



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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III Sunday of Lent, 8 March 2026

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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!

The readings present God as the source of living water that satisfies the deepest human thirst. In the first reading, God provides water from the rock for the complaining

Israelites, recalling His faithful care. The Psalm warns against hardened hearts and invites us to open ourselves to God through prayer, fasting, and mercy. Saint Paul reminds us that God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus offers the Samaritan woman the "living water," revealing himself as its source and awakening in her a longing for true life. Through Christ, we receive the grace and life that lead to salvation and eternal fulfilment.

Schedule for this week:

Please note you will have mass on 9th of March, Morning prayer on 12th of March, and No mass on 13th of March Friday.

Mass on 14th March Sat 6.30pm will be animated by our Filipino Brothers and Sisters.

Further Donation from gold and silver:

Our grateful thanks to those who have so kindly donated pieces of gold and silver towards the parish hall project. Recently, about nine people brought in various items which, when valued together, came to £1,904. Earlier as well, as you're aware, many had contributed in a similar way, amounting to just over £3,000. A special word of thanks to Val for kindly taking the items to the brokers to be valued and for helping to organise this for us.

Collection figures

Loose	£140.63
Env NGA	£ 28.60
Env GA	£ 70.00

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 10.00 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

Lenten devotions

6 March Fri 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross

13 March Fri 6.30pm: Benediction

20 March Fri 6.30pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation and opportunity for individual confession

27 March Fri 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross

Lent is a wonderful season to deepen and renew our relationship with the Lord. Alongside these Lenten devotions, you might also consider making a small effort to join us for the weekday Masses whenever they are celebrated. These quieter moments of prayer during the week can be a gentle and grace-filled way to reconnect with our faith.

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 book to come.

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

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.mydona.com/st-a

About our parish hall: saintaldhelms.com/new-



2026 Curia Conference – Saturday 25th April

Following the successful event held back in March 2025, we are hosting a Curial Conference this spring to provide an opportunity for parish colleagues and volunteers to meet with members of the Curial departments and attend a variety of presentations and

workshops. The event is being held on Saturday 25th April 2026 at St Brendan's Sixth Form Catholic College, Bristol from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Eight different topics will run consecutively throughout the event, providing the chance for individuals to attend three different workshops which include the following –

- Communications – Parish website
- Property Services – Estate management of the Church site
- Safeguarding – Safer Recruitment processes
- Finance – Curia Budget and Parish Share
- Schools & Colleges – Catholic Social teaching
- Human Resources – Recruitment of parish colleagues and 2026 HR Law updates
- Cyber Security – Update on Cyber security and protecting systems
- Evangelisation and Discipleship – Reimagining Pastoral Councils

Booking for the conference is via Eventbrite, which can be accessed by the link below, and further details on each workshop is available on the booking pages.

The Curia team look forward to welcoming you on the day.

eventbrite.co.uk/e/cur

Mass Intentions Requested:

7 March Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the souls of Martha Perry de Mosto, Alfredo Mosto, Javier Montero, Vittorio Mosto, Margarita Queirolo, Mario Mosto (offered by Margarita Mosto)

8 March Sun 8.30am: Private intentino

8 March Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

Wisdom from Saints

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” ST. JEROME (347-419, Father of the Church, Doctor of the Church, interpreter and translator of the Bible)

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



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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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For Funds Towards the Parish Hall

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Collection at All Masses During
February**