

## Mass Times

### Exaltation of the Cross

Sat	13th	StM	5.30pm		Chris Bolla
Sun	14th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Arthur Fernandes
Mon	15th	StM	9.30am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Private Intention
Tues	16th	StJ	9.30am	SS Cornelius & Cyprian	Collins family
Wed	17th	StM	9.30am	St Robert Bellarmine	Private Intention
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thu	18th				<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri	19th				<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat	20th				<b>NO MASS</b>

### Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

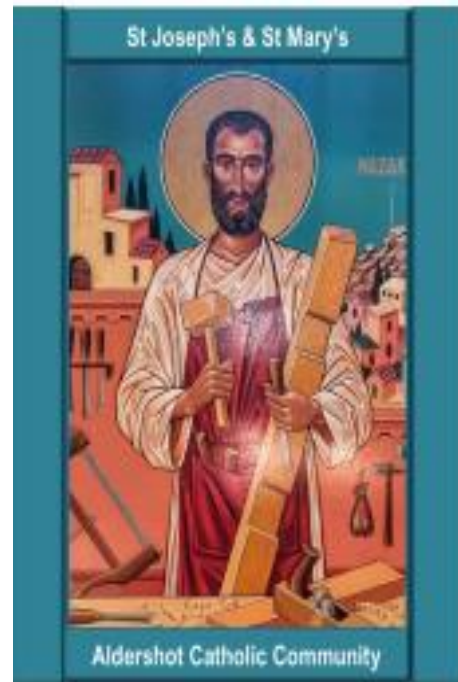
Sat	20th	StM	5.30pm		People of the Parish
Sun	21st	StJ	9.00am		Connolly family PM FM
		StJ	10.30am		Wladzia Skorka

### 2nd Collection 14th September 2025

#### Catholic Education Service

### First Saturday Devotion. 4<sup>th</sup> October

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 welcome.



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GU11 3JB

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# 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*

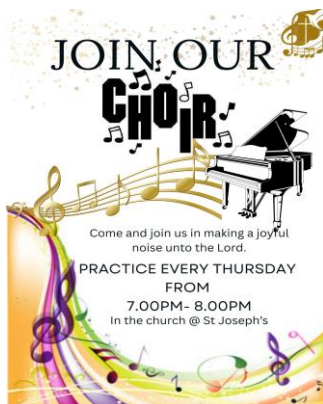
**Mass Intentions:** Request Mass Intentions at the Parish Office (Mon-Fri 10 am-12 pm), phone, or email: [office@aldershot-catholics.uk](mailto:office@aldershot-catholics.uk). Father will announce names during Mass - please be patient with pronunciations as he honours each person with care. Mass intentions traditionally support the parish priest's income. Contact the parish office to arrange.

## Confirmation and RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults returning to the Faith, those seeking to become Catholic, and those 16+ registered for confirmation. **Next sessions: September 14th & 5th October, 3 pm at St Joseph's hall (approximately one hour).**

## Readers & Ushers

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for reading and ushering at our 9 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. The lists have been compiled, and you'll be contacted about meeting Father Rob, training, and rotas. Current readers, please update your contact details by emailing the parish office to be included in the rota and training coordination.



**Choir:** Join our parish choir and help enhance our liturgy through music ministry. New voices welcome, especially those who read music. Father Rob would love to meet you stop by after Mass, email the parish office, or chat with choir members. **Rehearsals on Thursdays 7-8 pm in the church.**



## The Pilgrim Virgin Statues of Our Lady of Fatima and the Sacred Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco are Coming to the Diocese of Portsmouth

We are blessed to welcome these precious devotional treasures to our diocese. This rare opportunity allows us to honour Our Lady of Fatima and the young saints who witnessed her apparitions.

**When:** October 4th-5th, 2025 **Where:** Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist

**About the Five First Saturdays Devotion:** This beautiful devotion, requested by Our Lady herself at Fatima on December 10, 1925, offers consolation to her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. The five First Saturdays commemorate reparation for offences against Her Immaculate Conception, Her perpetual virginity, Her divine maternity, Blasphemies committed against her, and those who seek to alienate children from her maternal love. This is a grace-filled opportunity for prayer, reflection, and devotion to Our Lady of **Fatima**. Please mark your calendars and plan to join in this extraordinary spiritual event. Bring your families and invite others to experience this special blessing.

## Votive Candles

For Health and safety reasons, please do not let children play with or light candles in any of the chapels

## St Joseph's Parish Hall

Now available for hire. Please contact the parish office or simply scan the QR Code on the notice boards in church and hall to express your interest.

## Church and hall Cleaning

As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Our church and hall are cleaned every Friday - our current volunteers would greatly appreciate any extra help



**Food Bank** St Joseph's Parish supports the Community Grubhub in Aldershot. Please donate non-perishable items such as canned vegetables or fruit, pasta, rice, cereals, shampoo, washing powder, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.  
Place donations in the boxes at the back of the churches and the Hall Entrance. Thank you for helping our community.

Other News

Marriage Help



Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)  
Tel: 0788 7296983

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

**This Sunday, 14th September**, is the Feastday of the Exaltation of the Cross.



This feast reminds us that Christ won our salvation on the Cross. As the *Magnificat* notes, it "encourages us in our sufferings, assuring us that

suffering invites us into closer union with our Saviour." Let us pray especially for anyone carrying a heavy cross in their life.

**The Pope's Jubilee Youth Week in Rome highlighted this holy year. He encouraged us to spread enthusiasm and witness our faith. This is the official prayer to allow pilgrims worldwide to share words of gratitude and seek God's grace. Let us continue praying for unity and faith.**



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos. in

CAFOD Meeting

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bedes, Church Hall, Basingstoke on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia . A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo on [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk).

Missio

Missio supports local missionaries serving poor communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. On World Mission Sunday, 19 October 2025, every Catholic community celebrates our missionary calling. Through prayers and support, we become messengers of hope. Information booklets are available at the back of church or visit <https://missio.org.uk/about-missio/> to learn how you can help.

the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.  
Amen

Most parishes aim to receive 75% of their income from monthly standing orders to give stability to parish collection income. Aldershot has a long way to go, and Fr. Rob will be working with us on this in the coming months.

Please support our parish by donating via standing order and signing up for gift aid

Forms are available at the table at the back of the church

Our parish bank details:  
**CDP Aldershot St Joseph**  
**Sort Code: 30-93-04**  
**Account No: 00873072**

Please set up your standing order by contacting your bank yourself

### Parish Financial Support July First Collections

TOTAL:	5,201.62
Contactless	647.46
Direct Debits	480
Plate and envelopes:	2,105.16
Standing Orders	1,969



#### 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

#### Parish website

Our website has changed - we're now part of the diocese's site. Weekly newsletters are uploaded there. Thanks to our volunteer managing this. 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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#### Office Opening Hours

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs**  
**10- 12pm**

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 into hospital, please get in touch with the relevant chaplaincy service:  
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