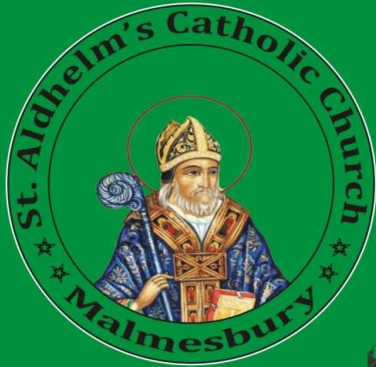


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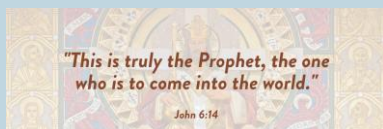
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Rosary prayers

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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



Reflections for
the Mysteries of
The Rosary
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here, just new friends you have not yet met!

Readings this Sunday

Jeremiah, consumed by God's word, boldly told the king to surrender to Babylon to save Israel. Fearing his nobles, the king silenced him, leading to Jeremiah's imprisonment in a muddy cistern and Jerusalem's destruction. The Psalm refrain, "Lord! Come to my aid!" echoes his plea. Paul urges Judeo-Christians to stand firm in faith despite rejection. In the Gospel Jesus proclaims a word that divides, even within families. The fire he brings is love and hope, yet it disrupts and challenges, healing what is broken and cleansing what is corrupted. This curative pain is needed for God's true peace. Following Jesus demands a choice—embracing his baptism and mission despite division or opposition—because only through this costly discipleship can the real shalom of God be established.

Please note Mass on 21st August Thursday will be at 9am.

Tony Lux RIP

Please keep Anne Cook's brother, Tony Lux, in your prayers, who has recently passed away. We remember him with love and commend him to God's mercy. We also hold Anne, Mike, and the family in our prayers at this difficult time, asking the Lord to grant them comfort, strength, and peace. A Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. For those who may wish to write to Anne and Mike, their address is: 36 Magdalen Road, Tetbury, GL8 8LG.

More good news!

Gabrielle just had a phone call from Mary at Community First on 13th August to let us know that Crapper and Sons (landfill) have kindly awarded us £10,000 towards our parish projects. As with the Hills Contract, we will need to return £1,000. We don't have the paperwork yet, but that should arrive within a week or so. A big thank you to Gabrielle and the grant committee for all their hard work in making this possible, your efforts are truly appreciated!

Our grateful thanks to Anna and David for so kindly hosting today's coffee morning. We are also grateful to all who prepared and brought the delicious cakes. It was a joy to

welcome the Sisters of St Joseph, who were delighted to join us and to share in a little of our parish life. They send their warmest good wishes to us all.

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

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

Mission Masses in the Clifton Diocese

During this Jubilee year of Hope, Missio will be celebrating three Mission Masses in our diocese. The main diocesan celebration will be Mass with Bishop Bosco at 7pm on Tuesday 16 September at Holy Family Catholic Church, Southsea Road, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5DP.

Missio volunteers, Red Box supporters and the wider diocesan community are invited to join Bishop Bosco and Fr Anthony Chantry MHM (National Director of Missio England & Wales), along with Mill Hill Missionaries for this special celebration.

Two further Masses have been organised for September. Each Mass will be followed by a time to share our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church.

Tuesday, 9 September 7pm, St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church, Matson Lane, Matson, Gloucester GL4 6DT.

Thursday, 18 September 7pm, St Catharine's Catholic Church, Park Road, Frome, Somerset BA11 1EU.

If you'd like any more information or if you could help in any way at one of the Masses, please email redbox@missio.org.uk To find out more about the work of Missio visit: missio.org.uk

Masses Requested:

16 Aug Sat 6.30pm: *Missa pro populo*

17 Aug Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the soul of Fr Martin Griffin RIP (offered by Caroline Parkinson)

17 Aug Sun 10am: For the repose of the soul of Dominic Joseph Parkinson RIP (offered by Caroline Parkinson)

18 Aug Mon 10am: For the intentions of Fr Jude Iroh MSP (offered by Lillis family)

21 Aug Thurs 9am: For the repose of the soul of Michael T Darby RIP (offered by Kate Darby)

22nd Aug Fri: For the repose of the soul of Fr George O'Sullivan RIP (offered by Caroline Parkinson)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"To live, grow, and persevere in the faith until the end, we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be 'working through charity,' abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 162)

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.

Humility

“True humility consists
in our being satisfied
with what is given us.”
St Teresa of Avila

“The pain of genuine humility doesn't agitate or afflict the soul;
rather, this humility expands it and enables it to serve God more.”
St Teresa of Avila

“When God intends to grant a man any particular virtue,
it is his way to let him be tempted to the opposite vice.”
St Philip Neri

The Lord said: ‘Look at the earthworm.
The more it burrows into the earth, the safer it is!
For the worm, the earth is its warmth when ice comes;
When it is sunny, the earth is its coolness.’
St Mariam of Jesus Crucified

‘All things are now reversed: The castle is the cave,
The crib becomes the throne, the night brings forth the day
The Virgin bears a Child; Reflect, O Man, and say
That heart and mind must be reversed in every way.’
Angelus Silesius

O haughty Christians, wretched sluggish souls,
All you whose inner vision is diseased,
Putting your trust in things that pull you back,

Do you not understand that we are worms,
Each born to form the angelic butterfly
That flies defenceless to the Final Judge?
Dante, Purgatorio Canto X

‘Blessed are those who know their need of God.’
Matthew 5.3

‘To be humble
is to walk in truth.’
St Teresa of Avila

‘As long as you're humble
you'll be happy.’
St Therese

'The first Beatitude is 'the source of all the others,
containing as it does them all as a seed contains a plant.'

Jacques Philippe

'Nothing sticks to my hands.'

St Therese

The world (to my great happiness)

Has had forever my farewells

Raised up above myself, I've...yes

God's my support and nothing else.

That which I value, I extol

What being near to Him has taught

Is this: to see and feel my soul

Supported but with no support.

St Therese

'There is no joy comparable to that which the truly poor in spirit experience.'

St Therese

'When the Lord delivered (shuv) Sion from bondage'

Psalms 126.1

'As Abba Macarius was returning to his cell from the marsh carrying palm-leaves, the devil met him with a sharp sickle and would have struck him but he could not. He cried out, "Great is the violence I suffer from you, Macarius, for when I want to hurt you, I cannot. But whatever you do, I do and more also. You fast now and then, but I am never refreshed by any food; you often keep vigil, but I never fall asleep. Only in one thing are you better than I am and I acknowledge that." Macarius said to him, "What is that?" and he replied, "It is because of your humility alone that I cannot overcome you."

Sayings of the Desert Fathers