

St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th January 2026**

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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 here, just new friends you have not yet met!

Our first reading this week contains a prophetic reference to Christ as the Light that

dispels darkness. Matthew wanted his readers to recognise that the Light of which Isaiah spoke had finally appeared with the coming of Jesus. The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27) reminds us that "*The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.*" The second reading advises the Corinthians to live as children of the Light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among the Corinthian Christians, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher or to a particular Apostle such as Peter, Paul, or Apollos. In today's Gospel passage (Mt 4:12-23), Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. By his ministry of inviting people to the Kingdom of God through repentance, Jesus has brought Light to peoples living in darkness, thus fulfilling God's original promise. In addition, the Gospel describes the call of the first disciples (4:18-22), who would learn from, live out, and then teach us (through the Holy Spirit Who would empower them), Jesus' proclamation of God's Good News. They and their successors would continue Jesus' own preaching, teaching, and healing ministry to the end of time and this world, drawing people to repent of their sins, accept the Good News of God's rule (the Kingdom of God) over them. The ordinary men Jesus called had no formal training in Mosaic Law to preach the Good News, yet they and their successors have been very effective instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit, to extend Jesus' mission to the world.

Welcome!

We welcome Canon Alan Finley once more this weekend to celebrate Masses for us until Monday. This is his last weekend with us for a while so we thank him very much for travelling to care for us so wonderfully over the last few weeks and look forward to seeing him in the parish again soon.

Marriage and Family Life. Our diocesan family will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 14 February** (12 noon) and Bishop Bosco is inviting all families to join us to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@clifto with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Do look at their website including details of their onsite programmes - their next date is 12th February 2026 but they have considerable online resources too.

retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Lenten Reconciliation Services. Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese on the poster below as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. Our nearest is 10th March at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Devizes at 7pm. Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. You will be most welcome at any of the venues.

Confirmation Paperwork - 2022/2024. We're just tidying and checking our confirmation records, and whilst the team have completed most of the forms please could anyone (or their parent/guardian) who was confirmed in 2022 or 2024 provide their confirmation name and full name of their sponsor for us to check. Please send your details to Annette via email at annettebed50@gmail.com or phone/text/WhatsApp on 07733283012. Many thanks

Parish Hall Fundraising

Gold and Silver Collection - Please do help us in our fundraising towards the Parish Hall by donating any unwanted gold or silver of any size or weight. Everything helps. Please see the poster below and we'll be collecting anything you have to offer after Masses in February

Please help us buy our Roof Tiles! As you may have noticed positive progress is being made on the Parish Hall roof. Tiling may begin within the next four or five weeks. You can expect an opportunity to sign your tiles in the near future. There is still time for you, your family, your friends or even acquaintances to buy tiles. Just follow the link on the parish hall page of the parish website or use the DONA machine in the porch. We are very grateful for all your support.

Parish Collection. Thank you very much for your kind contribution to the running of the parish - we really do appreciate your kindness.

Loose £182.82

Envelope Non Gift Aid £25.00

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Upcoming Masses

23 Jan Friday - No Mass

24 Jan Saturday - 6.30pm Vigil Mass, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 Jan Sunday, 8.30am and 10am, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 Jan Monday, 10am Mass - St Timothy and Titus, Bishops
27 Jan Tuesday - No Mass
28 Jan Wednesday - No Mass
29 Jan Thursday - 10 am Morning Prayer
30 Jan Friday - No Mass

Mass Intentions Requested:

Sat 24 Jan 6.30pm – For the Deceased Members of the Healy and Joyce Families
Sun 25 Jan 8.30am – For Deceased MSFS Confreres
Sun 25 Jan 10.00am – For thanksgiving for, and celebration with, Zelma Parsons on her 90th Birthday
Mon 26 Jan 10.00am – For Deceased MSFS Confreres
Sat 31 Jan 6.30pm - For the Deceased Members of the Healy and Joyce Families
Sun 1 Feb 8.30 am - Private Intention
Sun 1 Feb 10.00am – Missa pro populo

PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon
(malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com)



**St Peter's Cirencester announce The Greatest Showman Film Night & Sing Along! ~
2 Nights Available to Choose From!**

Please join us for a fantastic musical featuring an all-star cast ~ The Greatest Show in an Film Night & Sing Along at St Peter's Parish Hall on **Friday, 6th February OR Saturday 7th February**, doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are £16 each and include a fantastic dinner with Apple & Cinnamon Crumble served at interval. There will be an exciting raffle and drinks available for purchase on the night. All proceeds will go towards repairs needed at St Peter's Parish Hall.

For more details and to book tickets, please visit at [**ticketsource.co.uk/st-**](http://ticketsource.co.uk/st-)

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to welcoming you to another great event!

St Peter's Fundraising & Events Committee

With every blessing

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*“Every encounter with Christ, who in sacraments gives us salvation, invites us to ‘go’ and communicate to others the salvation that we have been able to see, to touch, to encounter and to receive and which is truly credible because it is love.”
Pope Francis*

“God has poured out his love into our hearts”

Romans 5:5



Join the Bishop for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on Saturday 14 February at 12noon.

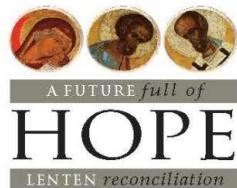
All are welcome.

If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2026, then please contact us: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595.

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'It is the same compassion with which the Lord comes to meet each one of us: He does not ignore us, he knows our pain, he knows how much we need help and comfort. He comes close and never abandons us.'
Pope Francis, General Audience, 27 April 2016

Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage.

RECONCILIATION LITURGIES

Tuesday 24 February
St Mary, Glastonbury

Thursday 5 March
Sacred Heart, Tisbury

Tuesday 10 March
Immaculate Conception, Devizes

Tuesday 17 March
St Joseph, Tewkesbury

Tuesday 24 March
Christ the King, Thornbury

Each Liturgy will start at 7pm

RECONCILIATION

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**Why Not Donate Your
Unwanted Silver and Gold?**



For Funds Towards the Parish Hall

**Place your Donations in
a Self-Addressed Envelope for
Collection at All Masses During
February**