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Office Opening Hours

Monday - 10am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm

Friday 10am - 2pm



Mass Times

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

Sat	11th	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	12th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sat	18th	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	19th	StJ	9.00am		
		StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish

4th Sunday of Easter

Sat	25th	StJ	12.00pm	St Mark	Dominic Coakley RIP FM
Sat	25th	StM	5.30pm		People of the Parish
Sun	26th	StJ	9.00am		
		StJ	10.30am		
Mon	27th	StM	9.30am		
Tues	28th	StJ	9.30am		
Wed	29th	StM	9.30am	St Catherine of Siena	
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thurs	30th	StJ	9.30am	St Pius V	
Fri	1st	StJ	NO MASS		
Sat	2nd	StJ	12.00pm		

5th Sunday of Easter

Sat	2nd	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	3rd	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		

**THIS SUNDAY
2ND COLLECTION**
We're sorry, but this second collection should have taken place on Good Friday. Therefore, there will be a second collection today.
3rd April 2026

Holy Places

**2ND COLLECTION
26TH APRIL 2026
DIOCESAN CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

Fr Rob Away

Please note Fr Rob is away . We are grateful to Fr Patrick Sherlock who will take the Mass for the 18th & 19th

**Monday 13th to Friday 17th
NO MASS**

**Monday 20th to Friday 24th
NO MASS**

**No Confessions
Till Saturday 25th April 2026**

Mass Intentions
Request Mass Intentions at the Parish Office phone, or email: office@aldershot-catholics.uk

**First Saturday Devotion.
30th May 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.

Happy Easter! As we gather on this Octave Day of Easter, traditionally known as Divine Mercy Sunday, a time overflowing with gratitude and joy. I am reminded of the light that began as a single flame in the darkness of the Easter Vigil and has now spread throughout our entire Church community.

The Church, in her wisdom, knows that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is too massive a reality for our human hearts to process in a single twenty-four-hour period. We simply cannot contain the explosion of grace that occurred when the stone was rolled away. Therefore, the Church gives us the Easter Octave—the eight days spanning from Easter Sunday to today. I hope no one fasted on Friday and or Wednesday as Easter is a true feast.

In the eyes of the Liturgy, these eight days are not a countdown or a slow fade-out from the holiday; they are celebrated as one single day. Each morning this week, when we prayed the Gloria and heard the Gospel, we weren't just "remembering" Easter; we were still in it. Today is the eighth day of that one eternal "Today" of the Resurrection. This is why we continue to sing "Alleluia". This octave is a "week of Sundays," a period where time stands still so we can gaze upon the empty tomb and truly believe.

To make the most of this time spiritually, I encourage you to carry this "Octave mentality" into your daily lives. It is so easy to let the world rush us back into the "ordinary." The secular calendar moved on to "Monday morning" immediately, but the Christian heart stays at the tomb. To live this season well, practice the art of Easter lingering. Take ten minutes each day to read the post-Resurrection appearances in the Gospels. Imagine yourself on the road to Emmaus or standing in the Upper Room. Let the peace that Jesus offered his frightened disciples settle into your own anxieties.

Moreover, today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is no coincidence that the Octave of Easter concludes with a focus on God's mercy. St. John Paul II, in establishing this feast, wanted us to understand that the Resurrection is the ultimate act of mercy. It is God saying to a fallen world: "Your sins are not the end of your story; My life is."

Today, I ask you to trust in that mercy. Whether you have been away from the Church for a long time or have been in the pews every morning, the floodgates of grace are open. Divine Mercy is the "Easter gift" that Jesus breathes upon the Apostles in the Gospel when He gives them the power to forgive sins. If you feel burdened, bring that weight to the foot of the Cross and leave it in the empty tomb.

I also want to take a moment to offer my deepest, most sincere thanks to all of you who attended our celebration of the Paschal Triduum as one liturgy, from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday through the glory of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

I want to thank all who contributed, polishing brass candles and silver sacred vessels, cleaning the churches, arranging the flowers, providing refreshments, helping in the sacristy, servers, choir, readers, those who allowed their feet to be washed, fire prep for the vigil, I hope I have not missed anyone. A special thank you to five people. Thank you to, Sazani, Safani, Layla, Phaik Choo and Ann Marie, for your yes to Christ. The Highlight of all our celebrations was receiving you into the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism and confirmation. Be assured of our prayers and support as you start your journey with Christ.

Finally, I would like to thank to you for your generosity regarding the Easter offerings. As you may know, these offerings, along with those at Christmas, traditionally constitute a significant portion of the priest's personal support and stipend for the year.

I am often humbled by the sacrifices you make to support my ministry and the life of this parish. Please know that your financial gifts are not just about "keeping the lights on" or supporting a person; they are an investment in the Sacramental life we share. The more this grows the more I am able to focus on the work of the Gospel, visiting the sick, celebrating the Eucharist, and being present to you in your moments of both trial and triumph. I am deeply moved by your kindness, and I promise to continue to grow in offering my life and my prayers for you and your families.

As we move forward from this Octave into the remaining weeks of the Easter season, let us not lose our momentum. The Resurrection changed everything. It changed the way we look at suffering, the way we treat our neighbours, and the way we face the future. We are an Easter people, and "Alleluia" is our song!

May the Peace of the Risen Christ, which surpasses all understanding, be with you today and always. And may the rays of Divine Mercy—the red and the pale light flowing from the heart of Jesus—wash over you and bring you to everlasting life. In the peace the World cannot provide.

God bless you all, and a very Happy Easter!

With love

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

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who join us for all our masses.

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.

Collection Envelopes

For those who use collection envelopes, these are now ready for collection at the back of the church.

Confirmation 2026

Sunday 12th April 3pm St Josephs Hall. This meeting is for everyone who is getting confirmed by the Bishop on 25th April at St Johns Cathedral.

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.

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.

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.

Upcoming Dates

2–3 May – Visit of the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco

The relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, two of the young visionaries of Fatima, will be visiting St Michael and St George's Cathedral, Aldershot. This is a special opportunity for prayer and veneration, and all are warmly encouraged to attend and seek the intercession of these holy saints.

VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS) OF *Our Lady of Fatima* AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

Cathedral Church of St Michael and St George, Aldershot GU11 2BY

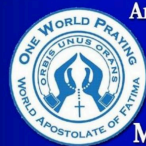
2 May 2026, a first Saturday

1150H	Welcome and Notices
1200H	Procession and Enthronement of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta Marto
1215H	Solemn Mass With Prayer of Consecration of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Paul Mason
1315H	Bishop and Clergy Veneration and Official Photograph with the NPVS, the Relics, and the Centenary Icon of Pontevedra
1330H	Veneration of the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta
1350H	Lunch
1450H	Docu-film: "Fatima: Message for the World"
1520H	Divine Mercy Chaplet
1530H	Talk: "Fatima: Promise of Salvation and Peace"
1630H	Break
1650H	15 Minutes Meditation on a Rosary Mystery
1705H	Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
1735H	Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapulars
1750H	End of day 1.

3 May 2026, Sunday

1100H	Holy Mass
1200H	Veneration of the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta

For more information, please contact or visit the Cathedral webpage.



Arranged by the World Apostolate of Fatima (England & Wales)
A Public Association of the Faithful
Registered Charity 1198986

Contact the World Apostolate of Fatima
Mobile no. 07788473210 (9 am to 5 pm only, Mon to Fri)



Other News

Retrouvaille Marriage Support

If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues Retrouvaille could be the solution.
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to make your
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25% more
with Gift Aid

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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 March First Collections

TOTAL:	6,525.24
Contactless	508.31
Direct Debits	480.00
Plate and envelopes:	3,050.93
Standing Orders	2,486.00

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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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.

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M&S, Booking.com, ebay, Expedia, Breeze, trainline, ASOS, Argos

Schools

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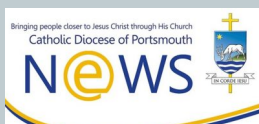
If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob

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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