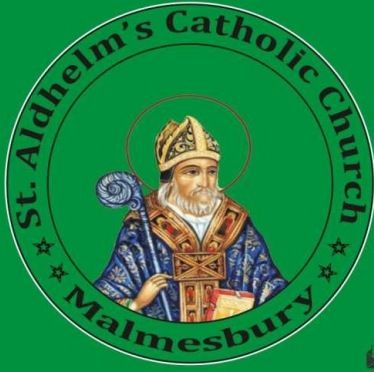


St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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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

saintaldhelms.com/new-

Wednesday Word

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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



[Rosary prayers Oct24.docx](#)



[Reflections for the
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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!

Sunday Readings

Today's readings highlight the power of humble prayer and the danger of pride before God. The book of Sirach beautifully declares that "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds," showing that God hears the cries of the humble, especially the oppressed, orphans, and widows. True prayer, Sirach teaches, flows from a heart that knows its dependence on God. The Responsorial Psalm echoes this call with the reminder: "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." In the second reading, Paul, once the proud Pharisee Saul, gratefully recognises that all his achievements are due to God's grace, not his own merit. Finally, in the Gospel parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus contrasts pride with humility: the self-righteous Pharisee's prayer goes unheard, while the humble plea of the repentant tax collector—"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner"—finds favour with God. Humility opens the heart to grace.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Kayleigh Stokes will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the 10am Mass on 26th October, Sunday. She has been preparing faithfully for the past ten months. Our warm congratulations and best wishes go to Kayleigh, her husband Liam, and their children on this special occasion.

Mike Cook will be received into the Catholic Church at the 8.30am Mass on 26th October, Sunday. He has been preparing diligently over the past ten months. We also extend our best wishes to his wife, Anne, who has journeyed with him in faith throughout this time. It is a very special day for both of them.

We offer our sincere thanks to Beatrice Moore and Mary Lillis for accompanying Kayleigh and Mike through the RCIA course, dedicating their time and support despite their busy schedules. Please note, both the masses will be slightly longer than usual.

! A Little Reminder for Race Night! 🐾

For those joining us for Race Night, just a quick reminder to bring some cash along. It's easy to forget these days when most of us rarely carry any! It promises to be a great evening of fun and

fundraising, so thank you for supporting and joining in. See you there!

Please remember in your prayers (Dorothy Galea RIP)

We received the sad news that Dorothy Galea passed away peacefully on Sunday, 12th October. Dorothy was a familiar and much-loved presence at St Aldhelm's. She used to sit in her wheelchair near the front of the sanctuary, on the right-hand side facing the altar. Her sons, Simon and his brother, will be taking her ashes to Malta, where she will be laid to rest with her late husband in the family vault, as she wished. A memorial service for Dorothy will be held here at St Aldhelm's in November (date to be confirmed). Let us keep Dorothy and her family in our prayers. May the Lord welcome her into His peace and comfort all who mourn her. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her."

Great News! 🎉

We're delighted to share that the Malmesbury Area Community Trust has awarded us a £1,500 grant towards our new parish and community hall, that's the equivalent of 60 roof tiles! Our sincere thanks to the Trust for their generous support, and to Val Cleaver, through whom this wonderful connection was made

Another Good News from the Malmesbury Carnival Charity!

We're delighted to share that St Aldhelm's this week has once again been awarded a £1,000 grant from the Malmesbury Carnival Charity 2025. A big *thank you* to Val, who kindly prepared and submitted the application on our behalf again this year. This generous support will be a great help to our parish hall project. Our warm thanks to the Carnival Committee and Trustees for their continued kindness and encouragement to local groups like ours.

Collection last weekend

Loose	£178.95
Env NGA	£ 25.00
Env GA	£ 90.00
World Missions	£ 366.25

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Christopher Page will give a short briefing about next year's pilgrimage to Lourdes at all Masses on the weekend of 1 / 2 November, just after the Communion prayer.

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage next year, or know someone who may benefit from the opportunity, please do get in touch with Christopher on 07748 643 739.

Chaplaincy and Youth Ministry Member

The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust are very excited to recruit Chaplaincy and Youth Ministry team members to support the primary schools within our Trust with chaplaincy and youth ministry.

We are at the start of our journey into developing a team of youth ministers to work within our Trust schools. These roles will be to work across six primary schools in the first instance and so a willingness to travel between those schools (across Gloucestershire) either by own transport or using public transport or lift shares is necessary.

Salary - £17,306.00 Annually (FTE) - National Living Minimum Wage

Closing Date - 11:59pm, 7th Nov 2025

Start Date - 5th January 2026

Positions Available - 2

Interview Date - Friday 14th November 2025

For further information please use the link below

[VACANCIES | Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges](#)

Further Details - Charlotte Blanch, CEO of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust

Telephone: 07962 521428

Email: c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk

Expressions of interest for First Holy Communion Sunday 28th June 2026

For parents who may not have seen the recent notice in the parish newsletter, we are requesting final enquiries for children in Yr 3 or above, regarding First Holy Communion preparation. We would like to have a group of at least six children, to run the preparation course from January 2026, usually held weekly term time, after Sunday 10am Mass.

For those interested, please complete the application form [here](#), by Sunday 2nd November, Solemnity of All Saints, or latest: Monday 3rd November, Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).

Alternatively, for further information, do please introduce yourselves to catechists: Mary or Annette, after any of the weekend Masses: Saturday 6.30pm; Sunday 8.30am; Sunday 10am; or to Fr Thomas, or Deacons Remi or Steve. Or email the parish: malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com. Thank you.

November - Month of Holy Souls

We have the tradition of praying during masses celebrated throughout November for the Holy Souls, for the souls of our loved ones, our beloved parents, brothers and sisters, and all who have gone before us. You are very welcome to write the names of departed members of your family and friends on the paper kept in the church porch, and drop it through the presbytery letter box. We'll be praying for them during whole of November

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"Every encounter with Christ, who in sacraments gives us salvation, invites us to 'go' and communicate to others the salvation that we have been able to see, to touch, to encounter and to receive and which is truly credible because it is love."

Pope Francis

"God has poured out his love into our hearts"

Romans 5:5



Join the Bishop for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on **Saturday 14 February** at 12noon.

All are welcome.



If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2026, then please contact us: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595.

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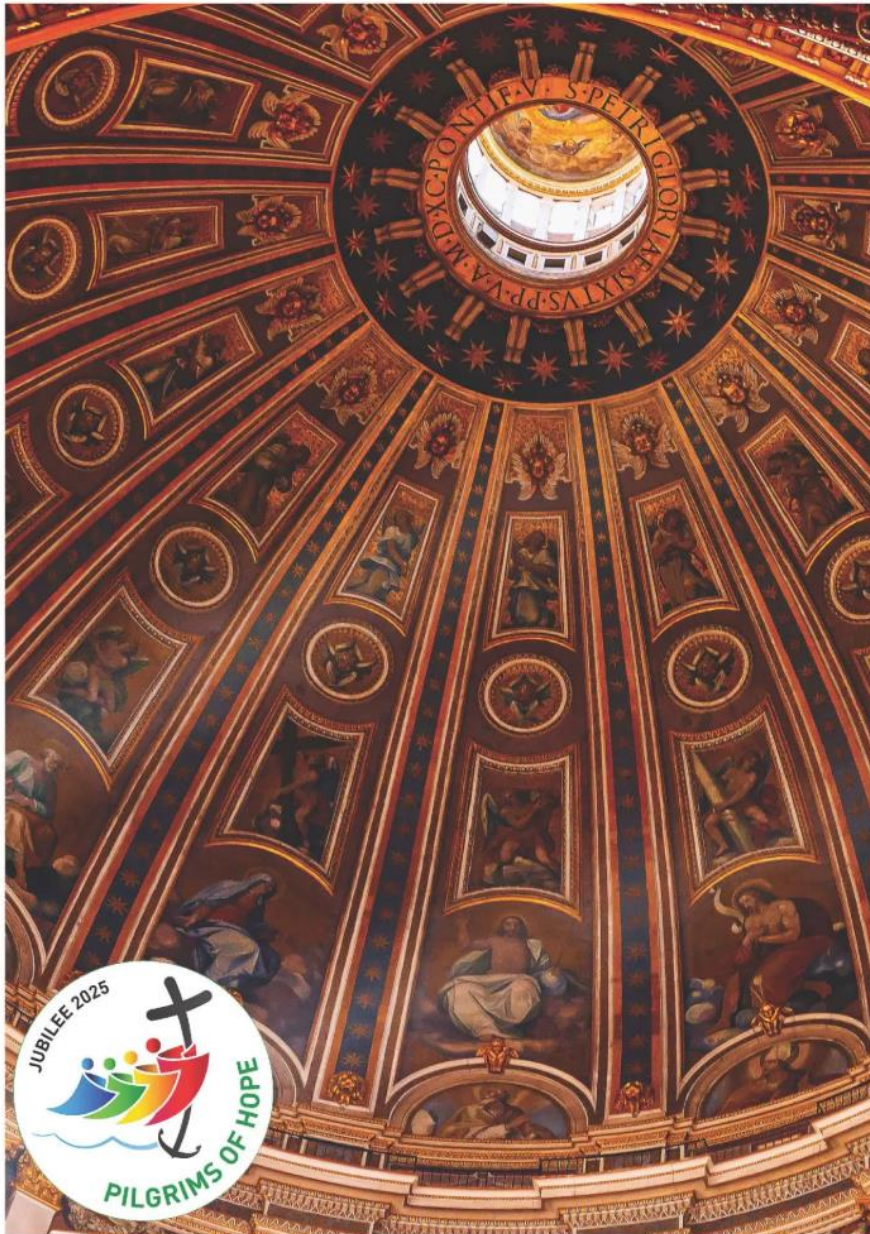
Join us on Saturdays through December:

**6 December,
13 December &
20 December**

9am to 12 noon for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver our catechesis.

This course is open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis for adults, young people or children.

To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link found on the Light of Truth website:
www.lightoftruth.uk/join



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CTiM Christmas Voucher Scheme

Be part of an amazing example of the church in action in our community again! Churches Together in Malmesbury (CTiM) like to give a Christmas present to low income families in the area, who would struggle to have a few seasonal treats that many of us take for granted, so they can enjoy celebrating this special time of year too and know that the local community cares for them. Our amazing generosity last year provided around 80 local families with vouchers to exchange for food from Aldi. The continued rise in the cost of food means we are expecting many families will rely on these vouchers again.

If you would like to contribute, donations can be made in any of these ways:

- directly to Malmesbury Abbey Parish Office in Holloway. Please put your donation (cash or cheques) in an envelope kept in the porch and put it through the presbytery letterbox
- online payment to Malmesbury Abbey [Sort Code 40-31-07 Account 41488899] with the reference 'Christmas Vouchers'. Do GiftAid if possible
- putting your envelope into any of the Sunday service collections, clearly marked 'CTiM Christmas Vouchers'.

Donations can be made any time from Saturday 1st November to Sunday 30th November.

Thank you for helping to make sure this event continues to be a great local success!

If anyone wishes to make a donation by cheque, then this is the process to follow:

- Make any cheques out to Malmesbury Abbey PCC as the payee
- Put 'CTiM Christmas Vouchers' on the back of the cheque
- Put cheque/cash into a sealed envelope labelled 'CTiM Christmas Vouchers'
- Put envelope through the presbytery letterbox by 1st December.

Any envelopes will be collected on a regular basis and banked, so they will be safe.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer and want to boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you give, you must include these details in your envelope:

- I want to Gift Aid my donation of £___ to Malmesbury Abbey. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference
- Your name
- Your address
- Your postcode

- Date

Pope Leo XIV appoints Bishop Nicholas Hudson as new Bishop of Plymouth

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop of Plymouth.

Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Southwark in 1986, Bishop Hudson has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of St Germans in Cornwall since 2014.

On hearing of his appointment, Bishop Hudson, Bishop-elect of Plymouth said:

"I am deeply grateful to Pope Leo XIV for appointing me; and I do not take lightly the trust he has placed in me. I am aware how long the clergy, religious and laity of Plymouth Diocese have waited for a bishop. I come with a desire to listen and to learn. I hope we can apply all the strengths of synodality to discern together ways to deepen the diocese's outreach, mission and presence to the people of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset. I look forward greatly to meeting all who belong to the diocese.

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Masses Requested:

25 October Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of Jan Badeni RIP (offered by Badeni family)

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

26 Oct Sun 10am: *Missa pro populo*

27 Oct Mon 10am: For the repose of the soul of Michel Vercruysse RIP and deceased members of Vercruysse family (offered by Fabienne Fauvarque)

30 Oct Thurs 10am: For the repose of the soul of Alfred Coppola RIP (offered by Isabelle Asciak)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"Faith is a personal relationship with the Lord, and it is also a communal reality that involves the Church. The Church's mission is to spread the faith and bring all people into communion with Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1816)

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