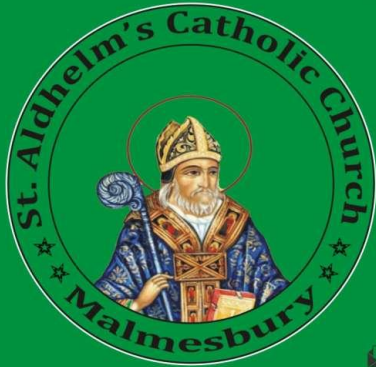


St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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XXVIII Sunday in OT, 12 Oct 2025

Live Webcam Link for all our Masses

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To Make your Weekly Contribution Online

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New Parish Hall Project

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Wednesday Word

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St Joseph's School Website

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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

In today's readings, we see the power of gratitude, faith, and God's universal love. Naaman, a Syrian commander and pagan outcast with leprosy, returned to thank the prophet Elisha and pledged allegiance to God after being healed. St. Paul encourages Timothy to remain grateful to God even amid suffering and the dangers of spreading His Word, trusting in God's faithfulness. In the Gospel, only one of ten lepers—a Samaritan considered a heretic—returned to thank Jesus, while the others, perhaps assuming healing was their right, went on their way. Faith and healing are closely linked: Naaman's faith led him to the Jordan, and the lepers' faith brought them to Jesus. These readings also highlight that God's love extends beyond Israel to all peoples, including Samaritans and pagans, showing that gratitude, faith, and recognition of God's mercy are universal.

Grateful thanks to Dave and Louise Talkowski

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Dave and also his wife Louise for his incredible service to our parish over nearly a quarter of a century. From every maintenance issue, big or small, Dave was always the first person we turned to, reliable, generous, and good-humoured. He was our health and safety officer, and on our finance committee, and our former parish treasurer.

Though he has moved near Brighton, he remains very much part of our parish family, and we hope he and Louise will visit whenever they can. Dave, you will be greatly missed, and we send you every blessing as you begin this new chapter.

SECOND COLLECTION, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO), 19 Oct 2025

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

Encounter - Clifton Cathedral, Saturday 18h October, 9.30am - 1pm

Come and join us for another *Encounter* of God's love and mercy. The Parish Mass is at 9.30 followed by Adoration and Confessions. We will start at 10.30 and be finished by 1pm. There will be a time of praise and of listening to the Lord as well as each other.

Apostle Room, Cathedral Church of Ss Peter & Paul, Clifton Park, Bristol, BS8 3BX. All welcome. For more information email pentecost@cliftondiocese.com.

The Sisters of St, Joseph are celebrating the 350th Anniversary of their Foundation on October 15th. To mark this milestone in their history there will be Mass of Thanksgiving at 2pm that day in St David's Church Pontnewydd. Please pray for the Sisters. This is the link for live streaming the Mass

<https://ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/our-lady-live-stream/> Scroll down the page to reach St David's livestream

Link to the photos of diaconal ordination of Remi on 20th Sep Sat:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/99383331@N05/albums/72177720329251579/>

Funeral Details for Mary Familton

The funeral for Mary Familton will take place on Thursday, 16th October at 12 noon. We pray for the repose of her soul and hold her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Volunteers Needed – Our ‘Holy Scrubbers’

A big thank you to David and Josie, who kindly lead the church cleaning team. They've long been affectionately known as our “scrubbers”, but did you know they've recently been renamed the “Holy Scrubbers” (with invisible halos included)?

They could really do with a few more helping hands. If some young families were able to join in, it would be especially welcome, many hands make light work. If you'd like to help or find out more, please have a chat with David or Josie (01666826266). God bless them for their cheerful service!

September CRC Recruitment Campaign

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care? We are a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and are currently looking for those who would be interested in training via our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course. We are reaching out early to give you the opportunity to benefit from a new and additional pathway we are offering - the option to volunteer with our marriage preparation service prior to the CRC selection. To find out more and to register your interest either for entry at this stage or prior to our CRC selection process in Autumn 2026 please visit: marriagecare.org.uk or email:

volunteer@marriagecare

Race Night

In collaboration with the Lions Club of Chippenham, we are once again hosting our fundraising event, Race Night, to raise money for our parish hall, just as we did two years ago.

 **Friday 24 October at 7.00pm**

 Malmesbury Town Hall, SN16 9BZ

Tickets are **£10** each and include a **hot supper**. There will also be a bar. It will be a fun evening for everyone, you don't need to know anything about horse racing, just come along, enjoy yourself, and have a laugh with friends.

Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses, or you can call Gabrielle (01666 838 391) or Val (01666 822 267).

Come and join us for a good night out and help raise funds for our new Parish Hall at the same time! Here is a sign up button to let us have your expression of interest!

Race Night	Sign Up
24 Oct Fri 7pm	

St Aldhelm's Parish Hall Fund
Presents, in conjunction with
The Lions Club of Chippenham
A NIGHT AT THE RACES

"Have A Flutter for Fun & for Fund"



Friday 24 October, 7:00pm,
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Tickets £10 to include Hot Supper
Bar Available

Gabrielle: 01666 838 391
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or this QR code



St Joseph's school governors are working with the diocese to recruit a new headteacher for January 2026. Please pray for a positive outcome for the school.

The school is collecting donations for their Harvest Assembly on 15th October and would appreciate any contributions from parishioners. Please drop in any items to the school by the 15th. Thank you. The school are requesting items listed by the Malmesbury Foodbank and will be passing all donations to them to distribute in the area.

Starting School? If you have a child born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2026** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **Wiltshire Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2026**.

St Joseph's Nursery is now open and applications are invited from parents for a place for pre-school children. Please call the school for more details on 01666 822331. Please see the flyer on 'Open Day' visits to the school for school age and nursery age children.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Every Day is an Open Day Tel: 01666 822331



We're a village school in the heart of town.
We may be tucked away but we have so much to show you.

Every child is welcome regardless of faith.
Class sizes are small and our curriculum creative.

Our setting is unique — we have an historic monument within the school site!

We have Forest School in our hidden grounds which roll down to the river, breakfast and after school wrap around care, freshly cooked meals from our own kitchen, and so much more.

We have recently opened an onsite nursery for 2-4 year olds.

Every day is an open day at St Joseph's. Just give us a call and make an appointment to come and meet the team.





Holloway, Malmesbury, SN16 9BB 01666 822331 admin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk
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WOW moments across the school!

"Pupils enjoy coming to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. They find lessons interesting. Pupils are eager to talk about their learning. They feel safe to make mistakes and to learn from them" OFSTED March 2023
Here is just a snap shot of the exciting, wonderful work and activities from each class this month.

St Teresa - Miss Just

We had the best Beach Experience Day. We dressed up in our beach clothes, ate fish and chips and ice cream with strawberry sauce, had a sandcastle building competition and took a dip in the water!



In PE we have had so much fun learning some new skills playing Tag Rugby.

Lucia: "It was so fun."

Sophia: "It was different to other ball games. I loved it!"

Jaden: "It was amazing as you get to run around and get people's tags."



St Aldhelm - Miss Thomson

We have been having a great term! The children enjoyed a seasonal walk to enrich their English learning - and of course a quick play in the park just for fun. We have taken learning outside the class and been enjoying using our carpet space and fluid approach to support understanding across the years.



St Carlo Acutis - Mr Wilkinson

We have had a fantastic start to this term with some really fun and engaging lessons.

In RE we have been researching and collecting information about the different covenants that have been made with God.

In History we have been looking at the development of transport within the UK since 1066. In class the children took part in a fun timeline activity where they had to stand in the time period that they thought each transport started to become popular.

In computing we have been coding. During one of our lessons, the children were asked to create a physical system to simulate traffic lights and how they would need to be coded in order to work effectively.

Lilly - "I liked having the opportunity to research the covenants in different ways."

Ellie - "I liked finding out how close or far away we were from the correct period of time in our timeline activity."

Jessie - "I enjoyed figuring out how to code the traffic lights using our algorithms."



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

St Joseph's Nursery

Our nursery is full of fun! Painting, climbing, play dough, baking, planting, exploring and lots of cheeky smiles. Sometimes we are so busy we fall fast asleep after our yummy lunch! The children are settling well and are loving being busy and learning through play.



Masses Requested:

11 Oct Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of Marie-France Nicolas RIP (offered by Nicolas family)

12 Oct Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo

12 Oct Sun 10am: For the repose of the soul of Rose McErlean RIP (offered by Mary Lillis)

13 Oct Mon 10am: Special intention

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"Love is the greatest of all the virtues. The free gift of love comes from God. The believer, through the grace of God, is empowered to love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. This is the first and greatest commandment of the Lord."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1822)

PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon

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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