



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

Father Thomas Kulandaisamy, MSFS
Deacon Steve Boughton
Deacon Rémi Thivet



Fifth Sunday of Lent, 22 March 2026

Live Webcam Link for all our Masses

churchservices.tv/malm

To Make your Weekly Contribution Online

<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.](https://st-josephs-malmesbury)

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!

Ezekiel's vision promises that God will restore Israel, breathing new life into a people who feel spiritually dead and returning them to their land. St Paul reassures Christians

facing persecution that the Spirit who raised Jesus will also raise them to life, grounding their hope in Christ's Resurrection. In John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus foreshadows Jesus' victory over death and anticipates his own Resurrection. Together, the readings highlight Resurrection as the heart of Christian hope: through faith in Jesus, "the Resurrection and the Life," believers are promised new life and eventual participation in his eternal victory over sin and death

Sacrament of Reconciliation and opportunity for individual confession tonight at 6.30pm. You're very welcome to join us!

Collection figures

Loose £142.94

Env NGA £ 21.00

Env GA £ 90.00

Parish Hall £ 13.00

Easter Offering

As you are aware, the Easter and Christmas offerings are two occasions during the year that help support the upkeep and maintenance of the priest. Very grateful for your support. Cheques may be made payable to Thomas Kulandaisamy, and cash offerings can be placed in the envelopes and brought along to any of the Masses during Easter or at other times when you attend. You may also make your offering online via Dona using the link below:

saintaldhelms.com/dona

Our special thanks to our children who read beautifully last Saturday, and for leading the mass. Grateful to Riza and Merylle who trained the children for reading.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday 19th March the children from our parish school celebrated a whole school Mass in honour of their patronal Feast day - St Joseph. Parents and parishioners joined the children and it was wonderful to see the church so full.

It was a beautiful occasion and the church rang out with the lovely sound of the children's voices. As well as the wonderful singing, children read with confidence and clarity. During the Mass children focused with reverence and respect and their behaviour was outstanding. Staff, parents and parishioners were very proud of them and it was a moving occasion. Mr Morrell, the experience new headteacher led the children and prepared them for the Mass wonderfully well.

After Mass, each child was invited to sign their name on a roof tile. These will be laid

down to form part of the history of the new building for generations to come. And so they all become part of the history of our new church hall.

SECOND COLLECTION ON 22 MARCH, PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

This fund provides retirement grants and housing, including care home accommodation, to the priests who have served our Diocese faithfully during their years of active priestly ministry. This money supports them in their retirement and offers them security in their later years. Our gift to them through this fund shows the something of our gratitude and our support.

The Spiritual Adoption 2026

The Spiritual Adoption is a powerful prayer for those children who are in danger of death in the womb of their mothers. The Adoption starts with the oath taken in church usually on (or close to) Annunciation Day and lasts for nine months till Christmas. In this time you say one decade of the Rosary each day and a daily prayer for your adopted child. You can also decide to do some extra spiritual exercise or an additional resolution, but this is optional.

We do not know who our child is or where she or he might live. Only God knows his or her name. (You can give your child a name of your choice though, so that you feel closer.) Everyone can adopt a child - men and women of every walk of life, even children - providing they are mature enough to keep praying for 9 months.

The Spiritual Adoption has started in our parish four years ago and we would like to keep up the good work. This year we will take the oath on Sunday, 22nd March at 10.30 Mass. If you would like to volunteer and save a life or you just need more information please contact Dora Smereczynska on 07448573976 or e-mail:

dorota.smer@gmail.com.

You can also see our parish website to learn more about the subject:

saintaldhelms.com/even

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.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT:

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious

issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more:

retrouvaille.org.uk+44 797 338 0443

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](http://SaintAldhelmsMalmesbury) 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 Donation 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.



Roof Tiles

With the roof works due to begin imminently, the opportunity to secure your family's legacy by purchasing and signing a roof tile for the new Parish Hall will soon be drawing to a close.

As the Bishop has done we warmly encourage you to take part in this special moment in the life of our parish. By adding your name — or your family's names — you become a visible part of the Church's future here in Malmesbury, while also supporting the vital fundraising effort for this exciting new space. There will be more tiles available in the porch in the next few days.

Tiles are available for £25 each and can be purchased and signed after the weekend Masses, when volunteers will be on hand to assist you. Where appropriate we will also claim the Gift Aid on your donation.

To donate: donate.myдона.com/st-a

About our parish hall: saintaldhelms.com/new-



2026 Curia Conference – Saturday 25th April

Many of you have signed up to participate in the Curia Conference being held at St Brendan's on Saturday 25th April, which is lovely.

The diocese is organising Curia conference on 25th April Saturday. If some of us are able to attend will be very grateful, as no one from our parish has signed up yet. Their aim is to bring as many of us together so that they may offer guidance and support in helping us in your role within our parish. The more that attend, the more they can understand the areas where help is needed.

If you haven't yet secured your ticket, please do so by following the link below.
eventbrite.co.uk/e/cur

If you are wishing to join us for lunch and would like to have a ploughman's lunch, please tick the box. Tickets are only available till the 10th April.

Please find the latest issue of The Evangelist, the newsletter from the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation of the Diocese.

There is a particularly inspiring piece about Remi, our parish deacon, sharing his journey of faith (pp. 18–19), along with many other items that you may find enriching and worth reading!



Public speaking contest for Catholic Schools

Students from senior schools across the Clifton Diocese, together with teachers, family and friends, assembled at the Newman Hall in Bristol on Sunday afternoon 1st March for this year's event. The judging panel was chaired by Nick Tarr, a member of Bristol Catenian Circle. The other members of the panel were Headteacher Clare Fraser and Sara Marsh, a solicitor. They are pictured here before the start of the contest.

The ten speakers were introduced by Chris Cherry, who was MC for the event. Each speaker was allowed four minutes to speak on their chosen subject. Judges and audience were entertained to interesting speeches on various topics. After the speeches, refreshments were served while the judges conferred. During the interval, the audience was told about the Catenian Bursary Fund. This Fund assists young Catholics, between the ages of 16 and 24, actively to involve themselves in projects for the benefit of the community, at home or abroad. Grants are awarded according to the merits of each individual application and those students present were encouraged to apply if they undertake such a project in future. [The Catenian Bursary Fund. Make a Difference.](#)

<https://cliftondiocese.com/news/public-speaking-contest-for-catholic-schools/>

Quiz Night

 What makes a great fun night out?

Good company, a bit of friendly competition, tasty food... and perhaps discovering that your table knows absolutely nothing about the questions! 😊

So here's the plan:

 Bring & Share Finger Food Supper

 Quiz Night

 Friday, 17th April

 7.00 pm

 The Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury (SN16 9BZ)

 Tickets: £10 – In aid of Parish Funds (Parish Hall project)

 Bar available

 Raffle prizes to be won

Bring a plate of finger food to share, bring your best (or worst!) quiz knowledge, and most importantly bring your good humour.

Come as a team or join one on the night — everyone welcome!

For Tickets and details:

 Carole: 07946 854 852

 Gabrielle: 01666 838 391

A great evening of fun — all in support of our Parish Hall.

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21 March Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of George Smith RIP (anniversary of 14th March)

22 March Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the souls of Annette and Jeffrey Fulton RIP

22 March Sun 10am: For the intentions of those volunteering to do the spiritual adoption

23 March Mon 10am: Missa pro populo

Wisdom from Saints

“I would not believe if I did not realize that it is reasonable to believe.” ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274)

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



“Embrace your life together in Love”

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Our next experience is:

Residential weekend at Swindon -Holyday Inn Express
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To find out more or book an experience:

[Book on Marriage Encounter weekend - Swindon 27th Feb-1st March 2026](#)

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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**