience in suffering. In our suffering, we often feel uniquely alone. Yet, as we contemplate Jesus falling for the third time or being stripped of His garments, we realize there is no human misery He has not already inhabited. When we pray the Stations, we bring our own "crosses" our illnesses, our grief, our broken relationships, our failings and lay them beside Him. We learn that our pain is not a dead end, but a path. By uniting our small sacrifices to His great sacrifice, our Lenten penance takes on an eternal significance.

The Stations also teach us the way of accompaniment. We see Simon of Cyrene, who helped carry the load, and Veronica, who wiped the Holy Face. These figures remind us that Lent is not just about our private relationship with God, but about how we serve the suffering Christ in our neighbours. They challenge us to ask: Who is falling under their cross today, and will I be the one to stand by them?

Finally, the Stations of the Cross ensure that we do not rush to the joy of Easter without first passing through the reality of the Friday. We live in a culture that flees from discomfort and avoids the thought of death. The Stations demand that we stay. They teach us the "patience of the Cross." By the time we reach the fourteenth station—the laying of Jesus in the tomb—we are not left in darkness. Instead, we are prepared. Our hearts have been tilled like soil, made ready to receive the light of the Resurrection.

This Lent, I encourage you to walk the Way. Don't just read the words; enter the mystery. Let the silence between the stations speak to you. In the broken body of Christ, you will find the strength to mend your own life.

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

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.



*St. Patrick's Day
Fundraiser*
TUESDAY
17th MARCH 2026

MUSIC CONCERT

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
Queens Road, Aldershot,
GU11 3JB
6PM

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CHOIR | HART MALE VOICE CHOIR

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 PM

Ticket Information
Tickets only £5 available from
Please see below link and attached QR code to book for the choir performance.
St Josephs Aldershot PTFE

St Joseph's School
St Joseph's church: After mass
Online from: <https://hartmvc.org.uk>

All proceeds will go to church and school funds

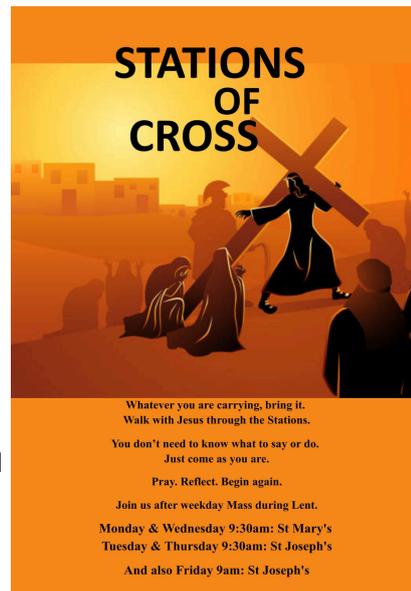
St Patrick's Day Fundraising Music Concert – Tickets Now Available

We are pleased to announce that tickets are now available to purchase for our St Patrick's Day Fundraising Music Concert. For full details, please see the poster on the notice board at the back of the church. Tickets can also be purchased by scanning the QR code below



Stations of the Cross During Lent

During the season of Lent, we invite parishioners to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross, a beautiful and reflective devotion that helps us walk with Christ on His journey to Calvary.



STATIONS OF CROSS

Whatever you are carrying, bring it.
Walk with Jesus through the Stations.
You don't need to know what to say or do.
Just come as you are.
Pray. Reflect. Begin again.
Join us after weekday Mass during Lent.
Monday & Wednesday 9:30am: St Mary's
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am: St Joseph's
And also Friday 9am: St Joseph's

Confirmation 2026

For adults returning to the Faith, those seeking to become Catholic, and those aged 16+ registered for Confirmation. Next session: **Sunday, 8th 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

Maunder 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

Refreshments After Church Cleaning Saturday 4th April

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.

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

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**



SENSIBLE GIVING

Sign up today to make your donation worth 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

Parish Priest: Fr Rob Stewart T: 01252 320956
Parish Administrator: Frances Grant T: 01252 320956,
E: office@aldershot-catholics.uk
Bookkeeper: Marianne Amano E: accounts@aldershot-catholics.uk
Gift Aid Officer: Jimmy Chung, E: giftaid@aldershot-catholics.uk
Safeguarding Team: Michelle Berman T: 07908 101 487
Marian Momoh T: 07376 737 897
E: safeguarding@aldershot-catholics.uk
Portsmouth Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator:
Ruth Attfield T: 023 9421 6486 E: rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

Aldershot Catholic Community logo and Give as you Live Online logo.

Generate free donations for us at over 6,000 online stores. It's completely free thanks to our partner, Give as you Live Online!

Simply scan the QR Code with your mobile phone to sign up for free!
Just some of the 6,000 stores paying free donations:

M&S, Booking.com, ebay, Expedia, Brio, tradeline, ASOS, Argos

Schools

St Joseph's Primary Academy
Bridge Road, Aldershot GU11 3DD
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All Hallows Catholic School
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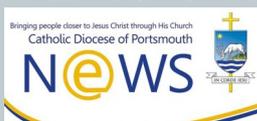
If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob

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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