



**2ND COLLECTION
19TH OCTOBER 2025
MISSIO WORLD MISSION**

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.

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.

Mass Times

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	11th	StM	5.30pm		Family Souls of Noel Periera
Sun	12th	StJ	9.00am		Future of the Parish
		StJ	10.30am		MK Bowokek & A Bogusz
Mon	13th	StM	9.30am	Feria	Private Intention
Tues	14th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	Holy Souls
Wed	15th	StM	9.30am	St Teresa of Avila	Sick of the Parish
		StJ	7.00pm	Holy Hour	
Thurs	16th	StJ	9.30am	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	Anne Maud & Mabel Hunt - PM
Fri	17th	NO MASS			
Sat	18th	StJ	12pm		Private Intention

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	18th	StM	5.30pm	St Luke	People of the Parish
Sun	19th	StJ	9.00am		Vocations
		StJ	10.30am		Private Intention

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.

Parish News

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

Thank you

Fr. Rob would like to express his sincere gratitude to all the parishioners for their generous donations towards the hedge cutting at St Mary's. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and community spirit.

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 session **2nd November at 3pm** at St Joseph's hall (approximately one hour).

Readers

For those who were unable to attend the recent meeting with Fr. Rob, another session has been arranged for all readers both new volunteers and current ministers. On **26th October 2025 at 3pm**. The session will offer spiritual formation for proclaiming the Word, guidance on the ministry, and planning of Sunday Mass readings. It will also help us prepare an organised rota for the months ahead. Your presence is warmly encouraged, as this will be the main briefing for all readers going forward. If you are unable to attend, please kindly let Father Rob know by replying to the parish email.

Ushers/Welcomers

Our parish is in need of more ushers to assist at Mass, helping to welcome parishioners and provide support during the liturgy. We are also seeking volunteers who can serve as Fire Marshals, ensuring the safety of our community in case of an emergency. If you feel called to serve in either of these roles, please speak to the parish office. Your help will be greatly appreciated and will contribute to the smooth running and safety of our parish



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

Tea & Coffee

Tea and coffee are served in the hall after Mass: Tuesdays and Thursdays (after 9:30 am Mass) and Sundays (after 10:30 am Mass).

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

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. If you missed the opportunity on the weekend of the 4th October, there will be another chance; May 2nd-3rd, 2026 Where: Cathedral Church of St. Michael & St George, Aldershot, Hampshire GU11 2BY



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.

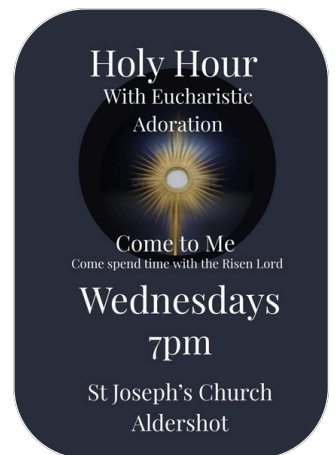


Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda - Appeal 11/12 October

This Charity provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will talk briefly at all the Masses about their work. For further information about EVC please go to their website at Home | EVC Uganda

Repository

We are pleased 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.



Health and Safety

Personal Evacuation Plan (PEEP)

The church is committed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our members. As part of our ongoing health and safety procedures, the we will be conducting a PEEP for members who require mobility assistance or have accessibility needs. These personalised plans will help us ensure that everyone can evacuate the building safely and efficiently in the event of an emergency.

Votive Candles

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

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."

Other News

The Farnborough Knights of St Columba

Annual sponsored walk will be held on **Sunday, 19th October 2025**. This year's 8.5 km walk will support the Knights' National Action Project – the Alma Mater Fund. The Alma Mater Fund provides vital grants and guidance for pregnant university students who face pressure to abandon their studies or consider abortion. By offering financial help and support, the Fund enables them to continue their education and embrace life with confidence. Everyone is warmly invited to join the walk, or to sponsor one of our walkers. A Brother Knight will be available at the back of the church after Mass to answer questions and receive sponsorships. If you wish to pay direct to our Knights account please use the following details: **Metro Bank 23.05.80 a/c No. 56053367 Knights of St Columba Co 185 Farnborough**. Together we can make a difference—walking in faith and supporting life. Thank you.

Salesian College Open Evening

Choosing the right school is a significant decision for every family. At Salesian College, we understand how important it is to get a real sense of the education we offer — to see our students in action and to imagine your child thriving in our environment. Our upcoming Open Evening from **5.00pm - 7.00pm on Wednesday 22 October 2025** is designed to give families that opportunity. You'll hear directly from the Headmaster, senior staff, and students, take a guided tour of the College, and explore a variety of activities across different departments. It's a chance for the whole family to familiarise yourselves with our community and ethos.

We also invite you to join us in the Refectory for refreshments and a conversation with our Admissions Team, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you. To book your place please click here: [Open Events - Salesian College](#)



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, 36 Cookham 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.



Food Bank

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.

October Month of Rosary

Pope Leo XIV is inviting the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace, as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. He wants Catholics across the globe to unite to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands



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

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 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

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Office Opening Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10-am - 12pm

The office will closed from 21st October to 2nd November 2025

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**

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](#)

Schools

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