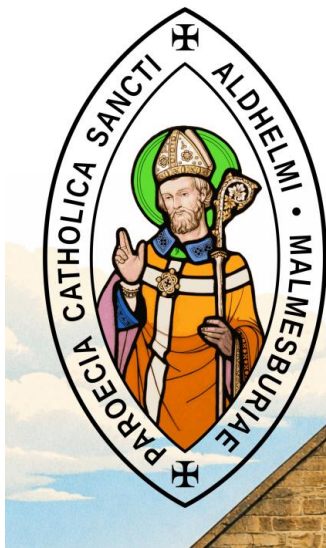




# St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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XXVI Sunday in OT, 27 Sept 2026

Live Webcam Link for all our Masses

[churchservices.tv/malm](https://churchservices.tv/malm)

To Make your Weekly Contribution Online

<https://www.saintaldhelms.com/donate>

New Parish Hall Project

[saintaldhelms.com/new-](https://saintaldhelms.com/new-)

Wednesday Word

[www.wednesdayword.org](https://www.wednesdayword.org)

St Joseph's School Website

[st-josephs-malmesbury.k](https://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!

Today's readings remind us that God is both just and merciful. Ezekiel teaches that we are responsible for our own sins, not those of our ancestors, while the Psalm appeals to God's compassion and forgiveness. In the Gospel, the first son initially refuses his father but later repents and obeys, representing sinners who turn back to God. The second son promises to obey but does not, representing those who reject God's call despite their religious appearance. Jesus teaches us that actions matter more than words. Christ's perfect obedience shows us the way. We are called to say "Yes, Lord" through genuine repentance, obedience, and faithful action.

### **Foundation Governor & Reading Volunteers – St Joseph's Catholic School**

St Joseph's Catholic School is looking for one more Foundation Governor from our parish. If you would be interested in supporting the school and able to give some time to this important role, we would be delighted to hear from you.

The school is also looking for volunteers who may be able to spend some time listening to the children read. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Kirsty Martin at [kirstymartin@sjspschool](mailto:kirstymartin@sjspschool)

**Please note**, our weekday masses this week (28th Sept, 1st Oct and 2nd Oct) will be at 9am.

### **Choir Practice**

There will be a special mass for the inauguration of the hall with Bishop Bosco on 23rd October and also evening prayer on 30th October.

We will sing hymns on both occasions. If anyone would like to join us for the following practices we will be happy to see you.

Thursday 8th October 7.30pm

Wed 14th October 7.30pm

### **Line Dancing Results**

We are delighted to let you know that last Friday's Line Dancing raised an amazing £1,771.64! 🎉 A huge thank you to our wonderful fundraising team for all their hard work and commitment, ably led by Gabrielle. Congratulations to everyone involved, absolutely brilliant! Well done! 🍷🍷

### **Collections this week**

Loose £141.15

Env NGA £ 25.00

Env GA £120.00

Home Missions £ 171.02

Candles £ 180.28

### **Volunteers to be Hall Managers**

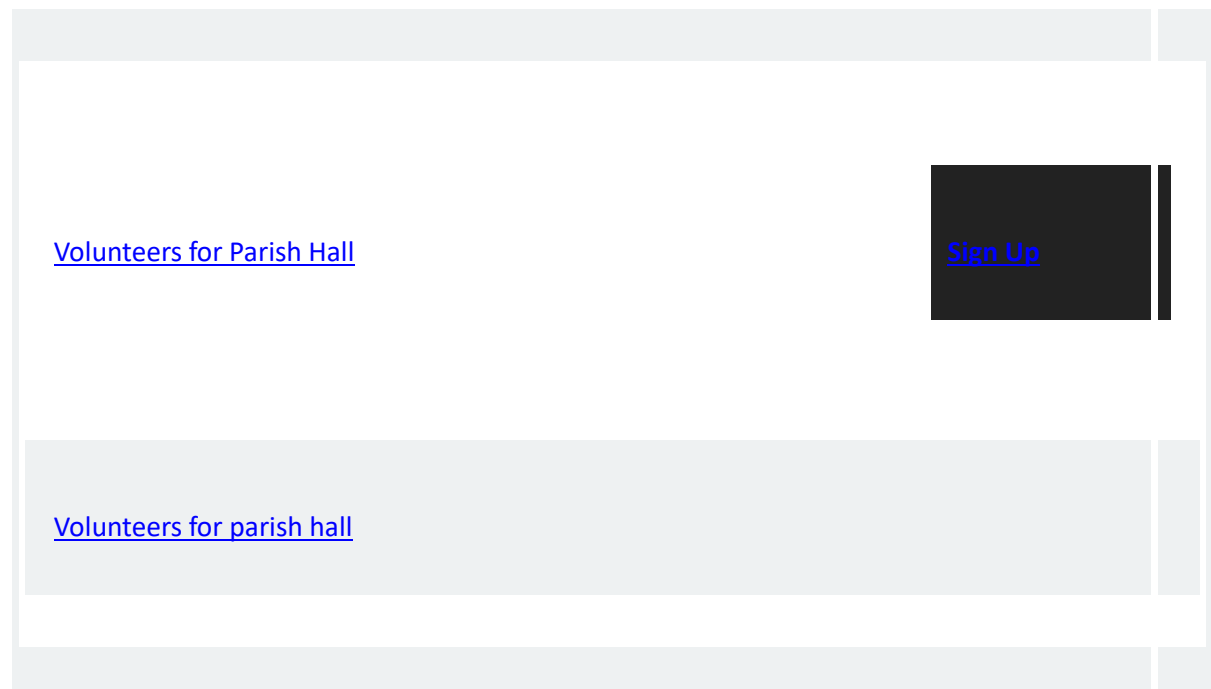
As you're aware, we are approaching the inauguration of the parish hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. We are looking for a volunteer, or perhaps two people, or perhaps even more who could share the role, to act as the first point of contact for the Hall. Hopefully, this wouldn't be an onerous role, but it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



### **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.

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| <a href="#">Inauguration Mass</a> | <a href="#">Sign Up</a> |
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| <a href="#">23 Oct Fri 6pm</a>    |                         |
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| <a href="#">Thanksgiving Evening Prayer</a> | <a href="#">Sign Up</a> |
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| <a href="#">30 Oct Fri 6pm</a>              |                         |
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### **MSFS Mission Appeal**

If you remember, in earlier years we had the tradition of holding a Mission Appeal for the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS). But due to the various commitments as a parish, we couldn't do it for a few years. As you are aware, this parish has, from its very beginning, been entrusted to the pastoral care of the MSFS, founded in Annecy in 1838. We are deeply grateful for the privilege of serving you in this parish and would now like to resume this annual Mission Appeal.

The Mission Appeal supports the missionary work of the MSFS, particularly in Africa, Asia and South America, as well as the formation of future priests. The order today has about 1300+ priests, serving in 35 different countries. As these missions grow and vocations flourish, they can in turn help provide priests to serve the wider Church, including here in England. A second collection will be taken at all Masses on 3rd and 4th October. Every gift, however small, makes a difference, and your prayers for our missionaries and those preparing for priesthood and religious life are equally precious.

If you would prefer to donate by cheque, please make it payable to MISSIONARIES OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES and place it through the presbytery letterbox. Please also complete the donation form provided with the envelopes in the church porch.



[A Brief History of the MSFS and the English Province.docx](#)

# MSFS MISSION APPEAL

## *Who are we?*

We are the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, a missionary congregation founded in Annecy in 1838. We are grateful to serve you in this parish and to share in the life of your community.

## *Where does your support go?*

Our mission fund supports our missionary work, especially in Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Chad, Cameroon, Zambia, Malawi and South Africa, as well as mission needs in Asia and South America.

## *What does your generosity help with?*

It supports our missionaries and, importantly, the formation of young men preparing for the priesthood and religious life. In turn, as these missions grow and are able to support more priests, they can eventually send priests to serve the Church here in England.

## *Can I make a difference?*

Yes! Every gift, however small, helps. By giving, you become part of our missionary work and share in bringing the Gospel to communities around the world. A second collection will be taken for the MSFS Mission Appeal. Donations will be processed through the parish/diocesan accounts in accordance with diocesan procedures.

## *Can I help in another way?*

Absolutely. Your prayers are a precious gift. Please pray for our missionaries and for all those we serve.

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For more information, please speak to your priest in the parish or **Fr Benjamin Sunder**, Provincial Bursar of the MSFS English Province:

**[mbenjo@gmail.com](mailto:mbenjo@gmail.com) / +447587964766**



Friends of Malmesbury Abbey  
*are pleased to present a*

# CHOIR CONCERT

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> October - 7pm  
Malmesbury Abbey  
SN16 0AA

**Dursley Male Voice Choir  
Innsworth Military Wives Choir  
& Tilly Charlton-Hunt - Soloist**

Doors open at 6.30pm  
Concert starts at 7pm

**£18** | Includes a  
glass of prosecco  
(£10 for under 18's)

Tickets available from Malmesbury Abbey  
stewards desk or scan the QR code.

F.O.M.A. are involved in preserving  
and enhancing the fabric,  
ornaments and furnishings  
at Malmesbury Abbey.



**Diaconal Ordination of three new Deacons**

Three new Deacons were Ordained at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 19th September 2026.

Kwame Adoku will be at St John the Baptist in Trowbridge, Michael Wilson-Smith will be at the English Martyrs in Chard and Krzysztof Lus will be at the Polish Church of Our Lady of Ostrobrama.

More details: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/diaconal-ordination-of-three-new-deacons/>

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

26 Sept Sat 6.30pm: for the repose of the soul of Marie-France Nicolas RIP (offered by Frederic and Benedicte Nicolas)

27 Sept Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo

27 Sept Sun 10am: For the repose of the soul of Patrick 'Paddy' Farrell RIP

28 Sept Mon 9am: Mass

29 Sep Tue: *No Mass*

30 Sep Wed: *No Mass*

1 Oct Thurs 9am: Mass

2 Oct Fri 9am: Mass

**Wisdom from Saints**

Man is God's image and likeness, in which God wants to be honored for his own sake. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon ([malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto: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](mailto:bristolcatholicwomen@gmail.com)

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

