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Office Opening Hours
Monday - 10am - 2.30pm
Wednesday 10am - 2.30pm
Friday 10am - 2pm



Mass Times

Trinity Sunday

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| Sat | 30th | StM | 5.30pm | | Shane Richards RIP |
| Sun | 31st | StJ | 9.00am | | |
| | | StJ | 10.30am | | People of the Parish |
| Mon | 1st | StM | 9.30am | St Justin | Jonny Collins |
| Tues | 2nd | StJ | 9.30am | SS Marcellinus & Peter | |
| Wed | 3rd | StM | 9.30am | St Charles Lwanga & Companions | |
| | | StJ | 7.00pm | NO HOLY HOUR | |
| Thurs | 4th | StJ | 9.30am | NO MASS | |
| Fri | 5th | | | NO MASS | |
| Sat | 6th | StJ | 12.00pm | NO MASS | |

Mass Intentions
 Request via the parish office phone or email: office@aldershot-catholics.uk. Mass intentions traditionally support the parish priest's income.

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.

Confession
 Saturday: St Joseph's 11-11.45am
 St Mary's 4.45-5.15pm Or contact the parish office on 01252 320956 to arrange a convenient time.

Votive Candles
 The votive candle money boxes have been repaired. Alternatively, payments can be made via the donation machine at the back of the church.

Corpus Christi

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| Sat | 6th | StM | 5.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| Sun | 7th | StJ | 9.00am | | |
| | | StJ | 10.30am | | Esmund Barros |

Monday 8th to Friday 12th June
Fr Rob on Retreat
NO MASS



Last week we ended the Easter season with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church. Today we step into ordinary time with the feast of the Most Holy Trinity! Today, our Church celebrates the ultimate mystery of our faith: one God in three Divine Persons. We honour the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. It is easy to view this feast as a complex theological puzzle. Many Priests I am sure will spend much time trying to express this mystery. However, the Trinity is not a problem to be solved. It is a reality of perfect love to be experienced. Today, I want to speak to you specifically about how this Trinitarian love flows into your life through the healing power of the Holy Spirit, following on from last week's homily.

Many of us carry hidden wounds. We bear the scars of past mistakes, the pain of broken relationships, and the heavy burden of shame. Sometimes, we project our human fragility onto God. We imagine Him as a distant judge, waiting for us to fail. But the truth of the Gospel is entirely different. God does not look at you with anger. He never condemns you. Romans 8:1 reminds us that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. When you fall, God does not turn away in disgust. Instead, the Father runs to meet you, Jesus lifts you up, and the Holy Spirit begins the work of restoration.

God desires your wholeness. He longs to heal your spirit, your mind, and your heart. The Holy Spirit is the Divine Physician, poured into our souls at Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation. This Holy Spirit is the very breath of God, entering the dark, locked rooms of our hearts to bring light and peace. Healing does not mean your past vanishes. It means your past loses its power to control your future. The Spirit rewires our inner narrative, replacing the lies of the accuser with the truth of the Father.

How does God see you right now? He sees you as wonderful. You are His masterpiece. In the eyes of the Holy Trinity, your value is absolute and unchanging. God does not love you because you are perfect; you are beautiful to Him because He created you in His image. Even when you feel broken, worthless, or forgotten by the world, the Holy Spirit whispers the deepest truth of your identity: you are a beloved child of God. You are wanted. You are precious.

This incredible truth cannot leave us unchanged. Experiencing the unconditional love and healing of the Holy Spirit is not meant to be a private luxury. It is a catalyst. When you realize that you are completely loved, entirely forgiven, and deeply valued, fear loses its grip on your life. This profound healing is meant to propel us forward into the life of the Spirit. It gives us the courage to step out of our comfort zones and live with divine purpose.

We are healed so that we can become healers. We are comforted so that we can comfort others. This active life of the Spirit unfolds directly within the community of faith: His Holy Church. The Church is not a club for the perfect; it is a hospital for sinners. It is the visible body through which Jesus continues to reach out to the world.

The Holy Spirit gives each of you unique gifts, talents, and charisms. These gifts are not for your personal glory, but for the building up of our parish and the wider Church. God invites you today to channel the gratitude of your healed heart into active service. Serve Him by volunteering in our parish ministries, by reaching out to the lonely, by teaching our youth, or by quietly praying for those who are suffering.

Let us step into this new season of grace together. Let go of the fear of condemnation. Open your heart wide to the healing touch of the Holy Spirit this Trinity Sunday. Allow Him to remind you of how wonderful you truly are in His eyes and let that divine joy drive you to serve Him with all your heart, mind, and strength.

love from

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 warmly welcome all visitors joining us for Mass today. We hope you feel at home in our parish community and pray that your time with us may be a blessing.

**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.**

First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting

A reminder to all parents that the first meeting for the First Holy Communion programme will take place on Saturday 30th May at 3:00pm in the hall. As this marks the beginning of the programme, it is important that all parents attend. We look forward to welcoming you.

Confirmation and RCIA Photos

Please find below the link to the official Confirmation photos:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/WpYEoSFnSEVsAMHWA>

The Cathedral has also published the RCIA Rite of Election photos on their website:

<https://portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/2026riteofelection/index.php>

Father's Retreat

Father will be away from 8th to 12th June while attending a retreat. Therefore, there will be no morning Masses during that week.

Please keep Father in your prayers during his time of retreat.

Baptism

We are delighted that John Joseph Barrat and Marlowe Emery Terryn Mann were baptised in our church this month. We give thanks for them and their families as they begin this journey of faith.

Please keep John, Marlowe, and their families in your prayers, that they may continue to grow in God's love and grace.

Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV,

Please find the Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, on the safeguarding of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence here: <https://e.va/magnificahumanitas/>

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.

Altar Repairs

Repairs to the altar will commence on Wednesday. Therefore, there will be no Masses celebrated from Wednesday for Holy Hour and Thursday morning until Sunday.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and prayers during this time.

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.

Could You Help Someone Feel at Home?

A smile. A welcome. A short conversation.

Sometimes that's all it takes to help someone feel seen, return to church, find friendship, or even begin a journey of faith.

Every week people come through the doors of St Mary's and St Joseph's who are new, returning to church after many years, visiting the area, or simply looking for a place to belong. We want to ensure that nobody comes to Mass feeling unnoticed, uncertain, or alone.

Over the coming months we will be launching a simple Welcome Team and are looking for warm, approachable people who would enjoy helping others feel at home in our parish.

No special experience is needed, and there is no commitment at this stage—just an opportunity to find out more.

As well as helping others, many people find that serving in this way deepens their own sense of belonging, builds new friendships, and connects them more deeply to parish life.

If this might be something you'd like to explore, please email Jason Swan Clark at clark.jason@me.com.

I will also be sharing more about the Welcome Team at all Masses in the coming weeks, with an opportunity to speak with me in person afterwards.

Other News

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.

CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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- Clergy Formation Lead, Sandhurst, Part-time, Curia
- Parish Administrator, Maidenhead & Twyford, Part-time
- Fundraising Officer (Maternity Cover), Full time, Temporary, Curia
- Cleaner, Reading, Part-time
- Parish Administrator, Basingstoke, Part-time

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| 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 |
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| Parish Financial Support April First Collections | |
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| TOTAL: | 5,534.98 |
| Contactless | 726.06 |
| Direct Debits | 480.00 |
| Plate and envelopes: | 1,782.92 |
| Standing Orders | 2,546.00 |

Salesian College Year 5 Taster Day

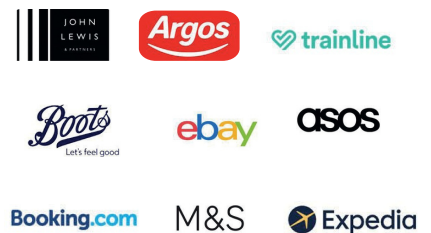
Are you curious about what secondary school is really like? Come and spend an exciting day at Salesian College and get a taste of the fun, learning, and adventure that awaits you! Our Year 5 Taster Day is designed especially for Year 5 boys who want to explore new subjects, try out hands-on activities, and enjoy a great day in a brand-new school environment. You'll take part in sample lessons, join in games, meet new friends, and enjoy a delicious hot lunch in our dining hall. Monday 29 June 2026, 8:45 AM – 3:00 PM. Come ready to learn, laugh, and discover what makes Salesian College such a special place. We can't wait to welcome you! To book your place click [here](#)

Most parishes aim for 75% of income via standing orders — Aldershot isn't there yet. Please help by setting up a standing order (contact your bank directly) and signing up for Gift Aid. Forms are at the back of the church.

Our details: CDP Aldershot St Joseph
Sort Code:30-93-04 | AccountNo: 00873072

Fundraising for St Joseph's & St Mary's

Our churches, hall, and presbytery need repairs please help us raise funds through any of the following: Donations & Gift Aid forms at the back of the church Give as You Live shop online with 6,000+ retailers and raise free donations at no cost to you. Supporters have already raised over £3,200 for our parish. Sign up free by scanning the QR code on leaflets available after Mass, visiting www.giveasyoulive.com/join, or searching "Give as You Live." Just some of the 6,000+ stores include:



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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Hospital & Home Visits

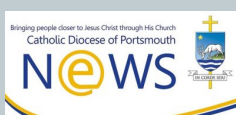
Going into hospital? Contact Frimley Park Hospital chaplaincy: 0300 613 4184
 Unwell and unable to attend Mass? Contact Fr Rob to receive the Sacraments at home.

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