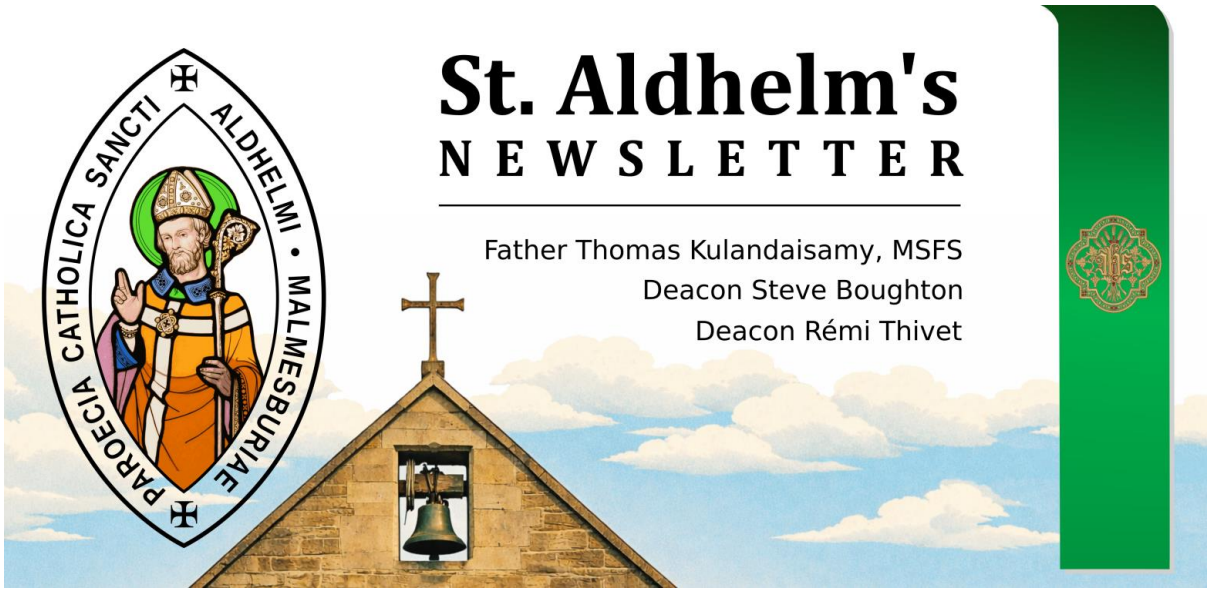


XXIX Sunday in OT, 18 Oct 2026

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!

World Mission Sunday

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as *World Mission Sunday*. This annual observance was instituted 100 years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

SECOND COLLECTION, 18TH OCTOBER, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO)

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works in England and Wales with the Mill Hill Missionary Society. In England and Wales funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church. www.missio.org.uk

Safeguarding Presentation – Sunday 25 October

We are pleased to welcome Janice Pearson, Head of Safeguarding for the Clifton Diocese, who will join us at the 8.30am and 10.00am Masses on Sunday, 25 October. Immediately after the Prayer after Communion, she will give a brief two-minute presentation introducing the diocesan safeguarding team and highlighting the importance of safeguarding within our parish and Diocese. We warmly welcome Janice and thank her for visiting us.

Collections this week

Loose	£134.00
Env NGA	£ 26.00
Env GA	£ 90.00
Parish Hall	£15.00
Repository	£ 1.70

Update on Refreshment Arrangements for 23 October

We just wanted to let you know about a small change to our arrangements for 23 October.

We have been giving quite a bit of thought to how best to manage the evening, especially as we are expecting around 150 people. With the Mass, the need to accommodate some

people in the new hall even during the mass, and everyone naturally wanting to have a look around the hall after the Mass, it could become quite crowded if we also try to serve refreshments there. We had initially thought of using the yard and putting up a marquee, but with the unpredictable weather, that too could be difficult to manage.

After discussing it with those looking after the catering and refreshments, we felt that the simplest and most sensible option would be to hold the refreshments in the Town Hall. Thankfully, despite being only a few days away, the Town Hall was still available, and we have now booked it.

For 30 October, we can still plan to have the refreshments in our own hall, as we expect a smaller gathering and should be able to manage things more easily.

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 MSFS.

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

Thanksgiving Evening Prayer **Sign Up**

30 Oct Fri 6pm

Help a Young Person Attend FLAME 2027

FLAME 2027 is the largest Catholic youth gathering in England and Wales, bringing together thousands of young people for a day of faith, worship, inspiration and encounter with Christ.

The Diocese of Clifton would love to enable as many young people as possible to attend, but we do not want cost to be a barrier. We are therefore inviting parishioners to sponsor a young person or make a donation towards our diocesan FLAME 2027 fund.

Donations can be made via MyDona at Donate to Clifton Diocese. Please quote "FLAME 2027" as your reference.

Every donation will help reduce the cost for young people attending and make this life-changing opportunity accessible to those who might otherwise be unable to go.
To learn more about FLAME 2027, visit FLAME 2027. Thank you for supporting the young people of our Diocese.

Baby Loss Support – Parish Survey

As we approach Baby Loss Awareness Week this October, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is gathering information about the support currently available in parishes and dioceses for families who experience baby loss.
The aim is to understand what spiritual, pastoral and chaplaincy support is currently available and to identify ways in which support for bereaved parents could be strengthened from a Catholic perspective.

The survey is intended for parishes, dioceses, hospital chaplains, and those involved in marriage and family ministry, as well as anyone who supports families experiencing baby loss and grief.

If you have experience of supporting families in this situation, or are aware of support available locally, you are warmly invited to contribute to the survey. One response can represent the work of several individuals or groups.

To take part or find out more, please contact Samantha Ash:
Email: samantha.ash@cbcew.org.uk
Your experience and suggestions will help the Bishops' Conference understand the needs of bereaved families and work towards better support for those who have experienced the loss of a baby.

Baby Loss Existing support FINAL survey CBCEW.docx

Pope Leo XIV appoints Bishop Timothy Menezes as new Bishop of Brentwood

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has today, 10 October, appointed Bishop Timothy Menezes as the new Bishop of Brentwood. Bishop Timothy, until now an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, succeeds Bishop Alan Williams, S.M., whose resignation has been accepted by the Holy Father having turned 75 years old on 15 March 2026.
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-bishop-for-brentwood/



Mass Schedule and Intentions

17 Oct Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of Maria O 'Neill RIP (offered by Sheila Hards)
18 Oct Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo
18 Oct Sun 10am: Private Intention
19 Oct Mon 10am: Mass
20 Oct Tue: *No Mass*
21 Oct Wed: *No Mass*
22 Oct Thurs 10am: Mass
23 Oct Fri: 6pm: Hall Inauguration Mass

Wisdom from Saints

Man is united with all living creatures by his earthly origin, but only through his soul, which God “breathed into” him, is he man. This confers upon him his irreplaceable dignity but also his unique responsibility. CHRISTOPH CARDINAL SCHÖNBORN (b. 1945, Archbishop of Vienna)

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