

Mass Times

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	27th	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	28th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Katheleen Denny RIP PM (Sr Mary Joseph Osm)
Mon	29th	StM	9.30am	The Holy Archangels Michael Gabriel & Raphael	Michael Joseph Mackey RIP PM
Tues	30th	StJ	9.30am	St Jerome	Francisco Nicholas Pereira RIP
Wed	1st	StM	9.30am	St Teresa of the Child Jesus	Jose Costa RIP
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thu	2nd	StJ	9.30am	The Holy Guardian Angels	Apolina Verginia dSouza & Antonia Rocha Soares RIP
Fri	3rd			NO MASS	
Sat	4th	StJ	12 noon		Joaquina & Francis Fernandes RIP

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	4th	StM	5.30pm		Private Intention
Sun	5th	StJ	9.00am		Angie & John Fernandes RIP
		StJ	10.30am		People of the Parish

2nd Collection 5th October 2025 CAFOD

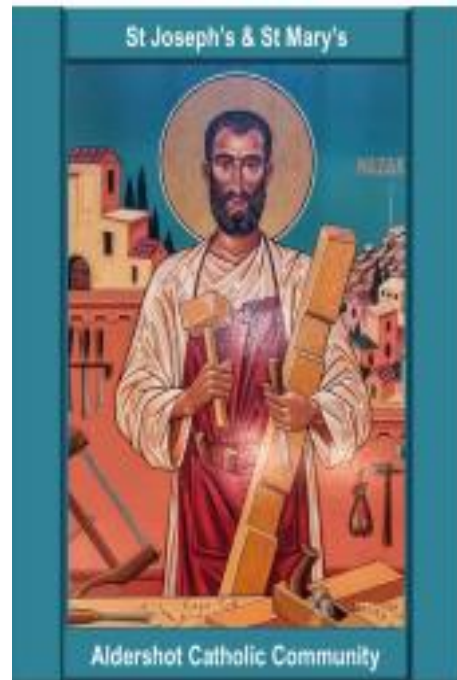
Confession

On Saturday, St Joseph's 11-11.45am & St Mary's 4.45 - 5.15pm
Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office on 01252 320956 to arrange a time convenient for you.

First Saturday Devotion. 4th 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 are welcome.

A Tale of Two Neighbors Luke 16:19-31



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GU11 3JB

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GU12 4RX

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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. 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.

Readers Sunday 28th 2025

Father Rob is meeting with all readers (new volunteers and current) today at 3pm in the Parish Hall. The session covers training, coordination, and rota scheduling for Sunday Mass readings. Attendance is essential as this is the main briefing for all readers going forward.

Repository

We are please to announce the opening of the Repository. This special space will provide a range of religious articles, gifts and devotional items now available after each mass. Do stop and take a look your support will help the Parish.

Holy Hour

Join us every Wednesday at 7pm for Holy Hour, a time of quiet prayer, reflection and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Choir

Join our parish choir to enhance liturgy through music ministry. New voices welcome, especially music readers. Contact Father Rob after Mass, email the parish office, or speak with choir members.

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7-8pm in the church.

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: 5th October, 3 pm at St Joseph's hall (approximately one hour).**

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.

Health and Safety

Organ

Please ensure children do not sit on or play around the organ. Do not place items on it—especially drinks. Kindly help prevent hymn books, toys, or other objects being inserted into the instrument, as it is costly to repair."

Votive Candles

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

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

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.



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

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 or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

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 Pope's Jubilee Youth Week in Rome emphasised spreading enthusiasm and witnessing our faith during this holy year. The official prayer enables pilgrims worldwide to share 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

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

Tel: 0788 7296983

Preparing Together Marriage Course

We are pleased to inform you that we will be hosting another in-person Preparing Together Day. Please visit our website:

www.marriagecare.org.uk, to find out more information and book a place, here with us in Maidenhead, then please make this clear to them so that they can book accordingly. Date: Saturday 22nd November 2025, St Josephs Catholic Church, 36Cookham Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7EG For couples who you think may find it difficult to access the course, such as those with low level English, literacy or from the Traveller community or those who may struggle to pay the fee, please call our Appointments Service to book on 0800 389 3801, Monday to Thursday 9 am – 6 pm.

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 August 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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Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs,
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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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Portsmouth Road, Frimley
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