



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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XI Sunday in OT, 14 June 2026

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churchservices.tv/malm

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<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!

Our Sunday readings reveal God's enduring love and care for His people. In the first reading, God reassures Israel that they are His treasured possession, a holy

nation chosen and liberated from slavery to live in a special covenant relationship with Him. In the second reading, St Paul reflects on the greatest expression of God's love: Christ's willingness to die for sinners, opening the way to reconciliation and a deeper relationship with God.

In the Gospel, Jesus extends His mission by commissioning the disciples to share freely the gifts they have received. No longer is Jesus alone carrying out the work of preaching, healing, and serving; His followers are now entrusted with the same mission. This call is not only for the apostles but for every baptised Christian. We are invited to share God's love, grace, and blessings generously through lives of service and witness. From this small beginning, the mission of Christ would grow into the Universal Church, reaching people of every nation.

Collection figures

Loose £203.20

Env NGA £ 26.00

Env GA £ 10.00

Mass schedule for the weekdays this week

You will have mass on Monday (15th of June), and Morning Prayer on Thursday (18th of June), and no mass on other days of the week.

Sponsored Walk

We are delighted to share that, thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we have raised £5,007 so far through Dona, GoFundMe, and cash donations. In addition, we expect to receive approximately £1,200 in Gift Aid, bringing the total to an impressive £6,207.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to this appeal. We are equally grateful to all who took part in the walk and to the many friends, families, sponsors, and supporters who encouraged and supported our efforts in so many ways. Thank you all, and congratulations on such a remarkable collective effort. Well done!

SECOND COLLECTION, 21ST JUNE, DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death. The collection assists The Anscombe Bioethics Centre for Healthcare and Ethics in Oxford (formerly the Linacre Centre) and other pro-Life groups. The Centre exists to help Catholics and others to explore the Church's position on bioethical issues. Its perspective is informed by Catholic moral teaching, but in defending such teaching it seeks also to enable dialogue with those of no religious faith.

www.dayforlife.org/

Permanent Diaconate Vocations Sunday — 13/14 June 2026

This Sunday our diocese marks a dedicated Vocations Sunday for the Permanent Diaconate. In today's Gospel, Jesus looks out at the crowds — harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd — and his heart is moved with compassion. He turns to his disciples and says: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers." Then he sends them.

This is the heart of the permanent diaconate. Deacons are generally married men, often with children, who work in the world and who are called from the midst of the people and sent back to the people — to proclaim the Gospel, to serve at the altar, and to bring the compassion of Christ to the poor, the forgotten, and the overlooked.

Bishop Bosco hopes that by 2035 every parish in our diocese will have a deacon available to them. If you are a man of prayer who feels drawn to serve the Church more deeply — or if you know someone who might — please speak to your parish Clergy or contact Deacon Steve Boughton at diaconal.formation@cliftondiocese.com • cliftondiocese.com/voc

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.

Mr Frederic Nicolas our new Health and Safety Officer

A word of thanks to Frederic, who has generously taken on the role of our Health & Safety Officer, succeeding Dave Talkowski, who has recently moved from the parish to the Brighton area. We thank Dave for his service over the years.

Frederic has already devoted many hours to working through the Health & Safety online portal, and thanks to his efforts, excellent progress has been made. We are also delighted to welcome him to our Finance Committee. Our thanks also to Rod for arranging the recent electrical inspection through Ruban and for his continued support in so many

practical matters around the parish. We are blessed by the generosity of parishioners who willingly share their time, skills and experience for the good of our community.

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.

Mr Francis Collingborn RIP

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Mr. Francis Collingborn, our long-time parishioner, who had been unwell for quite some time, passed away at the Great Western Hospital, Swindon yesterday (26 May 2026).

Francis was a familiar and valued member of our parish community for many years, and we remember him with gratitude and affection. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with his wife Patricia, his children and grandchildren, and all the close and extended

family at this difficult and sorrowful time. Funeral details will be shared once they become available.

‘Divine Designs’ art competition calls for cover designs for the Bible’s 73 books

An ecumenical partnership between the Bishops’ Conference ‘God who Speaks’ project, St John’s Waterloo, and Art + Christianity, has made an open call for artists, graphic designers and illustrators from across the UK to design a cover for any of the 73 books of the Bible.

Titled *Divine Designs: Between the Covers* this art competition and exhibition celebrates creativity and innovation, and seeks to promote a greater visual awareness and understanding of the Bible today.

“From cover to cover, we are celebrating the Bible,” said Fleur Dorrell, Biblical Apostolate Manager for the Bishops’ Conference. “In 73 books – from Genesis to Revelation – the Bible is the greatest story ever told. Our passion is to bring each book alive through the medium of art in this unique competition and exhibition.”

More details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/divine-designs-art-competition-calls-for-cover-designs-for-the-bibles-73-books/>

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 Saturday 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:



Masses Requested

13 June Sat 6.30pm: Private Intention

14 June Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the soul of Francis Collingborn RIP (offered by Annette Crouch)

14 June Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

Wisdom from Saints

Wherever there is Love, there is a trinity: a Lover, a beloved, and a fountain of Love. ST. AUGUSTINE (354-430)

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