

Mass Times

The Presentation Of The Lord

Sat 1st Feb	StM	5.30pm		
Sun 2nd	StJ	9.00am		Fr Nick France RIP
	StJ	10.30am		
Mon 3rd	StM	9.30am	Feria	Collins Family
Tues 4th	StJ	9.30am	Feria	
Weds 5th	StM	9.30am	St Agatha	
	StJ	7.00pm		Holy Hour
Thurs 6th	StJ	9.30am	St Paul Miki & Companions	
				Fr Nick France RIP
Fri 7th	No Mass			
Sat 8th	StJ	12 noon	Feria	Paul & Penny Hill RIP
	StM	5.30pm		Fr Nick France RIP
Sun 9th	StJ	9.00am		
	StJ	10.30am		Fr Nick France RIP

2nd Collection Sunday 16th of February: Racial Justice

Confessions on Saturdays

from 11am to 11.45 am at St Josephs

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.

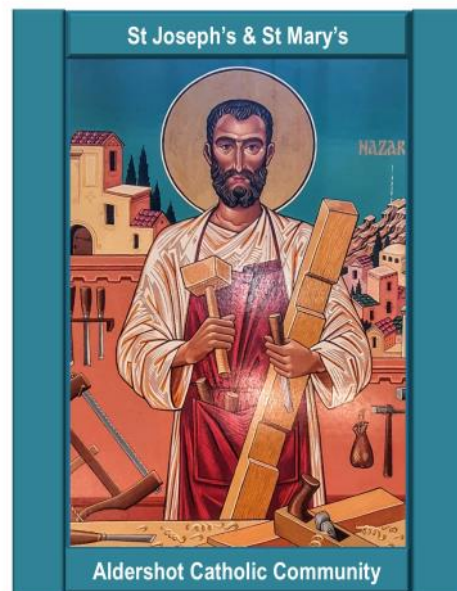
Mass Intentions

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.

With Thanks Fr Rob



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Queens Road Aldershot GU11 3JB

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

From Fr Rob

The Baptism of the Lord

At last all powerful master you give leave to your servant to go in peace according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, The light to enlighten the gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

(The prayer of Simeon. The Nunc Dimittis)

This prayer is said as part of the Divine office. That is the prayer all religious promise at their ordination or final profession to say every day. It comprises as a minimum, the office of readings, morning prayer, midday prayer, evening prayer and night prayer. Night prayer always finishes with the prayer of Simeon. It is how all religious end their days. It is followed by the Glory be and starts and finishes with the Antiphon “ Save us Lord while we are awake and protect whilst we sleep, that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with Him in peace”. It is a good way to the end the day.

They are indeed the words that Simeon praises God with at the Presentation of Jesus. Forty days after his birth. To live as a devout Jew in the covenant of Abraham.

It is as though the church is pulling us back to Christmas after only three weeks of Ordinary time. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple starkly delivers the Holy family as ultimate examples of living Humbly with God and in the World. It is clear they are poor due to the sacrifice they have offered. Humble before God to live by the customs of the Jewish faith, Knowing who Jesus is they still are humble to their Faith. They Humbly have accepted what God has asked from them to bear and to bring up the Son of God and yet still see the faith as their duty to God. It is this example that we aspire to in ordinary tome. To order our lives and our very essence to the service of God freely and without reserve and in doing so “live life and live it to the full”.

Parish News

Dates for Hail Mary's

8th Feb

8th March

12th of April

We start at 11am and we finish at 430pm. Followed by Confession and Mass at 1730 hrs.

Parish Hall

Now we have the hall back with us for our parish to use ,we need to make plans for how we are going to use it and who can help.

So I am asking all interested to come and join me in a meeting on **Monday 3 February at 7pm** in the hall where we can start making plans.

All are welcome and bring many ideas for discussion.

Work on the Garden

Would like to say a big thankyou to Caroline and her son in law for all the help on the garden.

We can still defeat assisted suicide!

Thank you to all of you who filled in one of our postcards, and/or emailed our MP to encourage her to vote against the bill.

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 of the MPs who supported the Bill have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

Other News

CAFOD meeting on Saturday 22nd February from 10:30am to 1pm at Christ the King Church Hall Reading RG2 8NR. Please join us to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on jlewry@cafod.org.uk

Jubilee Year 2025

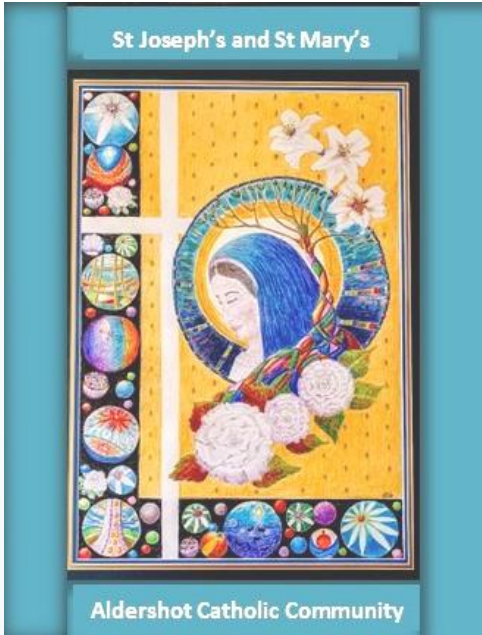
The theme for Jubilee Year 2025 is **“Pilgrims of Hope”**, a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19, and a climate crisis.

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:

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 November First Collections

TOTAL:	£5063
Plate and envelopes:	£2819
Standing Orders:	£1696
Direct Debits:	£548
Contactless:	£0

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