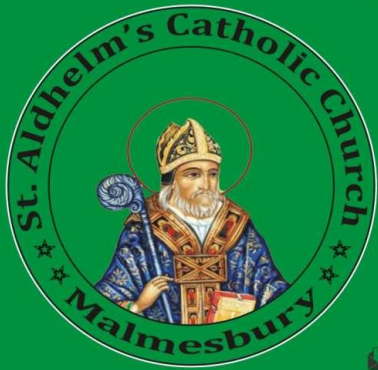


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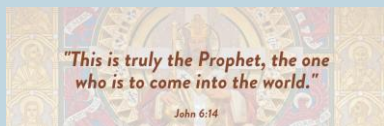
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Wednesday Word

www.wednesdayword.org

St Joseph's School Website

[st-josephs-malmesbury.](http://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.



[Rosary prayers Oct24.docx](#)



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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!

Readings this Sunday

Today's readings highlight the call to humility. Sirach teaches that humility wins God's favour and people's love. Hebrews contrasts the fearsome majesty of God revealed in the Old Covenant with the gentleness of Christ, who humbled Himself by taking flesh and enduring the shame of the Cross. We are urged to imitate Jesus in His humility. In the Gospel, Jesus illustrates humility with table etiquette, advising guests to choose the lowest place so that the host may honour them. His teaching goes beyond social wisdom: it is a challenge to value and honour those whom others overlook. By practicing humility in our dealings and showing generosity toward those in need, we open ourselves to God's blessing. Humility is not weakness but strength, drawing us closer to Christ and to the Kingdom where the lowly are exalted.

Collection Figures

Money counted this week

Loose	£214.50
Env NGA	£ 30.06
Env GA	£ 20.00
Repository	£ 9.00
Tiles	£225.00

A note about parish hall build

During the build you are asked not to interfere with any of the builders fencing or equipment. In addition, please do not communicate directly with the builders or Mr. Nurden. If you have any urgent items that need to be communicated to them, please call Terry Fox or Brian Cuming. Day to day the build is controlled by our architect.

Formation Day for singing and music in liturgy

Holy Rood parish in Swindon have invited Jo Boyce with CJM Music to lead a formation day on all things to do with singing and music in mass and the liturgy. Jo is an extremely experienced musician and liturgist who works full time in church ministry. We'd like to extend the welcome to those of you involved in parish music ministry and music at mass in schools.

Date: Saturday 4th October 2025

Time: 11- 5ish

Venue: Holy Rood Primary School, Upham Road, Swindon SN3

For more details or to register, please contact Marguerite 07505 368
218/laudatemusicgroup@gmail.com

Catholic Association/Clifton Pilgrimage Lourdes

Please remember in your prayers those pilgrims representing our parish and diocese, who have joined many others from the UK on the Catholic Association's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. Do join them through this link : Catholic Association — Virtual Pilgrimage 2025

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage next year, or know someone who may well benefit from the opportunity, do contact with Christopher Page on 07748 643 738

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.

Bishop Bosco gives inspiring talk in Lourdes: Nolite Timere in the Jubilee of Hope

During the Catholic Association and the Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week, Bishop Bosco MacDonald offered a moving and engaging reflection to pilgrims entitled *Nolite Timere – in the Jubilee of Hope*.

Speaking with warmth, honesty, and humour, he looked back on his first year as bishop, reflecting on how he has sought to live out his episcopal motto *Nolite timere* – “Do not be afraid.”

Bishop Bosco began by drawing on a scene from the film *Apocalypto*, in which two groups meet in the jungle: captives on their way to slavery and refugees broken by war. Their silence expresses how fear drains life and robs people of hope. In the same film, a father tells his son: “Fear is a sickness. Strike it from your heart.” The bishop linked this to the words of Jesus in Matthew 14:27: “*Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.*”

<https://cliftondiocese.com/news/bishop-bosco-gives-inspiring-talk-in-lourdes-nolite-timere-in-the-jubilee-of-hope/>

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](#)

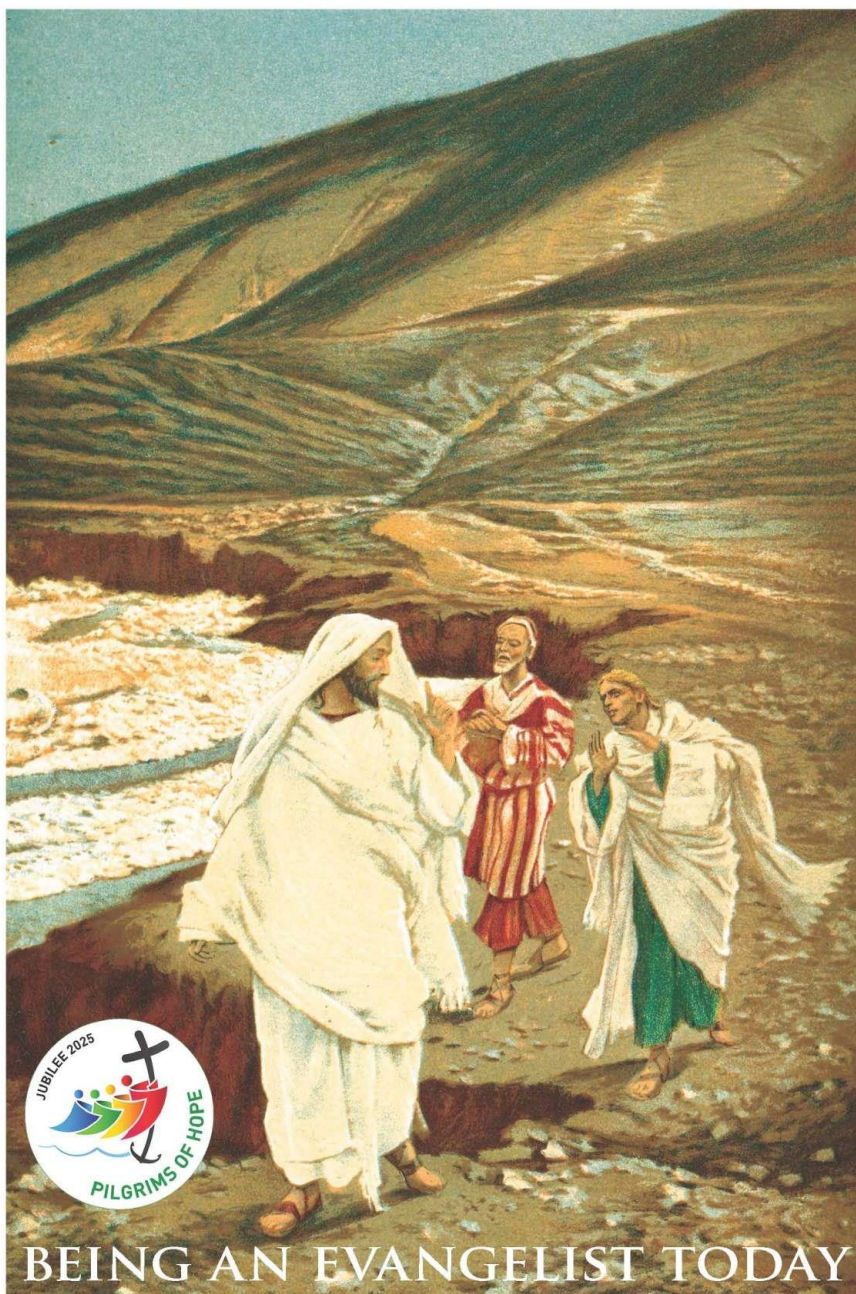
DEPARTMENT FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION



A FUTURE full of

HOPE

FORMATION DAY



BEING AN EVANGELIST TODAY

THE TOOLS REQUIRED TO BE A JOYFUL WITNESS OF JESUS

Our annual Formation Day will take place on **11 October** at **St. Brendan's College, Brislington**, with Mgr John Armitage (Parish Priest, Former Rector of the National Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom) as our keynote speaker. He will be reflecting on the theme of **'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'**.

In addition, there will be several workshop options for you to attend. You may choose two workshops when booking your ticket. Please bring a packed lunch for the day.

You can register on the Clifton Diocesan website (latest news) or on the Eventbrite link:

diocesanformationday.eventbrite.co.uk



Temporary Road Closure Order Town Police Clauses Act 1847

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, which section gives Wiltshire Council ("the Council") the power to make an Order for roads within its administrative area to be closed temporarily to all vehicular traffic (and for alternative routes to be observed) for the purposes of preventing obstruction.

The Council HEREBY ORDERS

On: **Saturday 30th August 2025** between the hours of **16.00** and **20.00**

Purpose: **Malmesbury Carnival Procession**

That the following roads and streets in the town of **Malmesbury** are to be closed (save in any case of emergency) to all vehicular traffic at the approximate times set out below:

Between the hours of **16.00** and **20.00**:

- a) **Park Road (Part)**; from its junction with Old Alexander Road to its junction with Gloucester Road;

Between the hours of **17.00** and **20.00**:

- b) **Gloucester Road (Part)**; from its junction with Old Station Mews to its junction with The Triangle;
- c) **The Triangle (Part)**; from its junction with Gloucester Road to its junction with Abbey Row;
- d) **Abbey Row**; from its junction with The Triangle to its junction with Gloucester Street;
- e) **Gloucester Street**; from its junction with Abbey Row to its junction with Oxford Street;
- f) **Oxford Street (Part)**; from its junction with Gloucester Street to its junction with Cross Hayes Lane;
- g) **Market Cross**; from its junction with Oxford Street for its entire length;
- h) **Cross Hayes Lane**; from its junction with Oxford Street to its junction with St. Dennis Road;
- i) **St. Dennis Road**; from its junction with Cross Hayes Lane to its junction with High Street;
- j) **High Street (Part)**; from its junction with St. Dennis Road to its junction with Oxford Street.

Nothing in this Order shall prevent vehicles from proceeding in the said lengths of roads when being used in connection with the event stated above.

This Order is made the 4th day of July 2025



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Signed by
SAMANTHA HOWELL
Director Highways and Transport

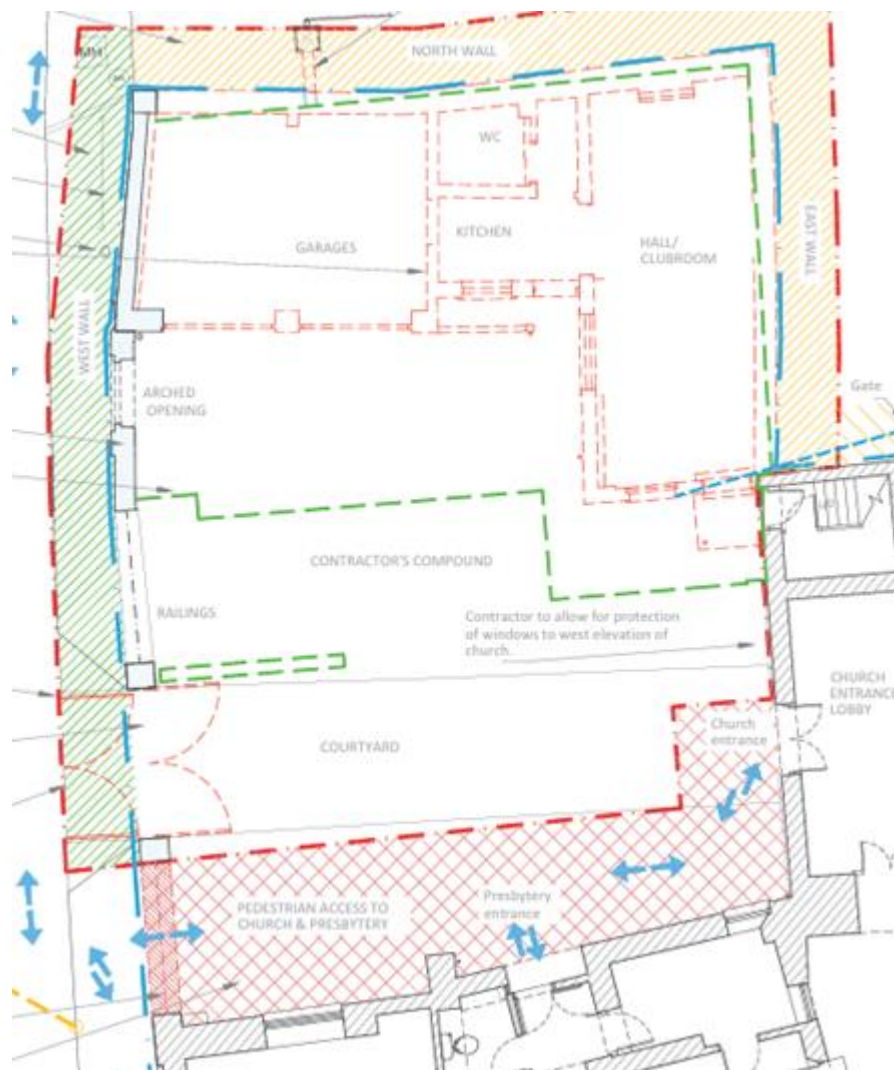
IMPORTANT: It is an offence to wilfully breach the terms of this order and anyone committing such an offence shall be liable on summary conviction in the Magistrates' Court to a penalty not exceeding £1,000.

We are pleased to report that good progress has been made with our parish hall project, and we have met the conditions from the diocese to allow us to start the build. We have resolved the VAT issue with HMRC. Raised sufficient funds to make a start and agreed a firm price with the contractor.

Yesterday the 20th of August we have had formal approval to proceed. We still need £40,000 so we will continue to fundraise through events, our applications to donors and grant giving bodies. We will also continue to [sell tiles for the roof](#).

It is planned to start the build on the 1st September. We will at that stage lose the use of the clubroom and garages. Access to the choir loft will also not be available during the build.

We will lose most of the courtyard to the contractor during the build. Our access to the church will be via a path cut down adjacent to the presbytery shown crosshatched in red on the diagram below. The church will be open as usual. In addition we must be prepared dust and the noise in the courtyard.



Masses Requested:

30 August Sat 6.30pm: Private Intention (Deacon Steve)

31 August Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the souls of Justin Douglas and Yasmin Renton RIP (offered by their family)

31 August Sun 10am: Missa pro Populo

1 Sep Mon: For the repose of the soul of Marie-Josette Cools Lartigue RIP (offered by Kitty Wiles)

4 Sep thurs: For the intentions of Jean Hynes as it would have been Jack and Jean's 71st Wedding anniversary

5 Sept Fri: For the intention and good health of Michael Lee (offered by Lillis family)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"Faith is a grace. When St. Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus declares to him that this revelation did not come from 'flesh and blood,' but from 'my Father who is in heaven.' Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 153*)

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.

CONVERSION

'If you die before you die
Then when you die, you will not die.'
St Paul's Monastery, Mount Athos

'If a man, while still alive can undergo death through his labours,
then in his entirety he becomes the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit;
for such a man, before he has died, has already risen from the dead.'
St Diadochus of Photike

'While we are still in this world, let us always be learning to repent.'
2nd Clement

'Without temptation no one can be saved.'
St Anthony of Egypt

'God was able to extricate me from the narrow circle in which I was turning
without knowing how to get out.'
St Therese

'We know that the word "conversion" indicates a change of direction.
In the Gospels, the figure of Mary Magdalene stands out above all others for this.
One enters the new world by converting more than once.
Our journey is a constant invitation to change perspective.
The Risen One takes us into His world, step by step...'
Pope Francis

Repent = Turn/Re-turn

'By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'
Genesis 3.19

'He restores my soul.' *Psalms 23.3*

'Return to your rest, O my soul.' *Psalms 116.7*

'God of hosts, bring us back.' *Psalms 79.80*

'Return, O Lord and rescue my soul.' *Psalms 6.4.*

'Return to me and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts' *Zechariah 1.3*

'Convert us, O Lord, to thee
and we shall be converted.'
Lamentations 5.

'It is necessary that we return to the Holy Spirit
so that the Holy Spirit may return to us.'
St Elena Guerra

'Are we all dust?
What a beautiful thing dust is though.
What pride I have in this divine old dust.'
G K Chesterton

'My God, grant me the conversion of my parish.
I am willing to suffer all my life.
I am prepared to endure the sharpest pains even for a hundred years.
Only let my people be converted.'
St John Vianney

'When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ saint 'repent'
he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance.'
Martin Luther

'This entails a continuous journey of conversion. Formators must not forget that they themselves are on a journey of permanent evangelical conversion. At the same time, missionaries must not forget that they are always the first recipients of the Gospel, the first to be evangelized. This means that we are constantly to work on ourselves. A concerted effort is needed to look into our hearts in order to see the shadows and wounds that mark us, and then to have the courage to abandon our masks and cultivate an intimate friendship with Christ.' *Pope Leo*

Needing the Spirit

'All of us here on earth need the Holy Spirit.
Innocent people need Him in order not to sin;
sinners need Him in order to be converted
and the just, in order to obtain perseverance.
The ignorant need Him because He is the light of hearts;
the weak need Him because He is the divine strength;
the afflicted need Him because He is the best comforter;
the outcasts need Him because He is the sweet Guest of souls;
the poor need Him because He is the Gift of Almighty God,
those who are lukewarm need Him because He is fire;
those who are arid because He is a living fountain;
the wanderer because He is the guide
who makes us avoid every evil path.
And you, do you not feel the need,
the great need of the Holy Spirit?'

St Elena Guerra

Current Month Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
469	412	278 hrs	169	93	144	63
Viewers by Country (14 countries)						
united kingdom: 332						
ireland: 35						
united states: 19						
slovakia (slovak republic): 9						
indonesia: 4						
france: 3						
singapore: 2						
portugal: 2						
italy: 1						
germany: 1						
russian federation: 1						
spain: 1						
thailand: 1						
poland: 1						

Current Year Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
7,393	5,662	4,352 hrs	2,409	1,507	2,423	1,054
Viewers by Country (51 countries)						
united kingdom: 4,500						
ireland: 478						
united states: 260						
slovakia (slovak republic): 63						
france: 54						
denmark: 44						
philippines: 32						
spain: 32						
italy: 23						
south africa: 23						
australia: 15						
germany: 12						
indonesia: 9						
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