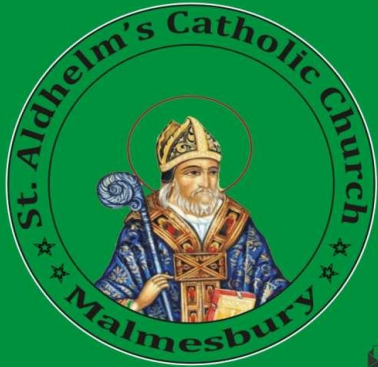


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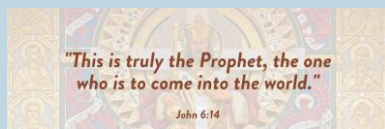
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Wednesday Word

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St Joseph's School Website

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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



[Rosary prayers Oct24.docx](#)



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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!

Readings this Sunday

This Sunday's readings highlight the theme of faith-filled readiness. The first reading recalls how the Hebrews, trusting in God's promise, prepared with hope for their liberation from Egypt. The Psalm encourages us to place our trust in God's providence. In the second reading, faith is defined as "the realization of what is hoped for," and the author inspires Jewish Christians by recounting the faith of their ancestors, especially Abraham. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his disciples to constant readiness, trusting in the Father's promise of eternal joy. He warns that the Son of Man will come unexpectedly, urging vigilance so that the devil doesn't steal our grace. Through the parables of the thief and the faithful servant, Jesus invites us to live in faithful service, love, and obedience, always prepared to meet Him when He comes.

Collection figures

Loose £141.95

Env NGA £ 25.00

Env GA £ 10.00

Jim's Funeral (Retiring Collection) £241.00/ Our grateful thanks to the family for donating the retiring collection in aid of the parish hall.

To Those on Holiday (or Thinking of One!)

Whether you're already soaking up the sun or still dreaming of a break, we wish you rest, refreshment, and safe travels. May your time away be a blessing, offering space to unwind and reconnect with yourself, with loved ones, and with God. Don't forget to pop into a local church if you can, it's always special to worship with a different community. And when you return, we look forward to hearing your stories and seeing your sun-kissed smiles!

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

Having difficulty with sign up?

We've had a few questions about the new sign-up process for our parish events, especially regarding the **secure login code**. This is a **new feature**, different from what many of you were used to before. It's been added to help protect your information and prevent spam sign-ups. When you try to sign up, the code is sent to your registered email. So go to your email, collect the code and input it, and you will be

able to sign up.

Confirmation 2026



Our next Confirmation celebration will take place on Tuesday 19th May 2026. If you have a child currently in Year 8 or 9, or know someone who would like to join the Confirmation preparation classes starting in February 2026, please sign up using the link sent to your email by 31st August 2025. We will be in touch in the autumn with further details.

[Confirmation](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[19 May 2026 Tuesday](#)

First Holy Communion – June 2026

We are now welcoming enquiries from parents of children who will be in Year 3 or above from September 2025, and would like them to prepare for First Holy Communion in June 2026. Preparation will begin in November 2025. Please express your interest before the end of the summer term by emailing:  mary.lillis@outlook.co and copying:  malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com
Kindly include your child's name and age as of September 2025.

[FHC June 2026](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[28 June 2026](#)

Coffee Morning at Longridge's place

Just like in the past years, David and Anna Longrige warmly invite you to a delightful coffee morning in their garden at Fosse Farm on **Thursday, 14th of August, starting at 11am**. Their spacious garden, filled with beautiful flowers and lush lawns, is the perfect place for us to gather and enjoy each other's company. We will have mass as usual at 10am at St Aldhelm's. Those of you who will be attending mass that day, can head straight to Longridges after Mass.

We will also have the joy of being joined by the Sisters of St Joseph of Annecy from Wales. They will be with us for Mass and will stay for coffee afterwards. It's a wonderful opportunity to chat with them many of you will remember them from our Jubilee celebrations. I know some of you may be away on holiday, but if you're around and able to join us, please do!

As usual, this event will be a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our parish hall.

Directions to Fosse Farm:

Address: Shipton Moyne Road, SN16 0QZ

Take the A4040 towards Sherston.

Then take the Shipton Moyne Road (not the Brokenborough Road).

Drive 3/4 mile down a small hill, then take the first turning on the right.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For catering purposes, please use the sign-up button below to let us know you're coming.

[Coffee morning at Longridge's place](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[14 August Thursday 11am](#)

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, Sunday 7th September

As you are aware, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised in Rome on Sunday 7th September. This is a joyful and historic moment for the whole Church and particularly special for us, as our church is home to the only known stained-glass window dedicated to Carlo and we share a deep devotion to him.

To mark this occasion, our 10am Sunday Mass on 7th of Sep will be celebrated in his honour. Following the Mass, we have booked the Town Hall for refreshments and a reception to celebrate this event. To help with catering, it would be a great help if you could sign up in advance to indicate your attendance at the reception.

[Carlo Acutis Celebration](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[7 Sep Sun 11.45am](#)

Ordination of Remi Thivet to the Permanent Diaconate, Saturday 20th September

After four years of preparation and formation, Remi Thivet will be ordained a permanent deacon at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 20th September at 11am.

We have organised a coach to take parishioners to the ordination, with around 45 seats available. The coach will depart from here at 9.15am, allowing plenty of time to arrive, settle in. If those who sign up can be ready in the churchyard by 9am, it will greatly help with boarding and preparations.

If you wish to travel on the coach, please sign up only if you are certain you can attend, so as to avoid confusion or last-minute cancellations (except of course for serious reasons). Please keep Remi, Frances, little Agathe and Clément in your prayers as they prepare for this beautiful moment in their lives and the life of the Church.

[Remi's Ordination](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[20th Sep Sat 11am](#)

Thanksgiving Mass for Rem, Sunday 28th September, 10am

We will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for Remi on Sunday 28th September at 10am, followed by a reception at the Town Hall. Once again, we would be grateful if you could sign up for the reception so we can plan accordingly. Your presence will be a great encouragement to Remi and his family, and a visible sign of our love, gratitude and support as a parish community.

[Thanksgiving mass and reception](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[28th Sep Sun 11.45am](#)

Masses Requested:

9 August Sat 6.30: Private Intention

10 August Sun 8.30am: Private intention

10 August Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

14 August Thurs: For the repose of the soul of Ray and Joseph Asciak RIP (offered by Mario and Isabelle Asciak)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to His truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust ourselves wholly to God and to believe absolutely what He says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 150*)

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

Please do join us for coffee on Sunday after 10am mass, and on Thursdays after 10am mass.

With every blessing

Father Thomas and Deacon Steve

Retreat Handouts for Weekly Reflection

During our annual retreat this year our preacher kindly provided a set of handouts, one for each talk, designed to support our personal reflection and prayer. Just sharing with you here in case you find them helpful for your own reflection and meditation.

Rest

'Come to me
all you who labour and are overburdened
And I will give you *rest*.
Shoulder my yoke and learn from me
For I am meek and humble in heart.
And you will find *rest* for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy
And my burden light.'
Matthew 11.28-30

'The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught.
And he said to them, 'Come away to some lonely place all by yourselves
and *rest* for a while.'; for there were so many coming and going
that there was no time for them even to eat.
So they went off in the boat to a lonely place
where they could be by themselves.'
Mark 6.50-52

'On the Sabbath, we don't just take a day off from work;
we take a day off from toil. We give him all our fear and anxiety
and stress and worry. We let go.
We stop ruling and subduing, and we just be.
We "remember" our place in the universe.
So that we never forget . . . There is a God, and I'm not him.'
John Mark Comer; Garden City: Work, Rest, and the Art of Being Human.

'Kairos. Real Time. God time. That time which breaks through chronos with a shock of
joy, that time we do not recognise while we are experiencing it, but only afterwards.'
Madeline L'Engle - Walking on Water

'Wasting time' is actually the most productive action you may take this week.'
'Will you trust Him by 'wasting' time?'
Shelly Miller - Rhythms of Rest

'Recreation is the act of stretching the soul.
When we stop the race to nowhere, when we get off the carousel of productivity
long enough to finally recognise that it is going in a circle,
we reclaim a piece of our own humanity.
The purpose of recreation is to create a Sabbath of the soul.'
Sr Joan Chittester

'Doing those deeply unfashionable things - slowing down, letting your spare time expand,
getting enough sleep, resting - are radical acts these days, but they are essential.'
Rhythms of Rest - Shelly Miller

'Hurry is violence on the soul.'
John Mark Comer - The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

'For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its fruits, but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the Lord.'

Leviticus 25.3

'Trust in the riches awaiting us in rest.'

Rhythms of Rest - Shelby Miller

'There are some who complain of a man for doing nothing; there are some, still more mysterious and amazing, who complain of having nothing to do. When actually presented with some beautiful blank hours or days, they will grumble at their blankness. When given the gift of loneliness, which is the gift of liberty, they will cast it away;... I know it takes all sorts to make a world; but I cannot repress a shudder when I see them throwing away their hard-won holidays by doing something.' *G K Chesterton*

'Doing nothing is sometimes one of the highest of the duties of man.'

G K Chesterton

'As for the third form of leisure, the most precious, the most consoling, the most pure and holy, the noble habit of doing nothing at all—that is being neglected in a degree which seems to me to threaten the degeneration of the whole race.'

G K Chesterton

'Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture.'

Pope Francis - Laudato Si

'Let us beware, brothers and sisters, of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.' *Pope Francis*

'Shabbat is the day we stand still
and let all our blessings catch up with us.'

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

'The Hebrew word Shabbat means 'to stop.'

But it can also be translated 'to delight.'

It has this dual idea of stopping and also of joying in God
and our lives in his world.

The Sabbath is an entire day set aside to follow God's example,
to stop and delight.'

John Mark Comer - The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

'To walk with Jesus is to walk with a slow, unhurried pace.

Hurry is the death of prayer and only impedes and spoils our work. It never advances it.'

John Mark Comer - The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

"Learn the unforced rhythms of grace."

John Mark Comer - The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry