



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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XVI Sunday in OT, 19 July 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!

Today's readings reveal the patience and mercy of God. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom presents God not as harsh or eager to punish, but as

compassionate, just, and always ready to forgive, giving sinners the opportunity to repent. In the second reading, St Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit strengthens us in our weakness, praying within us when we cannot find the words ourselves. This encourages us to be patient with our own struggles and with the weaknesses of others. In the Gospel, Jesus' Parable of the wheat and the weeds teaches that good and evil will coexist until the final harvest. Rather than uprooting the weeds immediately, the landowner waits, allowing time for growth and possible transformation. Likewise, God patiently delays judgment, offering sinners every chance to return to Him. Jesus invites us to imitate this divine patience, resisting quick condemnation and instead showing mercy, hope, and trust in God's timing and justice.

Collections last week

Loose £159.49
GA (ch) £ 50.00
Env NGA £ 20.00
Env GA £ 10.00
Stella Maris £ 262.20

Mass Schedule during the week

20 July Mon: 10am Mass
21 July Tue: **No mass**
22 July Wed: **10am School Mass**
23 July Thurs: **9 am Mass (please note the change of timing of mass)**
24 July Fri: 10am Mass

Baptism

We warmly welcome Benoît Thivet into the family of God as he is baptised on Saturday, 18th July. Our heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes to his parents, godparents, and all his close and extended family. May God bless Benoit with a lifetime of faith, hope, love, and joy.

Baptism

We warmly welcome Damian Ezra Vispo into the family of God as he is baptised on Saturday, 25th July. Our congratulations and prayerful best wishes to his parents, godparents, and all his close and extended family. May God bless Damian with a lifetime of faith, love, and joy.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

The whole school will be celebrating Mass in church on Wednesday 22nd July at 10am.

This is to celebrate and give thanks as Year 6 pupils leave St Joseph's to begin their secondary education. It also marks the end of the summer term. We wish Y6 pupils every happiness as they move to a new chapter in their education.

We also give thanks to Mr. Morrell, the recently appointed headteacher and all the staff as they begin a thoroughly well deserved rest over the summer break.

Parents of pupils and parishioners are warmly invited as usual to celebrate Mass with the children and enjoy the beautiful ways they take part in and celebrate this end of year Mass.

School Mass to celebrate the start of the Autumn term is on Thursday 10th September at 10am in church.

Parish Garden Party

We are delighted to invite you to our Parish Garden Party **on Sunday, July 26th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass**. This wonderful event will be held in the back garden of the church and is a fantastic opportunity for our parish community to come together.

Children, young families, and youth are especially welcome to join in the fellowship. As in previous years, we encourage those of you who can and are happy to bring your appetites and a favourite finger food to share! Bring them directly to the garden on the day of the party.

Drinks will be provided by the parish.

We also take this occasion to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ann, who wonderfully and faithfully looks after our garden all year long. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing a delightful time together!

To help us plan accordingly, please use the sign-up buttons below, including your children.

Garden Party	Sign Up
Bringing finger food	
Count me in	

Vacancies

The Newman Catholic Educational Trust

Finance Officer vacancy

[Trust Finance Officer at The Cardinal Newman Catholic Educational Trust, Bristol, Bristol | MyNewTerm](#)

Closing Date: Friday, 17th July 2026 at midday

Trust Senior Finance Manager vacancy for 2026/27

[Senior Trust Finance Manager at The Cardinal Newman Catholic Educational Trust, Bristol, Bristol | MyNewTerm](#)

Closing Date: Friday, 17th July 2026 at midday

Trust Governance Clerk

[NCET Governance Clerk Advert June 2026](#)

N6 NCET Trust Job Description Clerk N6 (BG8) FINAL 2026

St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School, Bristol

Foundation Governor

[Foundation Governor Vacancy](#)

Confirmation 2027

We are pleased to announce that our next Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, 20 May 2027. It will be three years since our last Confirmation, and we expect to have a good number of candidates. We are delighted that Bishop Bosco has kindly agreed to come to St Aldhelm's to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Gillie and Annette will once again be leading the preparation programme and will be delighted to accompany the candidates and the family on their journey of faith. We are now inviting applications from young people born on or before 31 August 2013.

If you know of someone who may not have seen this notice, please do pass it on and encourage them to get in touch.

Please register by 30 September 2026, using the sign up feature below. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Annette at annettebed50@gmail.com.

Confirmation May 2027

Sign Up

St Francis pilgrim walk

This year marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi and Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Year to commemorate this. Saturday 3 October 2026 is exactly 800 years since St Francis died, and the day before his feast day. To mark this a walking pilgrimage is planned in the Diocese of Clifton with two legs:

The *Bristol leg* will start at Clifton Cathedral at 10.30am (9.4 miles).

The *Clevedon leg* will start at the Franciscan church of the Immaculate Conception in Clevedon at 1pm (6.4 miles).

The two legs will convene at around 4.30pm at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea for refreshments and prayer. Those who wish can stay for the 6pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Francis.

For more details and to register see: pilgrimways.org.uk/a-f

Masses Requested

18 July Sat 6.30pm: For the intentions of Gregory and Fabienne Fauvarque (offered by the choir and livestreaming team)

19 July Sun 8.30am: For the intention of Kieron and his mother Bridget (offered by Mary Lillis)

19 July Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

20 July Mon 10am: As thanksgiving for Benoit Baptism (offered by Mary Lillis)

Wisdom from Saints

Trust in divine providence is the firm, lively faith that God can and will help us. It is obvious that he can help us, since he is all-powerful. It is certain that he will help us, because he promised it in many passages of Sacred Scripture and keeps all his promises faithfully. ST. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon
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