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Mass Times

2ND COLLECTION
21ST JUNE 2026
DAY FOR LIFE

Mass Intentions

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

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.

First Saturday Devotion.
4th July 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.

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.

Mass Wednesday 17th June

Please note that the parish Mass will not be celebrated at St Mary's on Wednesday 17th June. Instead, Mass will be at St Joseph's at 12 noon for the Requiem Mass of Stephen Omerod.

Sat	13th	StJ	12.00pm		
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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	13th	StM	5.30pm		Mary & Dennis McCarthy RIP
Sun	14th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Angela Vickers TG
Mon	15th	StM	9.30am	Feria	Gustavo Morales RIP
Tues	16th	StJ	9.30am	St Richard of Chichester	Johnny Collins
Wed	17th	StJ	12.00pm	Feria	Requiem Mass Stephen Omerod
		StJ	7.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Thurs	18th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	Doreen King RIP
Fri	19th			NO MASS	
Sat	20th	StJ	12.00pm		

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	20th	StM	5.30pm		James O'Donnell RIP FM
Sun	21st	StJ	9.00am		
		StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish



Today, we find ourselves entering back into the green and steady landscape of Ordinary Time. After the intense spiritual journeys of Lent and Easter, and the great celebrations of Pentecost Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi, the Church slows her pace. The vestments change to green, symbolizing growth, life, and hope.

It is easy to misunderstand this season. The word Ordinary comes from the Latin *ordinalis*, meaning numbered or ordered. Yet, in our modern language, ordinary often means mundane, boring, or unimportant. We might mistakenly treat this season as a spiritual intermission—a time to relax our faith until Advent arrives. In the life of grace which we are called to live there is no such thing as standard time. Ordinary Time is the season of growth. It is the time when the seeds planted during the great feasts take root in the soil of our everyday routines. It is the focus of our daily discipleship.

The Gospel Today shows us exactly how to live out this ordinary, everyday discipleship, and it points us directly to the source of our strength: the Holy Eucharist.

The passage begins with a profound look into the heart of Jesus: At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Notice that Jesus encounters people exactly where they are—in their daily struggles, their ordinary anxieties, and their quiet heartbreaks. He does not look away from the world's messiness. Instead, His heart breaks with compassion. As it did then so too in our modern times.

Where do we encounter this same compassionate heart today? We find it right here on this altar. In every Holy Mass, Jesus looks upon us, with all our secret burdens, and moves toward us in the Eucharist. He does not leave us abandoned. He feeds us with His own Body and Blood, becoming our Shepherd and our nourishment.

Jesus then turns to His disciples and utters words that echo down through the centuries to us today: The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest. This is the great work of Ordinary Time, but we cannot do it on an empty stomach. We are called to look at our world through the eyes of Jesus. We are called to see the hunger for meaning, the loneliness in our town of Aldershot and the brokenness in our own families, and to respond with Christlike compassion. To become the labourers God needs, we must first be sustained. The Eucharist is the food for the harvest. It transforms us from a crowd of individuals into the actual living Body of Christ, ready to work in the world.

How does Jesus respond to this massive need? He calls His twelve disciples by name and sends them out. Matthew lists their names to remind us that Jesus calls real, flawed, ordinary people to do His extraordinary work. He calls Peter, who would deny Him; Thomas, who would doubt Him; and Matthew, a former tax collector. He does not call the perfect; He calls the willing. In our baptism, Jesus called each of you by name. Every Sunday, through the reception of the Eucharist, He renews that call and plugs us back into His divine life. So long as we are disposed to His grace. You are the labourers sent into the harvest of your workplaces, your schools, your homes, and your local communities. The work of the Church does not end when we leave this Church, it begins at the dismissal when we are sent forth. The final words of the Mass are a commissioning: Go forth, the Mass is ended. Having received Christ, we must now carry Him out the church doors.

Jesus gives His disciples strict instructions on their mission: As you go, make this proclamation: The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons.

For most of us, this ordinary mission will not involve literal miracles. But powered by the grace of the Eucharist, you cure the sick when you sit by the bedside of an elderly neighbour. You raise the dead when you bring hope and love to someone drowning in despair. You cleanse the lepers when you reach out to the lonely, the outcast, and the forgotten who society pushes aside. You drive out demons when you combat hatred with love, gossip with silence, and anger with peace. How much the modern world needs this response. This is how we bring the Kingdom of heaven to earth in our daily lives, acting as living tabernacles in the world.

Jesus leaves us with a golden rule for ordinary time. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give. The Eucharist is the ultimate expression of this truth. It is a pure, unmerited gift from God. We did nothing to earn the sacrifice of Calvary. Therefore, our lives must become a gift to Him through the care of others. Ordinary Time is our training ground to practice radical generosity. We have received the bread of life without cost, we must give our time, our patience, and our love to others without expecting anything in return.

Let us enter this season of Ordinary Time with renewed hearts, deeply anchored in the Holy Eucharist. Let us look for Christ in the mundane details of our days, knowing that every moment is an opportunity to harvest souls for His Kingdom.

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.

**OUR NEXT 2ND COLLECTION
28TH JUNE 2026
PETERS PENCE**

First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting

The next meeting for the First Holy Communion Programme will take place on Sunday 14th at 3:00pm in the hall.

As this is an important part of the programme, we ask that all parents attend. We look forward to welcoming you.

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.

Church Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers within our church community who can help with small maintenance and repair jobs around the parish. We would especially welcome anyone with skills in electrical work, plumbing, carpentry, DIY, or general handyman repairs.

Even a small amount of time and help can make a big difference in caring for our parish facilities. If you are able to help, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your support.

Slow Cookers for Sale – Church Fundraiser

We have two slow cookers available as part of our church fundraiser and would love to find them a new home!

All bids and offers are welcome, with all proceeds going towards supporting our church and parish activities.

If you are interested or would like to make an offer, please contact the church office. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Stella Maris

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

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.

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 21st - 28th August 2026

See promotional poster on noticeboard for further details. Come in procession and respond to Our Lady's son to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves. Contact: frances@catholicassociation.co.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.

Other News

School of Synodality

Saturday 27 June 2026: Online retreat with School of Synodality [Click her for Information on how to attend](#)

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](#)

A Day with Mary

BA Day with Mary will take place at Bournemouth Oratory, Richmond Hill, on Saturday 18th July 2026. Please see the poster at the back of the church for further details.

WeBelieve Festival at St Mary's College, Oscott. 24-27 July

An unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God.

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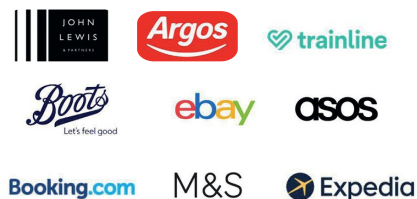
- Organist, Winchester
- Parish Finance Administrator, Andover
- Parish Administrator, Andover
- Warehouse Manager, Andover Foodbank

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:



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 May First Collections	
TOTAL:	7,714.29
Contactless	2,585.35
Direct Debits	480.00
Plate and envelopes:	2,201.14
Standing Orders	2,447.80

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

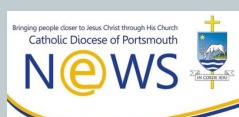
Going into hospital? Contact Frimley Park Hospital chaplaincy: 0300 613 4184
 Unwell and unable to attend Mass? Contact Fr Rob to receive the Sacraments at home.

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