

Mass Times

Christ the King and 1st Sunday of Advent

Sat 23rd Nov	StM 5.30pm	
Sun 24th	StJ 9.00am	Giuseppina Caporizzo
	StJ 10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 25th to Friday 29th	No Mass	
Sat 30th	StM 8.00am - 4.30pm	1000 Hail Marys Devotion
	StM 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 1st Dec	StJ 9.00am	Rest of Holy Souls
	StJ 10.30am	Luke Fernandes
Mon 2nd	StM 9.30am	Mon of 1st week of Advent Collins Family
Tues 3rd	StJ 9.30am	St Francis Xaviour Tony Fink RIP
Wed 4th	StM 9.30am	St John Damascene
	StJ 7pm	Holy Hour
Thurs 5th	StJ 9.30am	Thurs of 1st week in Advent
Fri 6th	No Mass	
Sat 7th	StJ 12 noon	St Ambrose
Sat 7th	StM 5.30pm	
Sun 8th	StJ 9.00am	People of the Parish
	StJ 10.30am	Mary Niccoli RIP

Rosary will be said before every weekday Mass, Mon to Thurs from 9am

Confessions on Saturdays

Sat 30th only from 4.45pm to 5.15pm at St Mary's.

Sat 7th from 11am to 11.45 am at St Joseph's and from 4.45pm to 5.15pm at St Mary's

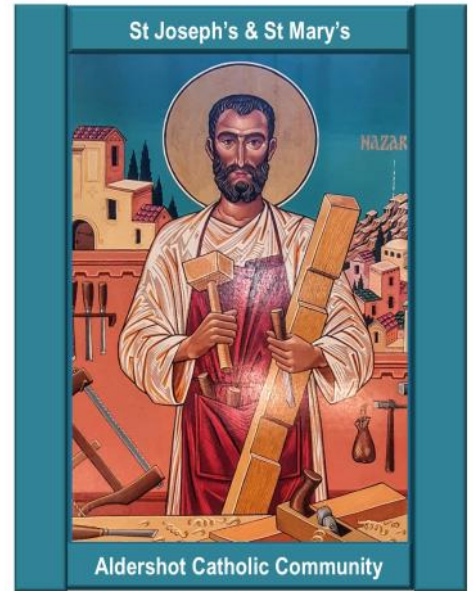
Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office on **01252 320956** to arrange a time convenient for you and for Fr Rob.

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.



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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

From Fr Rob

This week the parish will be having a financial audit. I am sure all will go well. Thank you to Sheila Wade who yet again has done all the preparatory work. If you receive the email electronically you will have seen the latest finance fact sheet for our parish. It is true that we have stopped the overspend in the parish. However currently there are two leaks in the presbytery. There is a leak in the roof at the entrance to the parish hall, and a severe leak at the back of St Marys Church. Thank you to Norman Jepp who has been moping up the inches of water that fills the old baptistry floor. Also if the hall is going to be useable by Christmas the repairs already mentioned need to be done. This is not the only maintenance cost we are facing but these are the essential works that cant really be delayed. On Wednesday we located the sources of the leaks in the presbytery down to failed lead flashing. The source of the leak in the hall which must have been going on for some time, has rotted a section of the roof above the main entrance. Both of these are within my competency to repair but will obviously take some time and is far from ideal but will keep costs down. I will have to seek professional advice reference the roof and guttering at St Marys. Do you know anyone who would be able to give that advice, a friend or neighbour? Please let me know. As for the floor in the Hall. I will be getting costings to replace the damaged floor and will let you know. We will have to raise money for this. There is no other option. If this is a project you can support again please let me know.

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent next week it reminds me of this time last year St Josephs was shut all our masses were held at St Mary's with no heating, and getting colder each week. Mass attendance fell as people went to warmer places, with an attendance of under 100 people a week. I remember the first mass I said at 0930 on a Sunday when 7 people were there. However after several direct conversations with the diocese and a little intervention from Bishop Phillip on His return from a 3 month break we opened St Josephs for Christmas. After the Church had been shut for some time. We needed to clean the entire building, polish all the metal work for the Christmas masses and this was done by 40 of you who turned up and achieved this on one Saturday morning, moving furniture, removing sticky arrows from the wooden flooring, left over from covid which had ended some two years earlier, quite a remarkable job and the Church looked resplendent going into Christmas. Since Christmas last year our mass attendance has grown steadily and please pray this continues as we are still off from where we should be.



St Josephs has been open almost everyday for people to come in during the day, which many locals have used to come in and look around or to light a candle. People today need somewhere they can feel at peace. As we celebrate Christ The King and enter into Advent join me in thanking God for this Parish. Thank Him for the work He is doing here. Ask Him to increase the Faith of our community and in us to open our hearts to the graces we need to do His Work. Lets pray for the future of Our Parish as we prepare in Advent for the renewal and rebirth of ourselves in Christ that we may be evermore grafted towards His desires and His will.

The Lectionaries and Gospels have arrived.

Thank you again to all who have so generously donated for their purchase. Please remember to let the office know who you would like the book plate to be dedicated to.

Parish News

Thank you to everyone who helped move the chairs from the choir loft to St Josephs hall.

As you would have seen the boxing club has left. There is quite a significant amount of work that is needed to be done. The floor is damaged and needs replacing due to the boxing ring being fitted and removed. There is significant decoration required, and areas of the walls that will need replastering due to damage caused by heavy equipment. As the lease of the hall to the boxing club was done without a contract and was just done by verbal agreement, I have no recourse to the boxing club at all. This is a frustrating but there is nothing that can be done.

If you are able to assist us in getting the hall ready in anyway please email the office with your contact details or speak directly to Father Rob after mass.

Saturday 30th December. St Mary's Church. Thank you to Debbie Underwood who has asked to have and to facilitate the devotion of 1000 Hail Mary's. This devotion is traditionally prayed in Advent. The Church will be open during the day. I would like to encourage you to pop in during the day, particularly if you have departed souls you wish to pray for. The souls in purgatory receive many graces through this season of Advent. We can assist our departed Sisters and Brothers with our prayer and sacrifices. Please come along for as little or as long as you want, to make a prayer offering for their souls.

Sat. 23rd Blessing of graves. At 13.30 I will be blessing the graves at Redan Road cemetery. or dearly departed. All are welcome. If you would like to meet me there we can bless your relatives and friends grave and offer a prayer for the repose of their Souls.

Sat 30th November: 1000 Hail Marys. There will be a day of prayer at St Marys, starting at 8am and concluding at 16.30. All are welcome to spend as much or as little time as you want praying. The rosary will be continually said throughout the day.

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.

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/

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St Joseph's and St Mary's



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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 September First Collections

TOTAL: £5978

Plate and envelopes: £3669

Standing Orders: £1376

Direct Debits: £588

Contactless: £345

Contact Details:

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