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Office Opening Hours

Monday - 10am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm

Friday 10am - 2pm



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.

**Monday 18th to Friday 22nd
NO MASS**

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.
6th June 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.

7th Sunday of Easter

Sat	16th	StM	5.30pm		People of the Parish
Sun	17th	StJ	9.00am		Marie Hrabcakova
		StJ	10.30am		

Pentecost Sunday

Sat	23rd	StJ	12.00pm		Daniel Antony Afonso Birthday
Sat	23rd	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	24th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Alessandro Mezzullo RIP
Mon	25th	StM	9.30am	The Blessed Mary, Mother of the Church	Aleksandra Kozwara
Tues	26th	StJ	11.00am	St Philip Neri	Yolanda Johnson - RIP
Wed	27th	StM	9.30am	St Augustine of Canterbury	Jonny Collins
		StJ	7.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Thurs	28th	StJ	9.30am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	
Fri	29th			NO MASS	
Sat	30th	StJ	12.00pm		

Trinity Sunday

Sat	30th	StM	5.30pm		Shane Richards RIP
Sun	31st	StJ	9.00am		
		StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish



Glorify your Son,
that your Son may
glorify you.

During this month of devotion to Our Heavenly Mother, The Queen of Peace. I would like to encourage a personal devotion to Mary and a particular focus in this month. May belongs entirely to Mary, Mother of God. This ancient, beautiful tradition connects us deeply to creation. Spring blooms match the spiritual blooming Mary brings. She reflects the fresh hope of the Resurrection.

Our homeland holds a unique Marian identity. England historically bore the title "Our Lady's Dowry." This title dates back to the Middle Ages. King Richard II formalized this holy dedication in 1381. He gave England to Mary for protection. This is a little-known fact of Our Countries history. We are guardians of this profound spiritual legacy.

Our landscape is rich with Marian history. Anglo-Saxon England had many shrines to the Virgin Mary, the destination for tens of thousands of pilgrims from Europe and further afield. Shrines were dedicated to her at Glastonbury in 540, Evesham in 702, Tewkesbury in 715, Canterbury in 866, Willesden in 939, Abingdon before 955, Ely in 1020, Coventry in 1043, York in 1050, and Walsingham. Our ancestors turned to Mary during deep trials. Today, we revive that same fierce devotion.

At the end of the rosary on Wednesday nights, I have for the last few months recited The Prayer for England. This is a prayer that as a child we recited regularly, and all seemed to know it. I was delighted this week to hear a few tentative voices joining mine in its praying. We need to hold closely our national prayer. Considering our rich history and heritage. The traditional Prayer for England carries immense weight today. It explicitly begs for Mary's powerful maternal intercession.

"O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee."

This prayer is not a historical artifact. It is an urgent, living plea for our society. Look Down in Mercy: We ask her gaze upon our towns. Our Most Gentle Queen: We acknowledge her heavenly royalty. Hope and Trust: We place our nation's future in her hands.

We live in highly de Christianised times. Many people around us live without Christian hope. Isolation, confusion, and brokenness affect many UK families. The Prayer for England asks Mary to bring Jesus back to the streets of Britain.

Mary always leads us directly to Jesus. Her final scriptural words command us: "Do whatever he tells you." By honouring the Mother, we worship the Son more perfectly.

Let us pray fervently for the United Kingdom this month. Pray for our leaders, our youth, and the lonely. Ask Our Lady of Walsingham to walk through our Land, our streets and our homes. May her prayers bring a new springtime of faith to our land.

God Bless you all.

May Mary The Queen Of Peace intercede for us 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

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.

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.

Rest in Peace

With deep sorrow, we announced the death of Yolanda Johnson. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 26th May at 11am** at St Joseph's Church. All the faithful, relatives, and friends are invited to come together in prayer, commending her soul to God's mercy and offering comfort to the bereaved family.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

Retrouaille Marriage Support

If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues Retrouaille could be the solution. www.retrouaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Votive Candles

Please note that the votive candle money boxes have now been repaired. However, if preferred, payments for candles can still be made via the dedicated tab on the payment/donation machine at the back of the church.

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.

Other News

Farnborough Abbey Pilgrimage: On Saturday 16th May

The St Edmund Campion Relic Pilgrimage will be at St Michael's Abbey Farnborough GU14 7NQ. Please come after 11.30am for Mass at 12 noon, followed by veneration of the Relic. At 1pm there will be a rosary procession, and then an opportunity for lunch. If you wish you can stay for a tour of the Abbey and its crypt by the Benedictine Monks. Please do join this event organised by the Farnborough Knights.

Stella Maris Mass

Monday 8 June 2026 at 12.15pm: the Stella Maris Mass for seafarers and fishers in St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by light refreshments. Please confirm your attendance by emailing roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org by Tuesday 28 May 2026.

CELEBRATE Festival

15-19 August 2026 - CELEBRATE Festival returns to West Sussex. The Festival, one of the UK's leading Catholic family events, returns to Worth School in West Sussex and tickets are now available. The Festival expects to welcome around 1,000 attendees for five days of worship, teaching and community with the theme 'Let There Be Light'.

CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

- Clergy Formation Lead, Sandhurst
- Estates Coordinator, Portsmouth
- Cleaner, Southampton
- Parish Administrator, Maidenhead & Twyford
- Fundraising Officer (Maternity Cover)
- Cleaner, Reading

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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 April First Collections

TOTAL:	5,534.98
Contactless	726.06
Direct Debits	480.00
Plate and envelopes:	1,782.92
Standing Orders	2,546.00

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.

Visit www.giveasyoulive.com/join
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Schools

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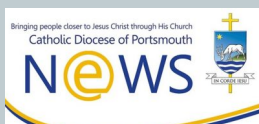
If you are unwell, can't come to Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments at home, contact Fr Rob

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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