

St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th February 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!

In our first reading, the Lord God through His prophet Isaiah gives us examples of how we are to allow the light of God to shine through us. *"Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday"* (58:7,10). The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps.112), reminds us, *"The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright."* St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us that our proclamation of Faith will carry the Spirit and His power when we rely on the power and wisdom of God. Using two simple metaphors of salt and the light of a city on a mountaintop in today's Gospel, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world. As a symbol of purity, **salt** was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews and pagans. In the ancient world, salt was the commonest of all the preservatives used to prevent the putrefaction of meat, fish, and fruits in pickles. Since Salt lends flavour to food items, it was also used to season and preserve food. A **light** has always been something which is meant to be seen. A lamp or light is a guide to make clear the way. A light serves also as a warning (e.g., red traffic lights which tell us to halt when there is danger ahead. Finally, light, particularly the sun's, gives warmth and heat. These are ordinary objects in so many ways, but they can be used for extraordinary, powerful and life changing purposes - how does our ordinary self change the life of others around us ?

Welcome Back! We welcome back Father Thomas from his holiday and hope he is well rested. His installation as Provincial Superior will be during Mass celebrated by Bishop Bosco on Friday 13th February and a separate email will follow with the details with a sign up so we can confirm numbers for the Mass and reception afterwards.

Mass Time Change. Please note - Mass on Monday 9th February is at **9 am** not 10 am

Marriage Encounter. For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment experiences all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and discover God's desire for their marriage. The Marriage Encounter weekend and on-line experience are an opportunity to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter Experience, and our next event is a residential weekend at Swindon Holiday Inn Express from 27th February – 1st March 2026. Please see the poster below for more details and to book to come.

Last Call to Join the Bishop for the Mass for 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.

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. We can also claim gift aid on your donation provided you have a valid gift aid form in place - please do click the gift aid option on the Dona or let us know if you would like a form for us to claim gift aid on any donations to the parish or the hall. It makes such a wonderful difference to us - thank you.

QR code. We are so very grateful for all your kind donations to the hall and to the items we need to buy for the running and safe operation of the hall. We've been asked how to donate to help us, and the details are on the website here [Saint Aldhelms Malmesbury](#) and if you would like to donate to our parish hall with your phone please just point the camera on your phone to the QR code below and it will take you to the parish Dona page. Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity and please know that it will have a wonderful effect on generations to come.



Upcoming Masses

- 6 Feb Friday - No Mass
- 7 Feb Saturday - 6.30pm Vigil Mass, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8 Feb Sunday, 8.30am and 10am, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 9 Feb Monday, **9 am Mass** - Monday Week 5 in Ordinary Time
- 10 Feb Tuesday - No Mass
- 11 Feb Wednesday - No Mass
- 12 Feb Thursday - 10 am Mass - Thursday Week 5 in Ordinary Time
- 13 Feb Friday - 10 am Mass - Friday Week 5 in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions Requested:

- Sat 7 Feb 6.30 pm - Private Intention
- Sun 8 Feb 8.30 am - Missa pro populo
- Sun 8 Feb 10 am - Mass of Thanksgiving for Trevor Jordan RIP
- Mon 9 Feb **9 am** - Private intention

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

Loose £166.60
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PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon (malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com)

With every blessing

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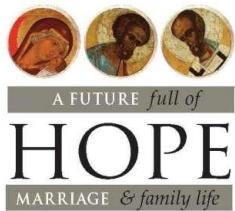
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ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION



"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.

CELEBRATING marriage & family life



LENT 2026



A FUTURE full of

HOPE

LENTEN reconciliation

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

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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

CELEBRATING THE FATHER'S MERCY





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Our next experience is:

Residential weekend at Swindon -Holyday Inn Express
27th February – 1st March 2026

To find out more or book an experience:
[Book on Marriage Encounter weekend - Swindon 27th Feb-1st March 2026](#)

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February