



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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V Sunday of Easter, 3 May 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!

Sunday Readings Summarised

The readings present the Church as a living, Spirit-filled community rooted in Christ. In Acts (6:1-7), the early Church responds to conflict with wisdom and service, establishing the Diaconate to ensure fairness and care for all. St Peter reminds believers that they are “living stones,” built into a spiritual house with Christ as the cornerstone, forming a chosen and holy people. In the Gospel, Jesus comforts his troubled disciples, assuring them that he prepares a place for them in the Father’s house. When Thomas questions the way, Jesus declares, “I am the way, the truth, and the life,” revealing himself as the unique path to the Father. He is the Way through loving, humble service, the Truth who reveals God, and the Life who shares divine life with us. Through his words and actions, Jesus leads us to the Father and builds us into a faithful, united community.

Collection figures

Loose £171.90
Env NGA £ 20.60
Env GA £ 20.00
Clergy Training £466.63

Please do join us for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction tonight at 6.30pm (Friday 1 May)

Mass Schedule during weekdays this week

You will have mass on 4th May Mon at 10am, as usual, and Morning Prayer on 7th of May Thursday at 10am, and no mass on other days of the week.

Donation from Leonard Laity Stoate Charitable Trust

We are delighted to share that the Leonard Laity Stoate Charitable Trust has awarded us £1200 towards chairs and tables for the parish hall, following a successful application. Our heartfelt thanks to Gabrielle, Ber, and the grant committee for their tireless hard work.

PC Meeting

There will be a PC meeting on Thursday 7th May if anyone has anything that they would like to bring up at the meeting then please email Ann Roberts-Phare at arphare@aol.com

CLIFTON /CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21-28 AUGUST -UPDATE

Christopher Page reports that the websites of The Catholic Association , of Tangney Tours (the travel agent) and of our diocese are now all showing the details.

Here are the links:

[Catholic Association — Join](#)

[Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#)

[Lourdes | Clifton Diocese](#)

There are several members of the parish already signed up; do follow their lead ! If you know of others who might like to go , or would benefit from doing so , do encourage them (whether as helpers-of whatever age, but particularly young helpers; families with children-there is specialist children’s group; or particularly pilgrims needing personal care or medical assistance -the Pilgrimage is fully medically supported . If you are able to offer to help in some way , the Catholic Association site should take you

through the process, but do not hesitate to ask Christopher about the sorts of roles that are available (from making tea to being a qualified doctor).

If you have any questions, Christopher's email is xtopher.page@gmail.com

Parenting Teenagers? CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. We are aware that bringing up young people in today's world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so we have booked some experts to share their wisdom with you, help you gain confidence and provide you with some practical ideas to support you at home.

- **Confident parenting in a world of screens** 29 April 8pm
- **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family** 2 June 8pm

To reserve a place, book now by visiting: celebratetrust.org

Sponsored Walk by Fr Thomas

On Saturday 30th May, I'll be setting off from St Aldhelm's Church on a modest 8-mile sponsored walk (4 miles there and 4 miles back!) to All Saints Church, Norton.

You are very warmly invited to join in, whether you're feeling energetic and fancy the full stretch, or would prefer to join for the last mile... or even the last few metres.

The sponsored walk will start at 9.30am from St Aldhelm's Church, Malmesbury. We aim to gather at the All Saints church, Norton for 11:30am, where we'll pause for Midday Prayer together. After that, we'll make our way to the Vine Tree for a light lunch, good company, and—most likely—a well-earned sit down. From there, you are free to head off at your leisure.

This walk is part of our parish hall fundraising, which, thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we are now bringing towards its final stretch. Truly, you have supported this in so many ways already, and it has been a real witness to the life of our parish.

If you feel able to contribute through this walk, in whatever way, it would be received with sincere gratitude. And if not, your presence, prayers, and companionship are just as valuable.

And one small extra favour: please do feel free to share this invitation, and perhaps mention that you are taking part too, whether for the full walk or just a part of it. In this way, we can create a gentle ripple effect, inviting your own friends and supporters to be involved through you. They are welcome to sponsor you directly, and you can then add or transfer that amount to the main fundraising page so it contributes to the overall total. The aim is simply to raise as much as we can as we approach the final stretch of our fundraising. Some may wish to walk, others may prefer to sponsor, and every contribution, however small, truly makes a difference.

Here is the link to our GoFundMe page: gofundme.com/f/sponsor

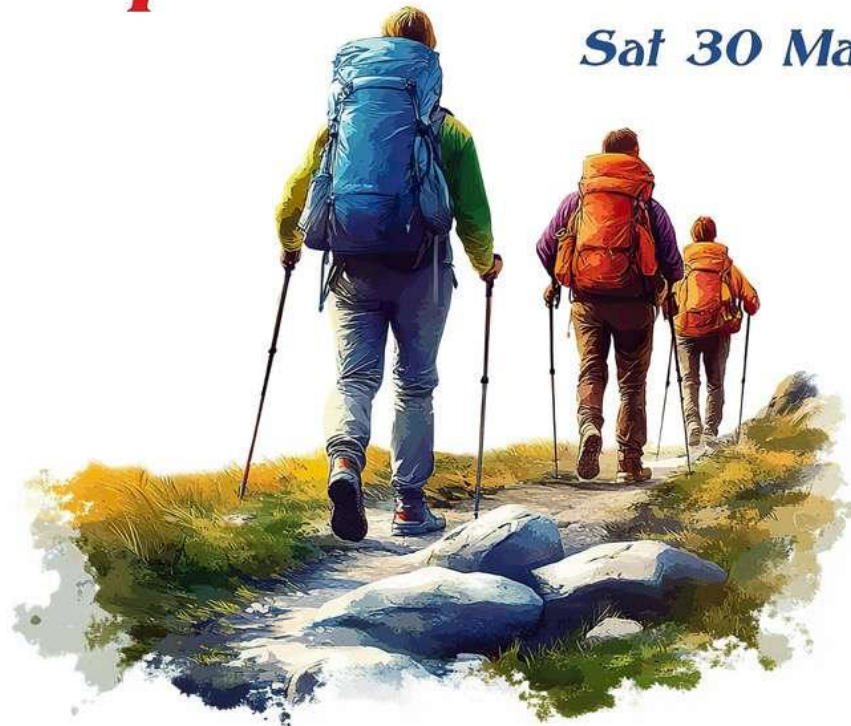
We have set this up so that you can easily share it with your friends, family, and wider circles through social media, helping us reach beyond the parish community. Unlike the Donation Machine, which is limited to use within the parish, this allows the appeal to be seen and supported more widely.

You will also find a QR code on the poster below, which will take you directly to the same page. Please do share it as widely as you feel able, every bit of support makes a real difference.

We are mindful that some of you have kindly already promised Gabrielle your sponsorship. You are very welcome to make your donation through this page, or to give it to her directly in whatever way is most convenient. In either case, all contributions will be added to the overall total. Thank you very much for your generosity and support.

Join Fr Thomas on a Sponsored Walk

Sat 30 May



Walking From St Aldhelms to All Saints Church, Norton

Leaving at 9:30, to arrive for Prayer at 11:30

**Snack Lunch Available & Car
Parking at The Vine Tree, SN16 0JP**

**To Sponsor Fr Thomas
GoFundMe from the QR Code
or Gabrielle on 01666 838 391**



In aid of the Parish Hall Fund

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a

Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or castleriggmanor.com >> **join the team**

Masses Requested

2 May Sat 6.30pm: Private Intention
3 May Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo
3 May Sun 10am: Special Intention

Wisdom from Saints

"No man lives alone, no man believes alone. God speaks his word to us and in speaking it calls us together, creates a community, his people, his Church. After the return of Jesus to his Father the Church is the sign of his presence in the world." ST. BASIL THE GREAT (Bishop, 5th century)

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

Current Month Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
1,945	1,079	718 hrs	755	390	608	192

Viewers by Country (23 countries)

United Kingdom: 914

Ireland: 69

United States: 36

France: 18

Slovakia: 7

Chile: 6

Spain: 4

Korea, Republic of: 4

China: 3

Austria: 2

Australia: 2

Denmark: 2

Portugal: 2

Sweden: 1

Poland: 1

Cyprus: 1

Martinique: 1

India: 1

Canada: 1

Hungary: 1

Monaco: 1

Japan: 1

Switzerland: 1

Current Year Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
6,080	3,375	2,675 hrs	2,464	1,214	1,752	650
Viewers by Country (54 countries)						

United Kingdom: 1,523

united kingdom: 1,078

Ireland: 130

United States: 61

ireland: 53

united states: 52

india: 52

France: 41

Australia: 28

Slovakia: 17

france: 14

slovakia (slovak republic): 13

Chile: 6

Denmark: 6

germany: 6

Spain: 5

India: 5

Korea, Republic of: 4

China: 4

chile: 4

denmark: 4

Austria: 3

switzerland: 3

spain: 3

canada: 3

Sweden: 2

Martinique: 2

Canada: 2

Portugal: 2

Germany: 2

martinique: 2

Poland: 1

Cyprus: 1

