



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

Father Thomas Kulandaisamy, MSFS
Deacon Steve Boughton
Deacon Rémi Thivet

XXIV Sunday in OT, 13 Sep 2026

Live Webcam Link for all our Masses

churchservices.tv/malm

To Make your Weekly Contribution Online

<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.k

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!

The readings today remind us that Christian love includes the responsibility to guide one another towards holiness. In the first reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman,

warning that he will be accountable if he fails to speak God's word and call the wicked to conversion. St Paul teaches that our correction of others must always arise from genuine love, because true love seeks the good and salvation of the person. In the Gospel, Jesus gives a practical path for correcting a brother or sister who has sinned: begin with a personal and loving conversation; if this fails, involve one or two others, and eventually the Church. Such correction is not about condemnation or punishment, but about reconciliation, restoration and the good of the community. Finally, Jesus reminds us of the power of communal prayer, assuring us that where two or three gather in his name, he is present among them.

Please note we will have our Filipino mass on Sat 6.30pm, 12th of Sep.

Collections this week

Loose	£162.00
Env NGA	£ 26.55
Env GA	£ 60.00

SECOND COLLECTION, 20TH SEPTEMBER, HOME MISSION SUNDAY

On Home Mission Sunday we pray for the work of evangelisation in our countries and reflect on our response to the Lord's invitation to share our faith. Parishes are invited to have a second collection for the work of the Home Mission desk of the Catholic Bishops' Conference which exists to support evangelisation nationally. The staff advise dioceses, parishes, movements, and Catholic organisations and offer a range of resources.

Inauguration of the New Parish Hall – Save the Dates!

With our new Parish Hall progressing well, we are delighted to announce two important dates for your diary: Friday, 23 October, 6pm – Official Opening and Inaugural Mass, officiated by and in the presence of Bishop Bosco MacDonald and Fr Johnson Kallidukul, the Superior General of the MSFS.

Friday, 30 October, 6pm – An Evening of Thanksgiving and Appreciation, when we will acknowledge and thank our Hall Committee, donors, benefactors, volunteers, and everyone whose generosity and support have made this wonderful project possible.

We look forward to celebrating these special milestones together as a parish family.

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
Confirmation May 2027	

FHC Preparation

We are delighted to share with you the details of our First Holy Communion Preparation Programme for next year. Please see the attached poster for full information.

May we also kindly ask you to share this information with anyone who may not receive this message directly? Please help spread the word so that all parents, carers and children are made aware of the programme and have the opportunity to apply.

To apply, kindly complete the application/parental consent form using the link below:

forms.cloud.microsoft/



FIRST *Holy Communion*

PROGRAMME

Preparation sessions start:

7th October 2026

up until 27th June 2027.

The sessions will take place
after Sunday 10am Mass.

First session,
parents/carers only:

7.30pm to 9pm

Wednesday 7th October 2026.

The start date for FHC children
and parent sessions is

Sunday 11th October 2026,

after 10am Mass, in church.

Our First Holy Communion
celebration

will take place on

27th June 2027 (Sunday)

at the 10am Mass.

Sessions include:

1. First Reconciliation preparation
2. Altar Serving formation/training

Applications are now warmly invited from parents and carers
of children in **Year 3** turning **8 years or older** from **September 2026.**

Kindly submit your form by **30th September 2026.**

Children and parent/carer combined sessions
twice monthly from Sunday.

For further information contact:
maryt.lillis17@outlook.com

Line Dancing Evening

We are looking forward to a relaxed and enjoyable evening of line dancing in support of our Parish Hall project. Please see the poster below for all the details.

Friday 18 September, 7pm
Malmesbury Town Hall
Tickets are £15, including a Ploughman’s Supper.

No previous experience is needed, as Sean will guide us through the dances. There will also be a bar and raffle, with a prize for the best-dressed cowboy or cowgirl.
If you would like to come, please sign up using the button below, so that we have an idea of numbers for catering.

Line Dancing	Sign Up
18 Sep Fri 7pm	

ST ALDHELM'S FUNDRAISING TEAM PRESENT

LINE DANCING



MALMESBURY TOWN HALL, FRI, 18 SEPT, 7 PM
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. OUR INSTRUCTOR IS SEAN

*Bring your friends & family for an evening
of good food, great music & community spirit
— all while supporting a fantastic cause*

TICKETS £15 - WITH PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER
BAR AND RAFFLE. PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED COWHAND

GABRIELLE, 01666 838 391

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Volunteers to be Hall Managers

As you're aware, we are approaching the inauguration of the parish hall on 23rd Oct. We are looking for a volunteer, or perhaps two people, or perhaps even more who could share the role, to act as the first point of contact for the Hall. Hopefully, this wouldn't be an onerous role, but it would be a tremendous help to the parish.

Ideally, the volunteer would be a Malmesbury resident, and the Hall's dedicated phone line can be forwarded whenever required. The volunteers' main role will be to open and lock the hall when functions take place. Where possible, this may simply involve opening the hall, welcoming the hirers, and showing them around. They will not necessarily need to remain at the hall for the entire duration of the function. For closing, the hirers can be instructed on the simple procedure for locking the hall and placing the keys in a designated box provided for this purpose. We are aiming to make the opening and locking arrangements as simple, straightforward, and user-friendly as possible.

We have got someone already to manage the bookings, and also we have got volunteers to deal with any mechanical or electrical issues, and the Hall will be cleaned periodically by a professional cleaning company.

If you think you may be able to help, we would be delighted to hear from you. And if not, perhaps cast a discreet glance around at those sitting near you at Mass, you may know someone who would be ideal! Thank you for considering how you might help us ensure that our new Hall becomes a welcoming home for our parish and the wider community.

Volunteers for Parish Hall	Sign Up
Volunteers for parish hall	

Sign up for our Hall Celebrations

We are delighted that our new Parish Hall is progressing well, and we invite everyone to join us for these two important celebrations. We have arranged two celebrations so that we can truly honour the importance of this occasion, and thank everyone properly. There will be refreshments on both the days

Friday, 23 October, 6.00pm – Official Opening and Inauguration Mass
with Bishop Bosco MacDonald and Fr Johnson Kallidukil, Superior General of the MSF3.

Friday, 30 October, 6.00pm – Evening of Thanksgiving and Appreciation
An evening to thank and acknowledge all who have contributed to this wonderful project — our Hall Committee, donors, benefactors, volunteers, builders, architects, organist organisations, and many others.

Both celebrations are equally important, and everyone is warmly welcome. These are parish celebrations for the whole community.

For catering and seating purposes, please use the sign-up form so that we can prepare well and welcome everyone comfortably. We look forward to celebrating together as one parish family.

Inauguration Mass	Sign Up
23 Oct Fri 6pm	

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

“This bill is wrong in principle,” says Archbishop Richard Dooley, President of the Bishops’ Conference, “It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading.”

You can support the Archbishop’s call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.

For more information and resources, visit:

cbcew.org.uk/opposing-
righttolife.org.uk/Sep

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

UNITE IN PRAYER AND COMPASSIONATE ACTION

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. This would undermine the **sanctity** and **dignity** of human life.

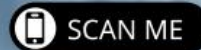
We are against this Bill in principle and it remains deeply flawed and dangerous in practice.

**There will be a vote on
Friday, 11 September
2026 – please
contact your MP
asap.**

Act Now!

Use your smartphone camera to scan the **QR code** to visit the Bishops' Conference website.

There you will find resources to help you **contact your MP**, read the reasons why we oppose assisted suicide, explore FAQs, and more.



Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BX

Mass Schedule and Intentions

12 Sep Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the souls of Peggy and Jim Westman RIP (offered by Susan Westman)

13 Sep Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo

13 Sep Sun 10am: for the repose of the soul of Joe Forbes RIP

14 Sep Mon 10am: For the intention of Jacqui Kinzel (offered by Sheila Stephens)

15 Sep Tue: *No Mass*

16 Sep Wed: *No Mass*

17 Sep Thurs: Mass

18 Sep Fri: Mass

Wisdom from Saints

All creatures on earth feel as we do. All creatures strive for happiness as we do. All creatures on earth love, suffer, and die as we do, and therefore they are equally with us works of the almighty Creator—our brethren. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

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

Vocation Retreat Day

Explore, Learn, Reflect

Saturday 26th September | 10am-4.30pm | St Mary on the Quay

Join us for a retreat for **men and women** exploring life's biggest question:
what is God calling you to?

Hear how others found their calling in married life, religious life, and the diaconate, whether you're searching, settled, or simply curious.

SPEAKERS



Mauro & Janet

Married couple building a ministry, Founders of Come & See Catholic



Sr. Ann Swailes

Dominican Prioress and Cambridge theology doctorate



Deacon Rob Hawrylak

After a near-fatal crash, he found his true calling



Sr. Ernestine Kou

Missionary Sister for 25 years, first Indonesian SSPS Sister in England

Also joining us: Father Eamonn Donnelly SVD, missionary priest for 50+ years.

Scan To Book Ticket



Early Bird Ticket

£10

includes lunch and refreshments

*before 12th Sept, £15 from then until
sales close on 20th Sept*

For enquiries, please contact bristolcatholicwomen@gmail.com

Organised by Bristol Catholic Women and Bristol Catholic Men,
in partnership with the **National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW)**





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Dear Parishioners

Education Sunday (13th September 2026) gives us an opportunity to give thanks for the remarkable gift of Catholic education and for all those who help sustain it.

Across our Diocese, thousands of children and young people are educated each day in our Catholic schools and colleges. There they are encouraged not only to achieve academically, but to grow in faith, compassion, wisdom and hope. In a world that can often feel uncertain, noisy and fragmented, our schools remain places where young people are reminded of something very precious: that they are known, loved and called by God. As the prophet Isaiah writes: "I have called you by your name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1).

The Catholic schools of our Diocese did not appear by accident. Many were built through the sacrifice and generosity of earlier generations who believed that handing on the faith to children was worth every effort. Some gave money they could scarcely afford. Others gave time, labour and extraordinary dedication. Today, we are the custodians of that inheritance, and we have a responsibility to hand it on with faith and courage.

In the Scriptures, again and again, God entrusts his people with the task of teaching the young. The Book of Deuteronomy tells us: "Keep these words in your heart... teach them to your children" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Catholic education has always been part of that great mission of handing on faith, wisdom and hope from one generation to the next.

One of the unsung strengths of Catholic education has always been the generosity of ordinary Catholics who step forward to serve as Foundation Governors and Foundation Directors. Their work is often quiet, but it is deeply important. They help ensure that our schools remain faithful to their Catholic mission and identity, while supporting headteachers, staff and pupils with wisdom, encouragement and practical oversight.

Last year, many people across the Diocese responded generously to this appeal, and I want to express my sincere gratitude for that. Yet there remains a continuing need for new Governors and Directors in a number of our schools and Trusts.

So I would like once again to invite practising Catholics aged 18 or over to consider whether this service might be something God is asking of them at this time.

You do not need to be an expert in education, finance or law. Schools need people with generosity, common sense, faith, reliability and a willingness to serve. Full training and support are provided, and the time commitment is manageable for most people.

At the heart of Catholic education is the conviction that every child is made in the image and likeness of God. Our schools are places where young people are helped to discover not only what they will do in life, but who they are called to become. They are communities where faith is lived, prayer is learned, character is formed and the Gospel is quietly made visible in daily life.

The role of Foundation Governor or Director is therefore much more than committee work or administration. It is a genuine sharing in the mission of the Church. It is one of the ways lay Catholics help shape the future of our communities, our schools and our society.

As St John Henry Newman wrote:

“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.”

For some people, that service may include helping to guide and sustain one of our Catholic schools or colleges. Perhaps this is a moment to ask, in prayer, whether that might be true for you.

If you feel you may be able to help, or if you would simply like to find out more, please visit: schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance. You can also contact Bill McEntee, our Governance Officer, bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5599 / 0771 009 4976.

Please keep our schools, staff, governors, directors and pupils in your prayers, especially at the beginning of this new academic year. May the Lord bless all those who teach, serve, lead and learn in our Catholic schools, and may they continue to be places where Christ is known, loved and followed.

With my prayers and best wishes



Rt Rev Bosco MacDonald
Bishop of Clifton
September 2026

VISITATION OF THE
NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS) OF
Our Lady of Fatima

AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Bristol BS8 3BX

26 September 2026, Saturday

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| 09:10 | Welcome and Notices |
| 09:15 | Procession of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta Marto |
| 09:30 | Solemn Mass (with Bishop Bosco MacDonald) |
| 10:45 | Veneration of the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta |
| 11:00 | Communal recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary |
| 12:00 | The Angelus then Lunch |
| 13:00 | Docu-film on "Fatima: Message for the World" |
| 13:45 | Talk on the Message of Fatima |
| 14:45 | Break |
| 15:00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation |
| 16:00 | Benediction |
| 16:10 | Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapulars |
| 16:30 | End of day 1 |

27 September 2026, Sunday

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| 07:30 | Holy Mass |
| 08:30 | Veneration of the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta |
| 09:30 | Holy Mass |
| 11:15 | Holy Mass |
| 12:30 | Veneration of the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta |
| 13:00 | End of visit |

For more information, please visit the Cathedral website.



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Contact the World Apostolate of Fatima
Mobile no. 07788473210 (9 am to 5 pm only, Mon to Fri)

