



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, 28 June 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!

Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two great pillars of the Church. Though very different in personality and background, Peter, the humble

fisherman, and Paul, the learned Pharisee, both responded generously to God's call and gave their lives in faithful witness to Christ. Their feast reminds us that the Church is built not on human perfection but on God's grace working through willing hearts. As we honour these great Apostles, let us pray for our Holy Father, for the Church throughout the world, and for the courage to proclaim the Gospel with the same faith, hope, and love that inspired Saints Peter and Paul.

SECOND COLLECTION, 28TH JUNE, PETERS' PENCE

The Peters Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune.

The Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In the ninth-century, King Alfred the Great collected money – “pence” or pennies – from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

vatican.va/roman_curia

St Gerard Majella Relics to Visit Clifton Diocese

2026 marks the 300th anniversary of St Gerard Majella's birth. He was born to a poor family in the South of Italy, and eventually joined the Redemptorist order as a lay brother.

Numerous and varied miracles are attributed to him, but he is known most of all as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession.

In order to promote devotion to St Gerard, the Redemptorists are taking his relics to every diocese in England and Wales. In Clifton diocese there will be a major celebration on Saturday 6th June at St Gerard Majella, Knowle, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bosco MacDonald.

There are visits to other parts of the Diocese as well: Holy Ghost, Yeovil (1st, 6pm); St Peter's, Gloucester (2nd, 7pm); St Mary's, Swindon (3rd, 6pm); St Osmund's, Salisbury (5th, 6pm). In each case the relics will be available for personal prayer for an hour before the Mass, and individual blessings with the relics will be offered afterwards.

St Gerard Majella died at the age of only 29, from Tuberculosis, and was canonised in 1904. Come along, and bring your petitions and prayers.

Clifton Diocese Trustee: The Diocese is currently looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees to enhance the skills of the Board. Suitable applicants should

have a detailed understanding of governance, and experience in change management and transformation activities. This is a voluntary role with the commitment to one 4 hour meeting approximately eight times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of at least one sub-committee which would meet six times per year. Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 8 hours per month plus travelling time. Trustee training and travel expenses will be provided.

Expressions of interest in the role, together with a recommendation from your Parish Priest, should be submitted to the Bishop's Office via Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondi by 30 June 2026.

Welcome to Rhythmix Children's Choir

We are delighted to welcome Rhythmix Children's Choir, one of the largest international Goan children's show choirs in the United Kingdom, to St Aldhelm's Church for our 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 21st June.

A group of 25 children from the choir will be joining us to sing during Mass. We are honoured to have these talented young singers with us and look forward to their contribution to our worship together.

As the choir loft is not accessible, the children will be seated in the area normally occupied by our parish choir, with members of our own choir seated alongside them. To accommodate the group, approximately seven pews near the back of the church will be reserved. We kindly ask parishioners for their understanding and cooperation. Please join us in extending a very warm St Aldhelm's welcome to the children of Rhythmix and their leaders. We look forward to celebrating Mass together and enjoying their beautiful singing.

Marriage course

The Maryvale Institute is launching a new course this September, designed for all who wish to go deeper into the Sacrament of Marriage. It is for parish priests, counsellors, those working with married couples, and couples themselves.

The course is rooted in the Church's richest theological tradition, the course explores marriage as vocation, covenant, and a path of sanctification — not merely a ceremony, but a lifelong participation in Christ's love for the Church. It runs over six modules, designed to be both academically robust and accessible to participants without prior theological background.

Full details may be found at: maryvale.ac.uk/marriage

Afternoon Cream Tea in the Garden

After all the wonderful support you have given to our various fundraising events, especially our last one, i.e., our sponsored walk, here is a chance to help the parish while enjoying a relaxing summer afternoon!

On Sunday 28th June, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, Teresa and Michael Bromley Gardner are once again kindly opening their beautiful garden for a Cream Tea in the Garden. Many of us will remember the last event there two years ago, it was a delightful afternoon enjoyed by all.

Why not bring along a friend, neighbour, or family member? Children and young families are especially welcome, with plenty of space for children to play while the adults enjoy tea, scones, and good company. Please see the attached poster for full details and booking information.

Join Us for
An Afternoon of
Cream Tea in
the Garden

By courtesy of Teresa & Michael Bromley Gardner

On Sunday 28th June, 3 to 5 pm

You are warmly invited to enjoy the wonderful
Tree of Trees & Woodland Garden at:

Coombe Cottage, Moor Lane,
Charlton, SN16 9DR

Booking essential, £10 in aid of The Parish Fund

Prosecco available at £5 a Glass

Contact Gabrielle on 01666 838 391
or Teresa on 07969 513 628



St Joseph's School Musical at Malmesbury Abbey

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School warmly invites parishioners to a special

performance of a new musical at Malmesbury Abbey on Wednesday 2nd July. The production involves the entire school and has been written by John Hughes, Musical Director at the Abbey, making this a unique and exciting occasion for both pupils and audience alike. There will be two performances, at **1.30pm** and **6.00pm**, each lasting approximately one hour.

We are delighted to support our parish school and encourage parishioners, families, and friends to come along and enjoy what promises to be a wonderful celebration of music, creativity, and community. Please see the poster for further details.



St Joseph's School & Nursery present

Hannah and the Tyger

Music by
John Hughes

Lyrics by
Mike Scanlon



In Malmesbury Abbey

Thursday 2nd July at 1.30pm and 6.00pm

Tickets (£5) from Malmesbury Abbey
or scan QR to book ahead:



Many of you will remember that, we have been discussing the possibility of placing a statue of Our Lady outside the Parish Hall.

We're delighted to share that the statue has now arrived safely in Malmesbury. It comes to us from Athlone, from the Sisters of the Divine Master, who specialise in liturgical art. It is a beautifully carved wooden statue depicting Mary holding the Child Jesus in her arms and lovingly presenting Him to the world.

The statue has been very kindly donated by one of our parishioners, for which we are immensely grateful. We are also grateful for the generosity of so many parishioners who continue to support our parish in countless ways. Every donation, whether large or small, has helped us to reach where we are.

The statue will be placed outside the Parish Hall, facing Cross Hayes. We hope that it will become a special place of prayer, where parishioners, visitors and passers-by may pause for a moment, entrust their intentions to Our Lady, or simply find a little peace in the midst of a busy day.

A special word of thanks to David and Josie Charlton, who very kindly brought the statue safely to Malmesbury during their recent visit to Ireland. It was no small undertaking, and we are most grateful for their generosity to help bring this beautiful gift to our parish.



Masses Requested

27 June Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of Gill Westman RIP (offered by Simon Westman)

28 June Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the soul of Ruth Williamson (offered by Mary Jane Little)

28 June Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

Wisdom from Saints

Trees and stars will teach you what you can never learn from teachers. ST. BERNHARD OF CLAIRVAUX (1090-1153, second founder of the Cistercian Order)

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