

Mass Times

Second Sunday of Lent

Sat 15th Mar	StM	5.30pm		Shane Richards RIP
Sun 16th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
	StJ	10.30am		Fr Nick France RIP
Mon 17th	StM	9.30am	St Patrick	Collins Family
Tues 18th	StJ	9.30am	2nd Week of Lent	Ghadar Family
Wed 19th	StM	9.30am	St Joseph	D.Izzo
	StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thur 20th	StJ	9.30am	2nd Week of Lent	Carol Murray
Fri 21st			No Mass	
Sat 22nd	StJ	12.00pm	2nd Week of Lent	Future of Parish
	StM	5.30pm		Holy Souls
Sun 23rd	StJ	9.00am		Sick of Parish
	StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish

2nd Collection Sunday 16th of March: CAFOD

Confessions on Saturday

from 11am to 11.45 am at St Josephs from 4.45pm to 5.15pm at St Mary's
Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office on **01252 320956** to arrange a time convenient for you.

During Lent This Week

Adoration

Tues 8.15am—9.15am **StJ**

Wed 7pm—8pm **StJ**

Thurs 8.15am—9.15am **StJ**

Novena to St Josephs

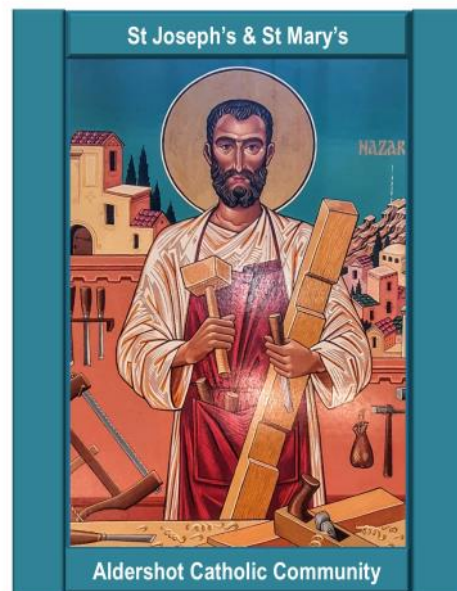
After each Mass & on Fri after Stations until our Patronal feast day of St Joseph.
Wed. 19th

Stations of the Cross

Mon after Mass **StM**

Wed 7pm **StJ**

Fri 9am **StJ**



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Queens Road Aldershot GU11 3JB

St Mary's

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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 in to **hospital**, please get in touch with the relevant chaplaincy service:
Frimley Park Hospital
Portsmouth Road, Frimley
GU16 7UJ
0300 6134184

Parish News

Please send any information you would like to be included in parish news to the parish office by Wednesday lunch time for consideration. Thank you

New Parish Website

Please remember to go to the new website to access the parish newsletter.

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/st-josephs-st-marys-aldershot/>

Fasting During Lent

The minimum stipulation of the Church in its authority is to fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Tradition of the Church is that the whole of lent is a season of fasting. A discipline that has dwindled away from many parts of the West and our country, leading in no small part to the spiritual weakness we find ourselves in today. Many many Catholics are missing out. Many struggling with their faith, some spiritually stunted, trapped in bad habits and addictions. So many desiring that their Faith and prayer life were strengthened. Well fasting will help.

Traditionally there are many who fast on bread and water for forty days. More often the discipline of fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays is encouraged throughout the year but particularly for Catholics during Lent.

Fasting can range from no food for 24hrs.

Fasting on just bread and water for 24hrs.

Or more simply one meal and two other snacks that added up together are less than another meal.

Not in the practice of fasting then start practicing. My own personal journey, I have never been strong enough to fast for forty days. I find it much easier not to eat at all during the day however I did start with just bread and water. There has been more than a few occasions early on when the frying pan went one at midnight just for that bacon sandwich to take the edge off..... but it still counts.

Almsgiving During Lent

At the back of each church you will find some labels. We are asking for those of you who use cash to put the money you would have spent on your self denials this lent into a glass jar and return to Church at the end of Lent. This is an excellent way to encourage this discipline in your children as they can actual see the amount build up and becomes a big offering for them to help others.

Dates For Your Diary

Date	Day	Mass Times	Event	
19th March	St Josephs	7.00pm	StJ	Patronal Feast of our Parish
17th April	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	StJ	Start of the Triduum
18th April	Good Friday	3.00pm	StJ	Obligatory fast day and only day of the year when there is no mass.
19th April	Easter Saturday	8.30pm	StJ	The most important mass of the year.

At the Easter vigil this year there are three adults being received into full communion with the church. This of course is something to be celebrated. It is also after over a year of discernment. I ask you all to support our candidates in their final weeks of preparation with your prayers for Thomas Sharp, Avolonia Rabosea and Leo Edgell.

Food Bank Donations

St Joseph's parish supports the Community Grubhub in Aldershot.

Please donate food items such as tins of vegetables or fruit, packets of pasta or rice, cereals, shampoo, washing powder, toothpaste and tooth brushes and other non-perishable items. You can put your donations in the boxes at the back of the churches. Thank you for helping our wider community.

Safeguarding

Thank you to Marian Momoh and Michelle Berman who have agreed to be the safeguarding officers of the Parish. I am very grateful this will insure that we meet policies and procedures ensuring a safe environment for the young and vulnerable. As you can imagine this is essential for our Parish community to move forward.

Jubilee Year 2025 CTS Booklets now available.

The theme for Jubilee Year 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19, and a climate crisis.

You will find booklets at the back of each church. We have had some kindly donated so they are free. They contain prayers, reflections and guides on how to maximise this Jubilee Year. If you promise to use it feel free to take one.

Find out more by going to this page on the Diocesan website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/

Other News

We can still defeat assisted suicide!

There is a clear path toward the assisted dying bill being defeated.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

Joel's Bar worth Abbey 6-11 April 2025.

This is the young adults ministry of Celebrate Trust. The trust has run Catholic charismatic events for 30 years providing a network for young Catholics, alongside catholic teaching and a lot of laughs.

This would be highly recommended for our teenagers and young adults who don't often have people of their own age to share their Faith with. To Book tickets go to website Joelsbar.co.uk or scan the QR code on the posters on the notice board at the back of Church

World Youth Day Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

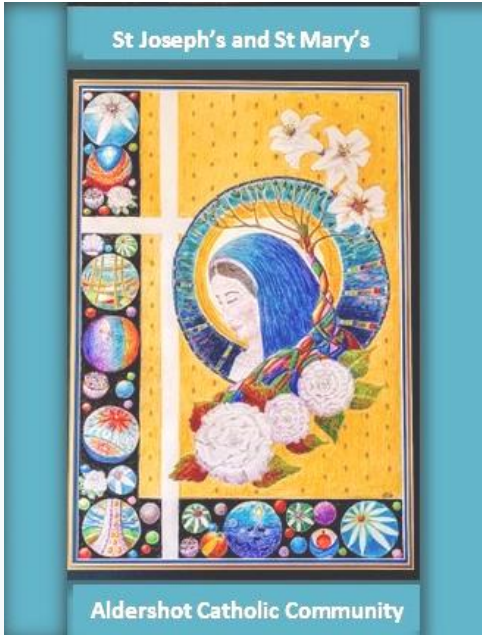
Pilgrimage to Rome: 28th July to 4th August 2025

Bishop Philip has asked that a pilgrimage for young people in our diocese be organised to co-incide with the World Youth Day Jubilee in Rome, there will be a full programme of events led by Bishop Philip including visits to the Vatican and WYD Jubilee events, the pilgrimage is open to young people aged 17 to 35.

There are limited spaces so if anyone is interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact the following email address as soon as possible: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

More information on the poster at the back of the churches and on flyers available also at the back of the churches.

Lots more information about what's on in the Diocese from e-News. See below.



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Please support our parish by donating via standing order and signing up for gift aid. Forms are available at the back of the church, on the web site and from the parish office. Our parish bank account details are:

<p>CDP Aldershot St Joseph Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 00873072</p> <p>Please set up your standing order by contacting your bank yourself</p>	<p>Most parishes aim to receive 75% of their income from monthly standing orders to give stability to parish collection income.</p> <p>Aldershot has a long way to go, and Fr Rob will be working with us on this in the coming months.</p>	<p>Parish Financial Support January First Collections</p>
		<p>TOTAL: £4938 Plate and envelopes: £2424 Standing Orders: £1811 Direct Debits: £548 Contactless: £155</p>

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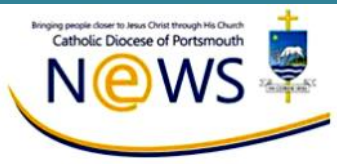
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