

Mass Times

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 7th Sept	StM 5.30pm	Edward Lingard RIP
Sun 8th	StJ 9.00am	People of the Parish
	StJ 10.30am	Charlotte Bray
Mon 9th	StM 9.30am	St Peter Claver
Tues 10th	StJ 9.30am	Feria
Wed 11th	StM 9.30am	Feria
	StJ 7pm	Holy Hour
Thurs 12th	StJ 9.30am	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Fri 13th	No Mass	
Sat 14th	StJ 12 noon	The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
	StM 5.30pm	
Sun 15th	StJ 9.00am	
	StJ 10.30am	People of the Parish
	StJ 4.30pm	Holy Hour

Confessions on Saturdays

from 11am to 11.45am at St Joseph's
from 4.45pm to 5.15pm at St Mary's

Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office on **01252 320956** to arrange a time convenient for you and for Fr Rob.

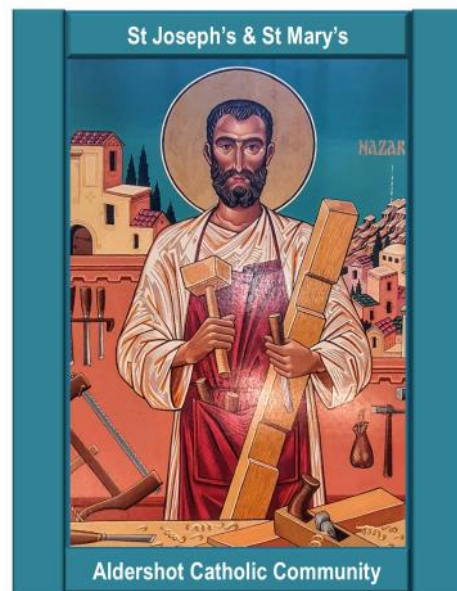
Second collection this Sunday the 8th September for the Catholic Education Service. Second collection next Sunday the 15th September for Home Mission.

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

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

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St Mary's

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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 6134184



The Miracle of the deaf and blind man

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. charity no. 1199568)
"Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church"

From Fr Rob

This week, the school summer holiday has ended. We pray for our children returning to their schools. We pray for the staff and faculty of both our parish schools. Both do an excellent job in educating our children academically and also in our Catholic ethos.

Personally I thank both the heads and staff in the schools for their support, over a particularly challenging year. Publicly I apologise to Mark and his staff at All Hallows: I missed an appointment there this week. I had omitted to put it in my diary.

I would ask you to pray especially for those children who may be anxious or nervous about starting at a new school.

As the new scholastic year starts, I am reminded that it was a year ago I was posted to Aldershot. As always it appears to fly by. Also with the amount still needing to be done, it is sometimes easy for me to forget what we have achieved. When I arrived, St Mary's had no heating and St Joseph's had been shut for ten months. The parish was running at @£50k deficit a year and had a substantial debt of c£500k. The amount of parishioners attending mass on the first weekend was 103. Not very sustainable.

A year on, mass attendance is up over 100%. Just a reminder, the Sunday obligation is for every Sunday unless you or a dependant are ill. We have had quite a few new families move into the area and our parish has benefited by them joining our community. Hopefully, in the new year we will be able to use the parish hall for social events and for a chat and tea and coffee after mass.

The heating is fixed in St Mary's, which we will appreciate in the next few months. Thanks to an impressive effort from our community, St Joseph's was cleaned and opened for Christmas. We are no longer overspending. This years accounts show that even with unseen expenses of near on £40k not budgeted for, our accounts are in good order. We are not clearing the deficit but we are no longer adding to it.

This is only down to you, setting up standing orders, signing up for gift aid and thinking seriously about what you can give.

We have had a change in staff. We could not afford a cleaner or ironing operative for the presbytery. Debbie May is settling in to her new role as parish administrator and we have reduced the hours and costs of the previous few years.

Thank you all for your efforts and your support over the last year..... lets see what god has planned for us this year. May He bless you and yours.

With Love
Fr Rob

Work Party

Thank you so much to the 5 parishioners who came last Saturday and helped with the repair and decoration of the hall windows.

We wont be doing this work every weekend, as the weather wont let us! I would be grateful if you would keep an eye on the Newsletter and we will let you know when the next work party is.

It would be wonderful if you could join us.

Confessions. Please Note

There will be no Confessions on Saturday 14th September

Parish News

The phone saga continues: we are hoping for resolution on the 11th September, but we are not holding our breath! In the mean time please call in at the office or e/mail us if you cant get through on the phone.

RCIA, Adult formation: Our next meeting will be Tuesday 17th September 7pm to 8.30pm at St Joseph's.

Food Bank

Just a reminder that our local food bank still needs your support, these are the items they particularly need:

Shaving foam, Ladies/men's deodorant, Dog food, Rice pudding, Coffee, Pasta sauce, Jam and Meat pies

Food bank doesn't need these:

Tinned soup, Tinned baked beans, Baby food, Skimmed milk or Chocolate breakfast cereals

Remembrance Day 2024

This year our Parish have been asked to join in with making Poppies for a display at the Princess Hall, Aldershot. Anyone can join in on a Tuesday morning from 9.30-12.30 at Aldershot Methodist Church, Herrett Street, Aldershot GU12 4ED



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.

Other News

Young Catholic Adults

During the weekend of the 26th-27th October 2024, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to Catholic York, including a visit to St. Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Bishophill – the oldest Church in York. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>.

Jubilee Year 2025

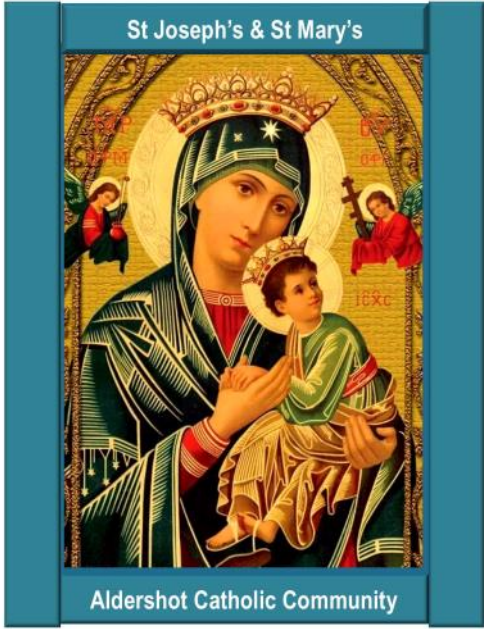
Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years.

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.

Preparations for the 2025 Year of Jubilee will begin in Advent 2023, which will mark the start of a year of prayer. 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/

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



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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

Please set up standing order yourself

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 August First Collections

TOTAL:	4262
Plate and envelopes:	£2203
Standing Orders:	£1340
Direct Debits:	£528
Contactless:	£191

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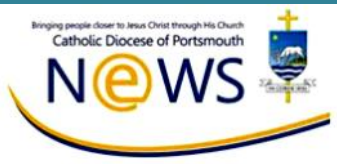
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