



# St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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## VI Sunday of Easter, 10 May 2026

**Live Webcam Link for all our Masses**

[churchservices.tv/malm](https://churchservices.tv/malm)

**To Make your Weekly Contribution Online**

<https://www.saintaldhelms.com/donate>

**New Parish Hall Project**

[saintaldhelms.com/new-](https://saintaldhelms.com/new-)

**Wednesday Word**

[www.wednesdayword.org](http://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 first reading describes how the Holy Spirit helped Philip, the Deacon, to preach

powerfully and convert the Samaritans in large numbers, and how the Holy Spirit helped Peter and John, giving them a fresh anointing.

In the second reading, Peter shows us that Holy Spirit makes it possible for believers to live God-fearing lives in the midst of opposition and persecution.

Today's Gospel, taken from the "Last Supper Discourse," describes the gift of the Holy Spirit which Jesus is going to give his disciples who obey his commandment of love. Thus, the faithful believers will have the indwelling of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit in their souls.

### **Collection figures**

Loose	£127.20
Env NGA	£ 25.00
Env GA	£ 10.00

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](https://gofundme.com/f/sponsor)

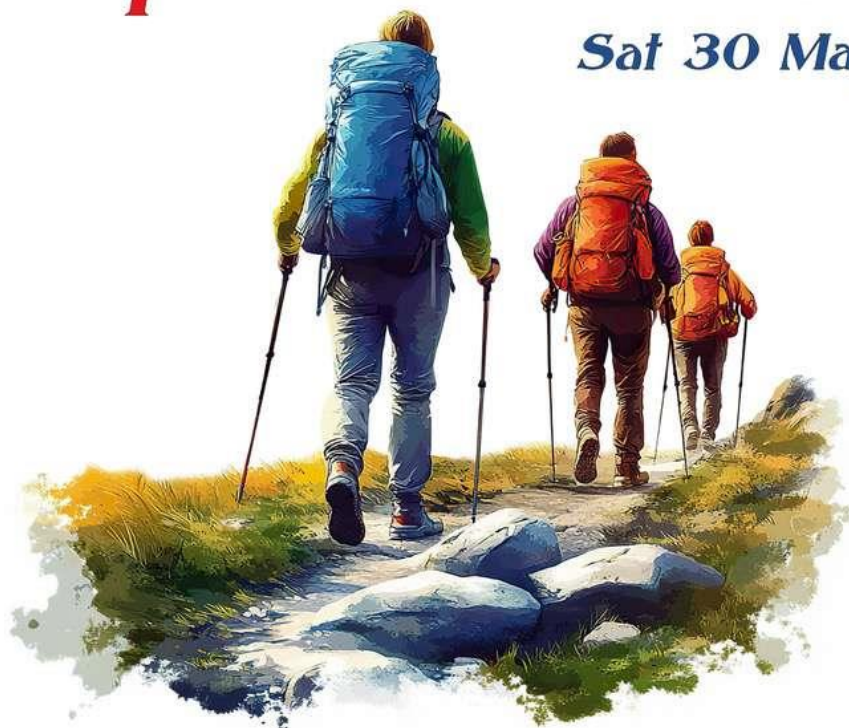
We have set this up so that you can easily share it with your friends, family, and wider circles through social media, helping us reach beyond the parish community. Unlike the Dona machine, which is limited to use within the parish, this allows the appeal to be seen and supported more widely.

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](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> **join the team**

### An Evening with Dr Scott Hahn

We are delighted to announce that Dr Scott Hahn, Catholic writer, author, broadcaster and teacher is coming to this country in May and will be speaking at St John the Evangelist, Bath, on Tuesday, 26 May at 7.00pm. It will be a ticketed event only. In addition, Dr. Scott will be signing his books which CTS will bring with them. This is a truly great opportunity for our diocese to welcome Dr Hahn; you will not want to miss this great speaker.

There will be 350 tickets at £20 per person. The timetable for the evening will be:

6:00 pm – Doors Open / Check-in / Book Sales & Refreshments

7:00 pm – Welcome & Introductions

7:10 pm – First Presentation by Dr. Hahn, “The Lamb’s Supper; The Mass as Heaven and Earth”

8:10 pm – Intermission (Restrooms / Book Sales / Refreshments)

8:30 pm – Second Presentation by Dr. Hahn, “Lord, Have Mercy; The Healing Power of Confession”

9:30 pm – Closing Announcements / Book Signing / Book Sales & Refreshments

The CTS will also be here making available Dr Hahn’s books, and, as you can see from the schedule, there is time for signing.

To book your ticket please click on the following link: [aeccsouthwark.churchsui](http://aeccsouthwark.churchsui)

### Masses Requested

9 May Sat 6.30pm: for the repose of the souls of Antonio Ernesto Nacarino Carrasco Elvira Judith Arango Calero RIP (offered by Carla Nacarino)

10 May Sun 8.30am: Private Intention

10 May Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

### Wisdom from Saints

“If God’s point of view does not exist, there is no truth beyond our subjective perspectives.” ROBERT SPAEMANN (b. 1927, German philosopher)

**PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon**

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## LISTENING TO CHRIST IN THE SCRIPTURES

We are pleased to welcome Fr Łukasz Popko OP, to St Francis, Nailsea. His talks will be on **Sat 20 June**, homilies on **Sun 21 June** & a Day of Recollection on **Mon 22 June**. We begin on Saturday & Monday after 9.15am Mass, please bring a packed lunch on these days, refreshments will be provided.

Fr Łukasz is a Polish Dominican friar and a prominent biblical scholar based at the *École Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem* (EBAF). His research focuses on the Old Testament.

His works include 'Questioning God' co-authored with Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, exploring biblical dialogues as a means of entering deeper into a relationship with God. Fr Łukasz frequently engages in interdisciplinary dialogues about faith and literature.

For further details contact Fr Frank at Nailsea on 01275 851530.

