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Monday - 10am - 2.30pm
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Mass Times

2ND COLLECTION
17TH MAY 2026
CATHOLICS COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK

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.
2nd May 2026
First Saturday devotions will start in St Josephs and conclude at St Michael and St George Cathedral Aldershot
10.15 first Sat prayers, Rosary, confession Adoration and meditation Mass at 12.15 will follow at the Cathedral after the welcome and procession of the Relics of St Francis and St Jacinta

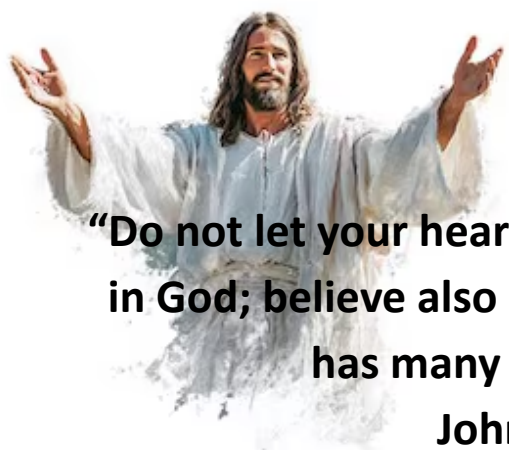
Votive Candles
Please note that due to the money boxes for the votive candles being broken into, a dedicated tab has been created on the payment/donation machine at the back of the church for candle payments.

5th Sunday of Easter

Sat	2nd	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	3rd	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Damiano Piliberto RIP
Mon	4th	StM	9.30am	The English Martyrs	
Tues	5th	StJ	9.30am		
Wed	6th	StM	9.30am	5th Week of Easter	
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thurs	7th	StJ	9.30am	5th Week of Easter	Anne Rasdill PM FM
Fri	8th	StJ	NO MASS		
Sat	9th	StM	12.00pm		Mary Mackey RIP FM

6th Sunday of Easter

Sat	9th	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	10th	StJ	9.00am		
		StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that.

John 14:1-12

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we find ourselves still basking in the glow of the Resurrection, yet the Gospel takes us back to the Upper Room. We are listening in on the Last Supper discourse, a moment of profound intimacy and transition. In John 14:10, Jesus asks a question that pierces through the confusion of His disciples and perhaps our own:

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"

This statement is the heartbeat of our faith. It is the mystery of the Indwelling. Jesus is not simply a messenger sent by God; He is the very presence of God walking among us. When we look at Jesus, we see the Father's heart. When we hear Jesus, we hear the Father's voice.

To understand John 14:10 is to understand that God is never distant. Philip had just asked Jesus to "show us the Father." It is a very human request. We want signs; we want a God we can pin down with our eyes. But Jesus corrects this by pointing inward. The union between the Father and the Son is so absolute that their actions are inseparable. When it comes to the words of Jesus and His teachings, they are not His own, but the Father's. Similarly with His works it is the Father's work He is doing. Where Jesus is so to The Father and Holy Spirit.

This is the "Mutual Indwelling." It teaches us that love, in its purest form, creates a unity where one person lives in another. This is the blueprint for our own spiritual lives.

You might ask, "what does a deep theological point about the Trinity have to do with my Monday morning, when I'm stuck in traffic, it seems impossible to get the children motivated and focused and the pressure of the week is already mounting up"....The answer is everything without exception.

When we received Baptism, this "indwelling" is extended to us. If the Father is in Jesus, and we are "in Christ," then the life of the Trinity is currently circulating through your soul. You are not a solitary agent trying to be "good" for a distant judge. You are a temple.

When you struggle with a difficult decision at work, or when you are exhausted by the demands of parenting, remember John 14:10. You do not act alone. The Father who dwells in Christ also desires to dwell in you. Our goal as Christians is to become so transparent to God's grace that people can look at us and see a reflection of Christ, just as people looked at Christ and saw the Father. We are all called to be Saints and to live sanctified lives.

Jesus says, "The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works."

Think about the "works" of the Father. They are works of creation, healing, and reconciliation. In this Easter season, we are called to be the hands and feet of that divine work. Indeed, the Church is the Body of Christ the mediator of Grace to the world, and we are its members through virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation. Which is why it was a delight to celebrate the 17 confirmations we have celebrated at The Vigil of Holy Saturday or at the Cathedral last week. With family and friends are our words bringing the Father's peace? Are our works reflecting the Father's mercy? Do you trust that God is "closer to you than you are to yourself"?

We often feel inadequate. We feel our faith is too small. But Jesus doesn't ask Philip for a complex theological dissertation. He asks for belief. He asks Philip to trust the evidence of the love he has witnessed. As we move toward the altar today to receive the Eucharist, we are participating in this mystery in the most literal way. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ so that He may dwell in us and we in Him.

This is the Great Amen of the Mass. It is our "Yes" to the union Jesus describes in today's Gospel. We are being folded into the life of the Father.

Let us leave this Mass today not just as people who have fulfilled an obligation, but as people who are "Christ-bearers." If the world is to know the Father, it will often be through the way we live, the way we forgive, and the way we hope

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.

This weekend

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.

Saturday Mass

Due to repair work being carried out at St Joseph's. Next week on Saturday confession between 11 and 11.45 and the mass at noon will be at St Mary's church. Apologies for any inconvenience. However the work is essential so that St Joseph's can be open during the day for our community.

Mass of celebration

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.

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.

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.

Foundation Governors

Are you interested in becoming a vital part of the life of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School as a school foundation governor? It is an extremely rewarding position and enables you to play an important voluntary role in preserving the school's Catholic ethos, excellent reputation and outstanding results. We are currently looking to recruit Foundation Governors to join our Local Governing Body. Worried about the time commitment? There are 3 meetings a year, each lasting approximately 2 hours (via teams) in the early evenings with additional opportunities to be part of other committees if you would like to be.
If you are interested in joining the Local Governing Body of our school or would like to know more, please contact Mrs Zoe Lowe – z.lowe@st-josephs.hants.sch.uk, Clerk to the Governors, who will arrange for you to have an informal meeting with the Headteacher, Mrs McNeill or one of our current governors. Please also feel free to contact the school should you have any questions

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

Salesian College Open Morning - Saturday 9 May

The whole family is welcome to come along to the Salesian College whole school Open Morning, from 9:15am - 12:30pm on Saturday 9 May 2026. During the event you will hear from the Headmaster, senior staff and students; have the opportunity to tour our facilities with a student guide, and take part in immersive activities in all subject areas. You will also have the opportunity for informal discussions with our Admissions Team over refreshments in The Refectory. To book your place, please click [here](#)

Retrouvaille Marriage Support

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

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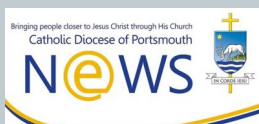
**If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like
to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob**

**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](#)



Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. Charity no 1199568)
Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church"

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.