

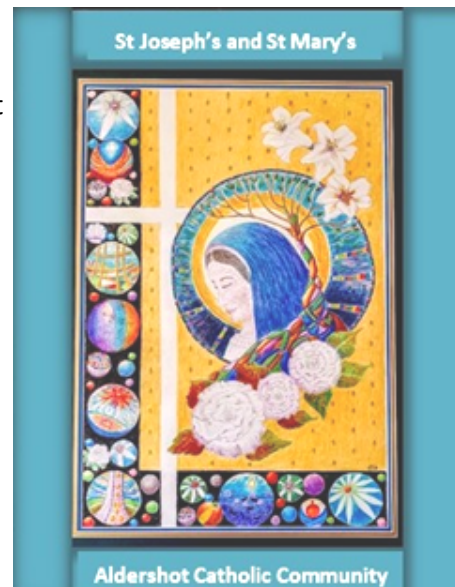


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2ND COLLECTION
13TH SEPT 2026
CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICES

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. 5th September 2026

Confessions available from 10 am at St Joseph's during the first Saturday prayers and readings. Mass at noon, concluding with final prayers at 11am
All are welcome.

Votive Candle Offerings

Some votive candle money boxes are temporarily out of service. Please use the contactless payment machine for your votive candle offerings until repairs are completed. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Times 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5th	StM	5.30pm		Gertrude Lingard RIP
Sun	6th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Charlotte Bray FM
Mon	7th	StM	9.30am	Feria	Jonny Collins
Tues	8th	StJ	9.30am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Fly Souls & Salvador Roderiques RIP
Wed	9th	StM	9.30am	St Peter Claver	Jonny Collins
		StJ	7.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Thurs	10th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	Domingos De Araujo & Fly Souls RIP
Fri	11th			NO MASS	
Sat	12th	StJ	12.00pm	The most Holy Name of Mary	Adriel De Cunha Bday

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	12th	StM	5.30pm		Valsama Joseph RIP
Sun	13th	StJ	9.00am		Rocky&Natasha Britto TG
		StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish

FOR WHERE
two or three
GATHER

in my name,

there am I with them

Matthew 18:20

Today the message of the Gospel could not be more counter cultural and yet is spiritual vital for our maturing in the life of Christ as part of His body the Church. As relevant to His disciples in Aldershot today as for His disciples then. Jesus addresses His disciples directly on the communal protocol for addressing sin, conflict, and fraternal correction. He lays out a discrete, compassionate, step-by-step path intended not to embarrass or exclude an offender, but rather to protect their dignity and win back a soul that has wandered into darkness. Today's world just seeks to cancel anyone who disagrees with them.

Today's world is heavily dominated by moral relativism, the very idea of calling out sin or speaking of absolute truth is routinely labelled as intolerant. We live in a world that is profoundly, tragically devoid of truth. Society frequently tells us that truth is subjective—that you can have your truth and I can have my truth. Objective boundaries of right and wrong are systematically erased in favour of temporary comfort and individual autonomy. Yet as Catholics we are called to live in the truth. The Catechism of the Catholic Church emphasises charity is fundamentally inseparable from truth. To remain silent when someone we care about is destructive or caught in grave sin is not an act of love; it is an act of spiritual indifference. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's first reading, we are called to be watchmen. If we keep quiet out of fear of social rejection, we fail in our baptismal call to love our neighbour.

However, the Gospel gives us guidelines for how we must speak this truth. Christ tells us, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Our standard must be entirely different from the secular world. Society prefers the path of gossip, public cancellation, and vindictive public shaming. Christ demands a confidential, humble, one-on-one dialogue rooted entirely in charity. The defining goal of Christian correction is never personal victory, self-righteousness, point scoring or humiliation; the sole objective is always restoration, healing, and salvation.

To live this out authentically, we must constantly align our minds and wills to the sacred will of Jesus Christ. We cannot successfully point others toward the light of truth if we are wilfully choosing to walk in our own personal darkness. Aligning ourselves with Christ means actively detaching from worldly philosophies, conforming our daily decisions to His commandments, and frequenting the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. Spending time deepening our understanding of Church teaching. When we intentionally align our lives with His, our internal worldview shifts. We stop viewing human relationships through the competitive lens of power, ego, and grievance. Instead, we begin to view every single soul through the compassionate lens of eternity.

We must also recognise that we cannot achieve this alignment through our own human willpower alone. The demands of the Christian life are heavy, and the secular tide pulling against us is incredibly strong. Christ empowers us supernaturally. Through the ongoing gift of the Holy Spirit, He infuses us with the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, granting us the exact courage needed to speak the truth even when our voices shake.

Our Lord seals this message with a beautiful, foundational promise that anchors our parish community: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." When we gather faithfully in His name—bound together by truth, reconciled through forgiveness, and aligned to His divine will—Christ becomes explicitly present in our midst.

This divine presence is exactly how we go out to radically affect the broken world around us. A parish community that genuinely lives in truth and charity becomes a brilliant, unmissable beacon of hope. By refusing to conform to the lies of the world, and by choosing instead to live as an authentic, reconciled body of believers, we show a hurting world that a different way of living is truly possible. Let us pray during this Holy Mass for the grace to abandon fear, to speak the truth in love, and to allow Christ to completely transform our hearts so that we may transform our community and town of Aldershot.

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.**

**2ND COLLECTION
20TH SEPT 2026
HOME MISSIONS**

Confession, Adoration & Mass

This week, Confessions and Adoration will begin at 10:00am, followed by Mass at 11:00am.

This is in preparation for Tom and Estelle's wedding this weekend.

A Prayerful Beginning: Tom & Estelle, Carmella & Henry

Please pray for Estelle And Tom who will be married in our parish Saturday 5th. Pray also for Carmella and Henry who will be married outside of the parish on 30th September. May God bless them all.

Welcoming Our New Deacon

We are delighted to welcome our new Deacon, Rev. Paul Evans, from Farnborough. He will commence his ministry with us on Sunday, 13th September.

As he begins his ministry among us, let us keep him in our prayers. May the Lord bless and guide him in his service, give him wisdom and strength, and help him to feel truly welcomed and at home within our church community.

Thank You from Stella Maris

A heartfelt thank you to everyone in our parish for your generous support of Stella Maris. Together, you raised an amazing £413.27!

Your kindness and generosity help support the vital work of Stella Maris and make a real difference to seafarers and their families.

Repository

Visit the Repository after Mass and browse our selection of books, rosaries, medals, candles, prayer cards, and other devotional gifts. Every purchase supports our parish while helping to deepen your faith.

This week in our Repository, discover our beautiful selection of rosaries. Each one is a special reminder of prayer, faith and devotion, and makes a thoughtful gift for yourself or a loved one.



A Note to Our Parishioners

If you are new to the parish or returning after sometime could I please ask you to ensure you are registered as parishioners. You will know by receiving the newsletter by email that you are registered. Could I also ask you to consider you donations be given by standing order that you can set up with your bank app or by your branch. This makes the budgeting and financial planning so much easier. I would earnestly encourage you to fill in a gift aid form if you pay tax. This allows us to claim 25p in every pound you give from the treasury. This is a free income stream and does not cost you anything and benefits the parish tremendously, yet only 60% of parishioners have signed up. This means there are thousands of pounds each year that we could claim but are not getting.

Hedge cutting at St. Mary's

We are looking for volunteers to help with the hedge cutting at St Mary's at 10:00am on Saturday 12th September.

If you can spare some time, please come along and help manage the grounds of your parish church.

If you have any hedge cutting tools, ladders, etc, please bring them along.

We are also looking to dispose of the green waste, so if anybody has a van and is willing to book a slot at the waste disposal site at Ivy road on the same date, this would help dispose of the hedge cuttings.

Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to form missionary disciples. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day).

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Saturday 17th October: Formation day for Readers (Winchester). Email the Liturgy team to book.

Saturday 31st October, 9:30am – 1:30pm: Portsmouth Diocese Parish Evangelisation Cell Formation Day at Christ the King, Reading. To register and to get more information please click here, or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Other News

Retrouvaille

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

General News

Gift Aid – Further Details

As mentioned in this week’s newsletter, if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid. The parish can reclaim 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of both churches, or simply scan the QR code to complete one online. If you give by contactless, please remember to register your donation for Gift Aid. Thank you for helping your donation go further and supporting our parish.

A Call out of the Blue

Please pray daily for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and for our seminarians. In this short video, four Catholic seminarians share what led them to seminary, speaking honestly about the joys and challenges of responding to God’s call. Take a few minutes to hear their inspiring stories and discover how each of them experienced their. [Call out of the Blue.](#)

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Gift Aid Declaration Form



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

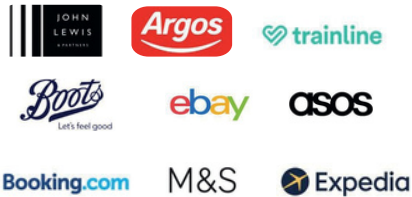
Most parishes aim for 75% of income via standing orders Aldershot isn't there yet. Please help by setting up a standing order (contact your bank directly) and signing up for Gift Aid. Forms are at the back of the church.

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

Parish Financial Support July First Collections	
TOTAL:	5,642.00
Contactless	539.51
Direct Debits	480.00
Plate and envelopes:	2,328.69
Standing Orders	2,294.00

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:



Food Bank

St Joseph’s Parish supports the Aldershot Community Grubhub. Please donate non-perishable food and essential items (food, toiletries,household goods). Donation boxes are available at the back of the churches and in the Hall entrance. Thank you for your support.

Parish website
<https://www.aldershot-catholics.uk/>
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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