

St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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II Sunday of Advent, 7 December 2025

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<https://www.saintaldhelms.com/donate>

New Parish Hall Project

saintaldhelms.com/new-

Wednesday Word

www.wednesdayword.org

St Joseph's School Website

[st-josephs-malmesbury.](http://st-josephs-malmesbury)



Rosary prayers

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Aldhelm's,

We hope you are ok wherever you are. We are delighted to be in touch with you through this newsletter.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and thank you for joining us in celebrating the Lord's love for us in the Holy Eucharist. There are no strangers



Reflections for
the Mysteries of
The Rosary
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here, just new friends you have not yet met!

Advent

The readings this Sunday speak honestly and warmly about renewal, hope, and getting our hearts ready for the Lord. Isaiah reminds a wavering and discouraged people that God has not forgotten them: a new King, a true son of Jesse, will come to restore peace, justice, and right living. The Psalm paints this promised Messiah as someone deeply moved by the poor, the lonely, and the suffering — someone who lifts up those most easily overlooked. Paul, writing to the Christians in Rome, encourages them to draw strength from the Scriptures and to live in real unity, welcoming Gentile believers as brothers and sisters as they wait for Christ's return. John the Baptist, in the Gospel, speaks plainly: if we want to meet the Messiah, then our lives must show it. He calls for repentance, sincerity, and a change of heart. As Christmas approaches, we too are invited to prepare the way for Christ with honesty, hope, and renewed generosity.

Filipino Mass

Mass on Sat 6.30pm will be led by our Filipino brothers and sisters.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards featuring our parish church, beautifully designed by Anna Longridge, are now available. You can purchase them from the display in the church porch, perfect for sending Christmas greetings to family and friends!

Dan Mark Relimbo RIP

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Danmark Relimbo, who died recently in the Philippines. We hold in our prayers his family, especially Merylle Relimbo, at this time of loss. May he rest in peace.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Monday, 22nd December, at 6:00 pm. Please do take this opportunity to prepare yourselves spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.

Collection figures

Loose	£170.69
Env NGA	£ 30.00
Env GA	£ 80.00
Funeral	£130

SECOND COLLECTION, POOR MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE , 7 Dec 2025

This fund enables the Bishop to support some of the financially less fortunate parishes in our Diocese. This is one collection that reminds us of the support and encouragement we give to each other as a Diocesan family, and our responsibility to care for our wider family in the diocese.

Parish History Book – Copies Available

Last weekend, we formally released our new parish history book at all Masses, and each parish family received a complimentary copy. If you were unable to be with us please don't worry, copies are available for you to collect from the porch.

Additional copies are also available for a suggested donation of £10 to help cover printing and publication costs, and any extra contributions are gratefully appreciated. The book makes a thoughtful Christmas gift, especially for family and friends with ties to our parish. Thank you for your support, and we hope you enjoy this special record of our parish story.

Mrs Regina Danek RIP

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mrs Regina Danek, RIP. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. Her funeral service will take place on Tuesday, 16th December, at 11:00 am at St Aldhelm's.

Sad news

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Anthony passed away yesterday (Wednesday, 26 November). Anthony was the beloved husband of Lizzie, daughter of David and Josie. Many of us have been praying earnestly for him throughout his illness, hoping his strength would prevail. But, despite every effort and our deepest prayers, his battle with cancer came to an end far too soon. Our hearts go especially to Lizzie and their three young children, and to Josie and David, and the whole family. Their grief is beyond words, and we hold them very close in our thoughts and prayers at this painful time. It is a sorrow difficult to bear, especially as Anthony leaves us at such a young age. We commend him to the mercy and tenderness of God. May Anthony's soul rest in the loving arms of the Lord, and may God surround his family with comfort, strength, and peace.

Aldo Belli RIP

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Aldo, the beloved great-uncle of Benedicte Nicolas. May he rest in the peace of the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with Benedicte and the whole family at this difficult time

Jean Hynes RIP

Jean's funeral will take place on the 11th of Dec Thursday at 11am. **Please note there will be no parish mass that day.**

Missio Red Boxes: If you have money in your Red Box please bring it in to be emptied well before Christmas so that the amount can be credited to this year's total.

Alpha Course, Volunteers Welcome

Plans are underway for an Alpha course running from January to March/April 2026, with Wednesday evening sessions (venue in central Malmesbury to be confirmed). Alpha is a relaxed and welcoming series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith, where people can share questions, enjoy conversation, and reflect together over a simple meal.

The Abbey and Hope Church coordinators are working together to bring this to our town, and we are now inviting volunteers to support the course. We especially need help with catering and with prayer support. Rod will be coordinating the catering team, so if you can offer assistance with food preparation or serving on any of the evenings, your help would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Rod: 0782 7777 988/ rodmccormick100@gmail.com.

Bishop Nicholas Hudson installed as the new Bishop of Plymouth

The Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson was installed as the Bishop of Plymouth at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth, on the Patronal Feast Day of St Cuthbert Mayne, Saturday 29 November 2025.

Senior Catholic clergy, including His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Most Reverend John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark and archbishops and bishops from England and Wales attended the Installation Mass.

The Bull of Appointment from Pope Leo XIV highlighted the Church's confidence in the appointment of Bishop Hudson: cbcw.org.uk/rt-rev-ni

Masses Requested:

6 Dec Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of Aldo Belli RIP (offered by Benedicte

Nicolas)

7 Dec Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo

7 Dec Sun 10am: For the repose of the soul of Bruno Vercruysse RIP (offered by Fabienne Fauvarque)

8 Dec Mon 10am: Private Intention

12 Dec Fri 10am: For the repose of the soul of Anthony Rowbottom RIP (offered by Val Cleaver)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"In the life of the Christian, faith brings about a transformation, making the believer increasingly into the image of Christ. It challenges us to live the Gospel message in our relationships and commitments. This transformation is not a mere external change, but an internal renewal where the person becomes more aligned with God's will. This transformation, empowered by the Holy Spirit, helps us bear witness to Christ in the world by living according to His commands and reflecting His love to others."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 166)

PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon

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With every blessing

Father Thomas, Deacon Steve, and Deacon Remi

Current Month Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
872	641	565 hrs	248	188	299	137

Viewers by Country (16 countries)

united kingdom: 518
ireland: 34
united states: 25
malta: 23
france: 13
slovakia (slovak republic): 6
hong kong: 6
denmark: 5
canada: 3
italy: 2
australia: 1
portugal: 1
brazil: 1
philippines: 1
somalia: 1
spain: 1

Current Year Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
9,984	7,670	5,909 hrs	3,216	2,038	3,298	1,432

Viewers by Country (57 countries)

united kingdom: 6,033
 ireland: 674
 united states: 350
 denmark: 92
 slovakia (slovak republic): 90
 france: 89
 spain: 40
 philippines: 34
 italy: 26
 south africa: 25
 malta: 24
 canada: 19
 australia: 18
 germany: 16
 indonesia: 10
 portugal: 10
 new zealand: 9
 poland: 8
 india: 7
 united arab emirates: 6
 hong kong: 6
 singapore: 6
 greece: 5
 norway: 5
 hungary: 5
 trinidad and tobago: 5
 sweden: 4
 nepal: 4
 maldives: 4
 austria: 4
 netherlands: 4
 antigua and barbuda: 3
 malaysia: 3
 brazil: 3

