

Mass Times

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat 28th Sept | StM 5.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| Sun 29th | StJ 9.00am | | Kathleen Denny RIP |
| | StJ 10.30am | | Joel Lim |
| Mon 30th | StM 9.30am | St Jerome | Collins Family |
| Tues 1st Oct | No Mass | | |
| Wed 2nd | No Mass | | |
| | StJ 7pm | Holy Hour | |
| Thurs 3rd | StJ 9.30am | Feria | Michael Joseph Mackey RIP |
| Fri 4th | No Mass | | |
| Sat 5th | StJ 12 noon | Feria | |
| | StM 5.30pm | | |
| Sun 6th | StJ 9.00am | | People of the Parish |
| | StJ 10.30am | | Parish volunteers |

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.

CAFOD Harvest Collection on Sunday 6th October

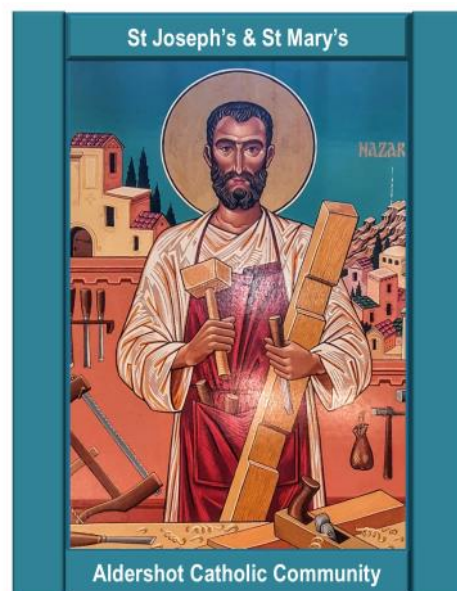
Mass Intentions

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



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St Mary's

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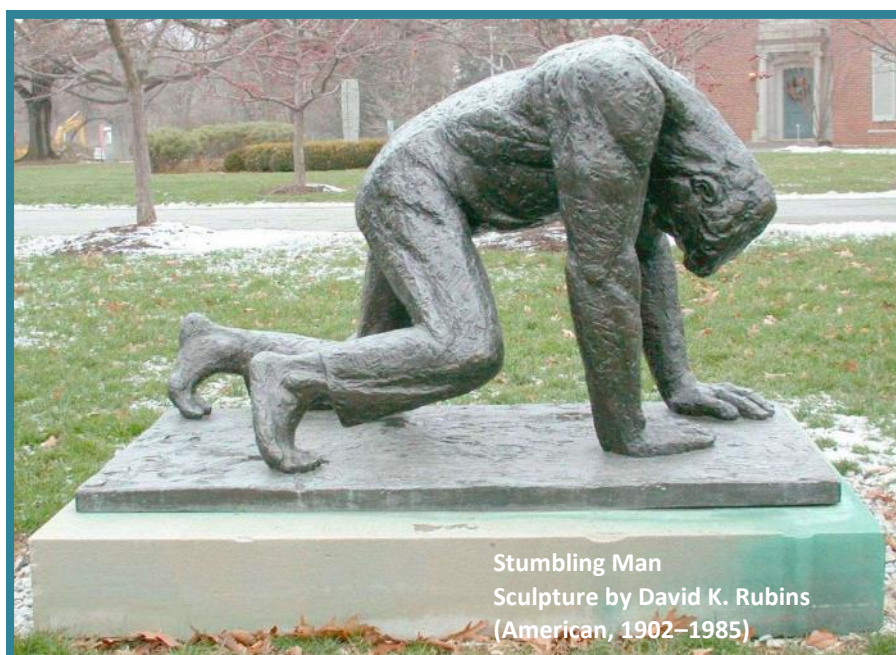
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Stumbling Man
Sculpture by David K. Rubins
(American, 1902–1985)

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

Fr Rob has asked me to write about the Mary Portrait which he will be installing this week at St Mary's. So here goes.

This started way back in September last year when I first started work with you in Aldershot, as Fr Rob's Project Officer, helping him and you all to recover and to get the parish back to financial stability and the full parish life which you once enjoyed.

If you remember at that time St Joseph's had been closed for nearly 8 months and we were starting to get cold at St Mary's ...with no heating. A lot has happened since that time!

One of the many things Fr Rob asked me to look at was communication with you all. We redesigned the newsletter giving emphasis to both St Joseph and St Mary as your patronal saints. St Joseph's had the lovely painting which I used on the front page of the newsletter, but St Mary's had not really anything that would work. So we used a generic icon from the internet (with permission)... for the time being. And I asked Fr Rob whether he would like me to try to create a portrait of Mary for St Marys.

So 12 months later here it is... and this is a very brief description of the process and the prayers which went into creating this work for you.

I enjoyed all the research I did, finding out about the Litany of Loretto which you use in the rosary prayers, the different symbols associated with Mary such as the flowers and their meanings, and the bible references to her and her life. I have particularly fond memories of going round and asking everyone I knew who might have a valued opinion; "Well, what did Mary look like?" And many an answer I got ...together with some odd looks. Generally the answer was that no-one really knows... which, if you think about it, prompts some more questions. However the answers that allowed me to get on with drawing Mary, was that she was often painted in the cultural tradition of the artist. So I have used my Canadian American background and gone to First Nation people for her features.

I have given you information, which is framed below the painting, about the symbolism in the painting and how I think it relates to St Mary's and to our parish in general. Your reflections may give different results, and that is as it should be.

I loved creating this for you: it was an emotional journey for me, and I hope it pleases you

Sheila

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.

Parish News

RCIA, Adult formation: Our next meeting will be Tuesday 8th October 7pm to 8.30pm at St Joseph's.

Food Bank The Grub Hub

We are now supporting a local Aldershot food bank, the Grub Hub located on Windsor Way



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>.

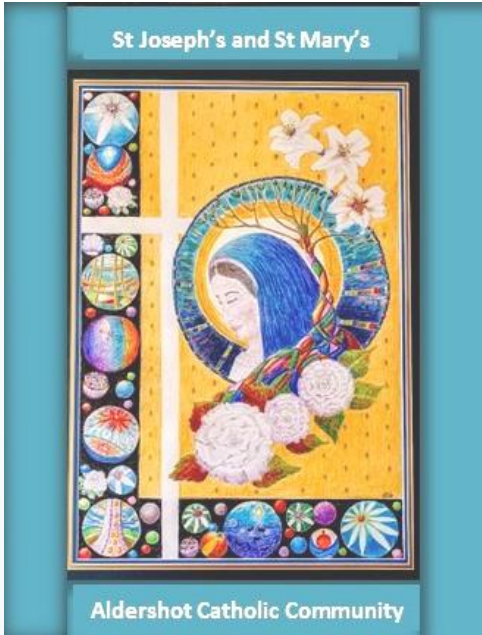
Jubilee Year 2025

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.

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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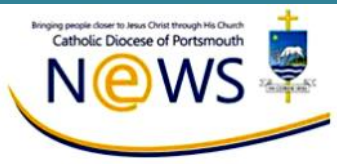
Please support our parish by donating via standing order and signing up for gift aid. Forms are available at the back of the church, on the web site and from the parish office. Our parish bank account details are:

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| 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: £536 |
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