

# Mass Times

## Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 22nd Mar	StM	5.30pm		Holy Souls
Sun 23rd	StJ	9.00am		Future of Parish
	StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish
Mon 24th	StM	9.30am	3rd Week of Lent	Collins Family
Tues 25th	StJ	9.30am	The Annunciation of the Lord	Teofila Silagan
Wed 26th	StM	9.30am	3rd Week of Lent	Aleksandra Koczwar
	StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thur 27th	StJ	9.30am	3rd Week of Lent	Collins Family
Fri 28th			No Mass	
Sat 29th	StJ	12.00pm	3rd Week of Lent	Collins Family
	StM	5.30pm		Sick of Parish
Sun 30th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
	StJ	10.30am		Collins Family

## 2nd Collection Sunday 30th of March: Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund

### 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.

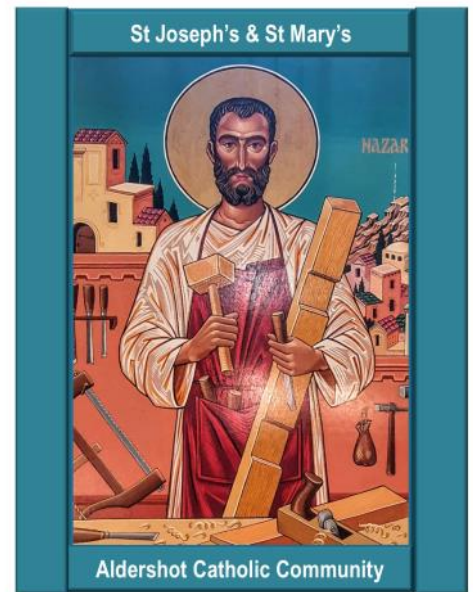
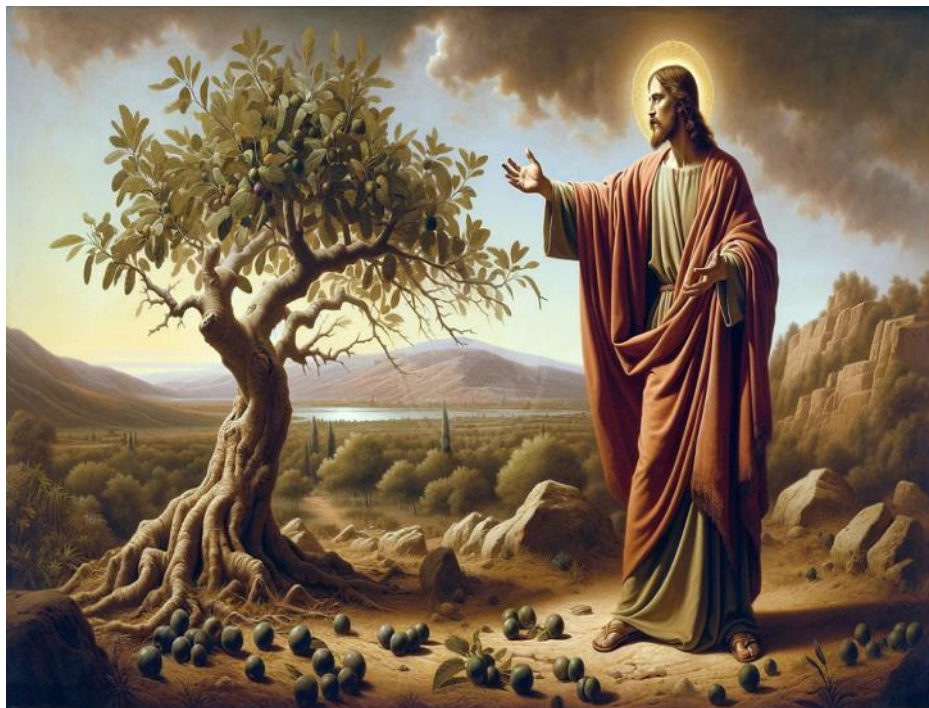
### During Lent

#### Adoration

Tues	8.15am—9.15am	StJ
Wed	7pm—8pm	StJ
Thurs	8.15am—9.15am	StJ

#### Stations of the Cross

Mon after Mass	StM
Wed 7pm	StJ
Fri 9am	StJ



### St Joseph's

Queens Road Aldershot GU11 3JB

### St Mary's

Belle Vue Road Aldershot GU12 4RX

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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/>

## Fire Safety Report.

The fire safety inspection was carried out just over a month ago. There were no significant issues. The two things we have to act on are replacing the door to the parish office where our parish administrator Debbie May works.

Secondly, The choir loft at ST Josephs needs to be cleared. However included in this are some more paintings such as those around the Church by the same artist. If you have any suggestions what to do with them please let me know as there is no room to put them in the Church. Unfortunately there has been an accumulation over the years, wardrobes, old chairs, broken furniture, even an old overhead projector. I think this will cost us the hiring of several skips. I will need some volunteers when the time comes as this will all have to be carried down three flights of stairs and into the carpark.

## Lenten Lunch and Supper at the hall.

A chance to meet old and make new friends, in a relaxed way and raise money for the hall.

We will be having a Lenten lunch on **Saturday 29th March at 1pm**, consisting of soup and a roll, followed by fruit. Tea and coffee too.

For this we ask for a donation of at least £3?

This is just turn up on the day.

On **Monday the 7th April at 7pm** we will be having a Lenten supper.

This will be fish pie or vegetable lasagna followed by fruit.

I would like to ask for a £5/ £10 donation, payable in cash on the night.

If you wish to attend please fill out the form at the back of the church, please state if you have any allergies and I will do my best to accommodate you.

## Dates For Your Diary

Date	Day	Mass Times	Event	
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.

## CTS Booklets now available.

### Simple Prayer Book.

An excellent tool for helping your prayer life during lent. An essential for all Catholics. Containing devotional prayers such as the rosary and Stations of the cross. Our thanks giving prayers for after receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. And much more. They are now available at the back of each church.

### 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/](http://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](http://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

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT: PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE.**

*Join the Candlelight Prayer vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK at 7pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. This event will be held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please come and join in this peaceful, prayerful time of reflection with speeches from Christian leaders as we recall the lives lost and wounded from the legalisation of abortion. No need to bring posters or candles. For more info go to [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)*

### World Youth Day Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

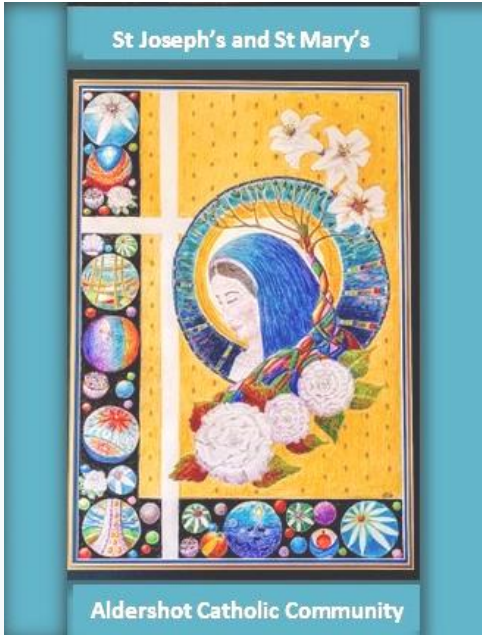
Pilgrimage to Rome: 28<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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](mailto: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><b>CDP Aldershot St Joseph</b> 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><b>Parish Financial Support February First Collections</b></p> <p>TOTAL: £4518</p> <p>Plate and envelopes: £2367</p> <p>Standing Orders: £1501</p> <p>Direct Debits: £498</p> <p>Contactless: £152</p>
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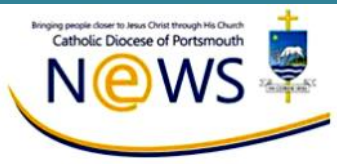
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