

## Mass Times

### Twenty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	6th	StM	5.30pm		People of the Parish
Sun	7th	StJ	9.00am		Holy Souls
		StJ	10.30am		Maria, Kazimerz Bawolek & Anastazja Bogusz RIP
Mon	8th	StM	9.30am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Edward Lingard RIP FM
Tues	9th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	Charlotte Bray PM FM
Wed	10th	StM	9.30am	Feria	Betty Nawoor
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thu	11th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	John Paul Marshall
Fri	12th			<b>NO MASS</b>	
Sat	13th	StJ	12 noon	St John Chrysostom	Frances Grant TG

### Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	13th	StM	5.30pm		
Sun	14th	StJ	9.00am		People of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		Arthur Fernandes

### 2nd Collection 14th September 2025

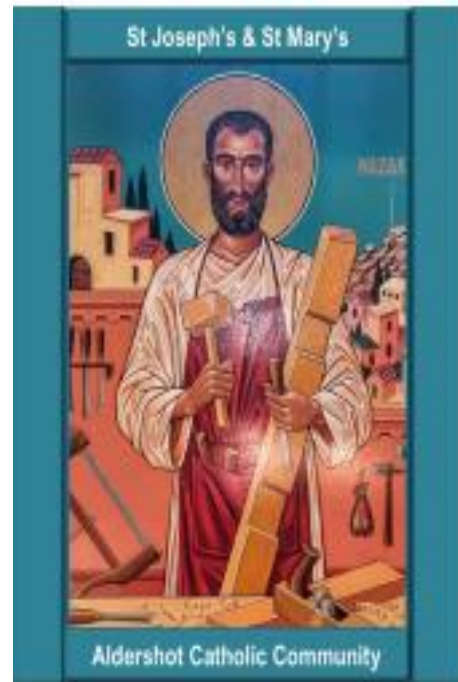
#### Catholic Education Service

### 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. 6th September

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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# 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*

## 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

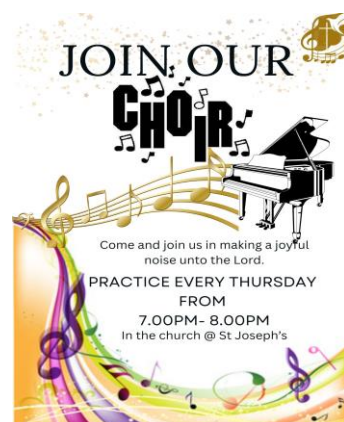
**About the Five First Saturdays Devotion:** This beautiful devotion, requested by Our Lady herself at Fatima on December 10, 1925, offers consolation to her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. The five First Saturdays commemorate reparation for offences against Her Immaculate Conception, Her perpetual virginity, 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.



**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.

**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.**



## 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

We'd welcome new volunteers for both reading and ushering at our 9 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. Readers proclaim God's word while ushers welcome parishioners, assist with seating, and help ensure smooth liturgies. If you feel called to either ministry, please sign up after Mass or email the office with your details. Current readers are also asked to update their contact information for rota organisation and training coordination.

## 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.

## 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

**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 toothbrushes and other non-perishable items. You can put your donations in the boxes at the back of the churches and Hall Entrance. Thank you for helping our wider community.

## Other News

### Marriage Help

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 [www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk](http://www.FanningTheFlame.co.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.

### CAFOD Meeting

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bedes, Church Hall Basingstoke on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 10:30am to 1:30pm. 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).

### Canonisation this coming weekend 7<sup>th</sup> September

This weekend, Pope Leo will canonise Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) together at Mass in St. Peter's Square. Originally planned separately but with the turn of Events at the death of Pope Francis, Pope Leo announced a change of plan, with a joint canonisation. This joint canonisation on 7th September marks Pope Leo's first canonisation ceremony. Both saints shared a deep devotion to the Eucharist, care for the poor, and love of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They exemplify finding holiness in ordinary life while bringing the divine into everyday experiences. The Bishop will concelebrate the Mass with the Holy Father in Rome. Please pray for the ceremony's success and for our young people, especially those who joined the diocesan pilgrimage to Rome in August. May Saints Carlo and Pier Giorgio intercede for us all.



**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

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:	6,329
Contactless	530
Direct Debits	480
Plate and envelopes:	2,151
Standing Orders	3,158



#### 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, 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:  
Frimley Park Hospital,  
Portsmouth Road, Frimley  
GU16 7UJ T: 0300 6134184