

# Mass Times

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26th Oct	<b>StM</b>	5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Josephine & Bill O'Connor
Sun 27th Oct	<b>StJ</b>	9.00am		
	<b>StJ</b>	10.30am	People of the Parish	
Mon 28th	<b>StM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tues 29th	<b>StJ</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Wed 30th	<b>StM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
	<b>StM</b>	<b>No Holy Hour</b>		
Thurs 31st	<b>StJ</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Fri 1st Nov	<b>St J</b>	7.00pm	All Saints	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>
Sat 2nd	<b>St J</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
	<b>StM</b>	5.30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sun 3rd	<b>StJ</b>	9.00am		People of the Parish
	<b>StJ</b>	10.30am		

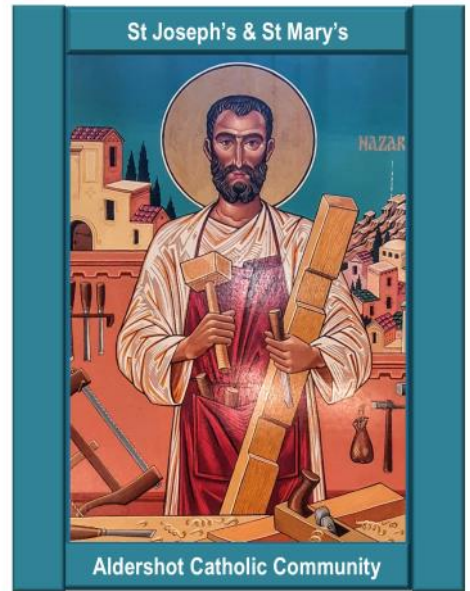
2nd collection next Sunday is for Bamenda

**No Confessions**  
on Saturdays until Fr Rob is back

### Mass Intentions

If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please call in at the Parish Office, Mon to Fri 10am to 12 noon, phone, or e-mail: [office@aldershot-catholics.uk](mailto:office@aldershot-catholics.uk)

*Traditionally the parish priest lives on the offerings from the parish. Mass intentions is one of the ways to support the income of the parish priest. Please contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass said. With thanks Fr Rob*



### St Joseph's

Queens Road Aldershot GU11 3JB

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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 613 4184

## From Fr Rob

Today's gospel expresses the importance of service. Serving God through his people.

Jesus came as the suffering servant, to give His life for the salvation of all. This is our faith, and our interior disposition is expressed by external actions. If you want to know what people truly believe then look at what they do rather than what they say. Faith and good works go hand in hand. What we do expresses our Faith.

Over the last few weeks several people have commented on their prayers, concerned if they are praying properly or enough. As Catholics a personal prayer life is absolutely essential. What we cannot do is fall into the trap that we do not have time to pray. Many may think that there is no time to pray as the days are completely filled: yet plenty of time is spent on social media etc. There are prayer apps that you can download and use. Prayers for the beginning and the end of the day. If only for a few minutes, the start and end of the day should involve prayer.

However, in a busy day, to expect us to be able to dedicate time to contemplative prayer is probably not achievable. We can pray whilst doing other things, although this is not ideal. We do not need to be in front of the eucharist or at home in front of a religious image to pray, although this should be encouraged. To have a small space in the house where you can focus on praying in front of the crucifix or religious image should be the norm. However during the course of the day we can pray whilst working: a conversation with God running through the day. Rather than having the radio on in the car, we can pray whilst driving, personal prayer or the rosary. Prayer during mundane tasks or whilst travelling from one place to another are great opportunities.

If we are not used to praying, this can sound like a bit of a challenge, or only for those who are super Holy. Prayer is essential for developing our relationship with God. It is impossible to progress in the spiritual life without it. For some of us, we may need to start from scratch, so to speak.

The sacrifice of the mass is the highest and best prayer that we can offer. This is one of the reasons the church obliges us to mass every single Sunday without fail. Failure to do so is a problem. This needs to be confessed before receiving the most precious Eucharist. This should only be received if we are in a state of grace and free from serious sin. However, outside the mass we are still expected to pray.

If we are starting out in prayer, remember we are giving ourselves to God, he is in control, not us. We should not enter into prayer with an expectation of what we get out of it, "and if I don't, why should I bother?"

Well He might have a different plan to you.

Many of us have been graced in prayer.

We should not enter into it expecting a certain result or a similar consolation to what we have received before. This can lead us to feeling that somehow, if we don't get the same result, we have done something wrong or need to change something.

This is not true, just remember when we pray, it is He who is in control, it is us who need to be grafted to His will, not the other way round.

with love,

Fr Rob

Please welcome Fr Patrick this weekend, while I am away.

There will be no weekday masses or Holy Hour this week

**This Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation and I will be back saying Mass on Friday at St Joseph's at 7pm.**

## Parish News



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

### Knights of St Columba

The Farnborough Knights' next Rosary (including Benediction) for peace is at Our Lady's, Kings Road Fleet 7.30pm on Thurs 31st Oct. All are welcome to join us that evening in Fleet.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in your parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family.

Learn more at [cafod.org.uk/harvest](https://cafod.org.uk/harvest)

### Book of Remembrance

November is the month of Remembrance. We in our Parish will be remembering our relatives, friends and family who have gone before. If you would like to let the Parish Office know the details of the deceased, we will add them to our book of Remembrance.

### Notice to readers

The Diocese are running sessions to help readers prepare for the new Lectionary, which is coming to us in advent. The sessions are on **Tuesday 5th November** and **Tuesday 19th November** from 7 to 8 pm and to sign up the links are:

5th November

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/73b39420-bf79-429e-be62-c0e4495866b6@0f107169-67e0-4eaf-8428-9e9f05e974ab>

19th November

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7c70c8e9-c61e-4f43-8187-21aed22e9b61@0f107169-67e0-4eaf-8428-9e9f05e974ab>

### Other News

#### Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. 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.

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will begin on 24th December 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica and will draw to a close on the feast of Epiphany, January 2026.

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/)

As I hope you are aware, the new translation of the Lectionary will start to be used at mass in Advent. This will mean that translation will be different to the one in your missals and, for that matter, our mass books. Sunday missals with the new translation are now available to buy from publishers such as Hodder and Stoughton, Collins. They are also available on Amazon.

When ordering your missal ensure it is the ESV-CE Lectionary Translation.

Prices seem to vary from £15 to £20.

Lots more information about what's on in the Diocese from e-News. See below.

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### **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

St Joseph's and St Mary's



Aldershot Catholic Community

**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:

**CDP Aldershot St Joseph**  
**Sort Code: 30-93-04**  
**Account Number: 00873072**

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.

#### **Parish Financial Support Sept First Collections**

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£5633</b>
<b>Plate and envelopes:</b>	<b>£3669</b>
<b>Standing Orders:</b>	<b>£1376</b>
<b>Direct Debits:</b>	<b>£588</b>
<b>Contactless:</b>	<b>to come</b>

### **Contact Details:**

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#### **Safeguarding Minister:**

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**Interim Gift Aid Officer:** Sheila Wade E: [swade@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:swade@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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#### **Parish Office in the Parish Hall**

##### **Opening Hours:**

**Mon to Fri from 10 am to 12 noon.**

**Out of hours: Please get in touch as below**

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