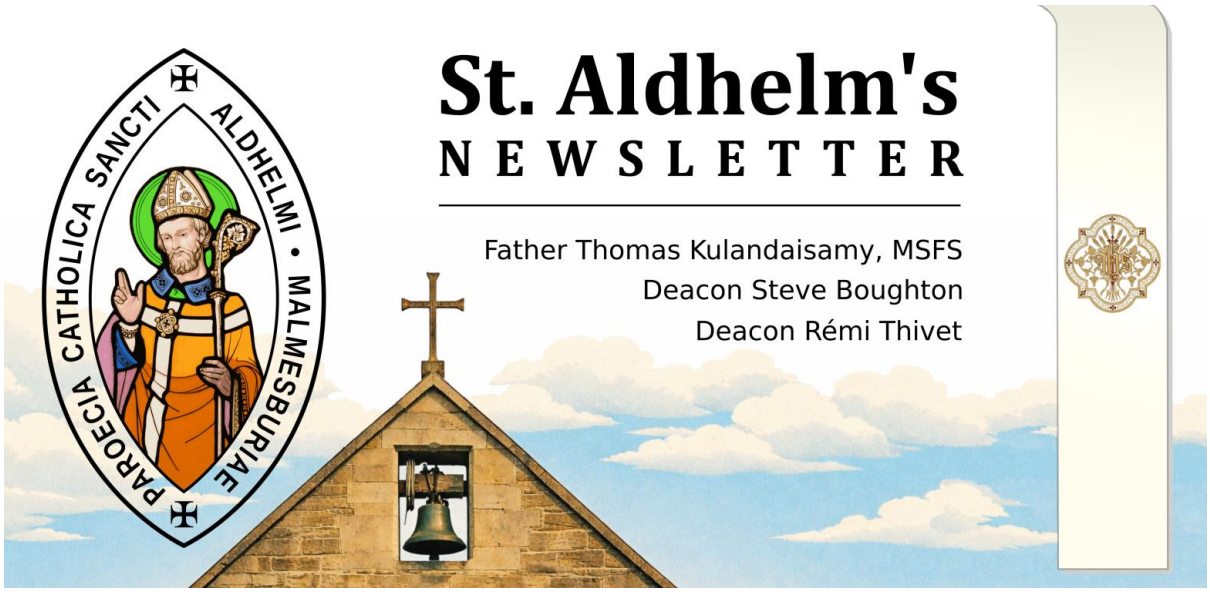


XXXII Sunday in OT, 8 Nov 2026

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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 here, just new friends you have not yet met!

Scripture Reading Summarised

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the importance of Christian wisdom, vigilance and preparedness. The first reading presents wisdom as a gift from God, guiding us to live according to His will. In the second reading, St Paul reassures us that, through Christ's death and Resurrection, even those who die before His Second Coming will share in eternal life. The Gospel of the ten virgins reminds us that we must always be ready to meet the Lord. Like the five wise virgins, we cannot postpone our preparation until the last moment.

True wisdom lies in recognising Christ in the ordinary experiences of daily life and responding with love, kindness, mercy and forgiveness. Our lamps must be kept burning with the oil of prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, service and faithfulness. Spiritual readiness is not a last-minute effort but a daily commitment to living close to God.

Benediction

There will be Benediction this coming Friday (6 November) at 6.30pm, as usual on the first Friday of the month. All are very welcome.

FHC Session

There will be FHC session soon after our 10am Mass this Sunday, and altar serving training before and after 10am mass.

3 weeks' collections

Loose £423.22
Env NGA £ 41.30
Env GA £150.00
Home Missions (18th October) £359.77

Confirmation 2027

We would like to remind all candidates and their parents/guardians that a meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th November to introduce ourselves. Please bring a copy of your Baptismal certificate with you. Even if you haven't already been in touch you will be very welcome. We look forward to meeting you all.

Our Christmas Mass Schedule

24th December - Christmas Eve
5 pm Children's Carols before Christmas Vigil Mass
5.30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass (with children's choir and musicians)
7.30 pm Carols by Candlelight
8 pm Mass of Midnight

25th December - Christmas Day
8.30 am – Nativity of the Lord – Mass of Dawn
10.00 am – Nativity of the Lord – Mass during the Day (Sung Mass)

Farewell Celebration for the Reverend Oliver Ross and Lizzi

All parishioners are warmly invited to join the farewell party for the Reverend Oliver Ross and Lizzi at the Abbey on Saturday 14 November, from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm, as they celebrate Oliver's retirement and thank them both for their contribution to our local community.

This is a lovely opportunity to come together with members of our local churches to express our appreciation and wish them well for the future. If you are able to, please bring a plate of savoury or sweet finger food to share and/or a bottle of something to drink.

Oliver's final service will take place the following morning, Sunday 15 November at 11.00 am. We hope many of you will be able to join us to give Oliver and Lizzi a warm and grateful farewell!

Foundation Masses

A Foundation Mass has been established for the next 25 years, to be celebrated annually during October, beginning this year. It will be offered in thanksgiving for all who contributed to the Parish Hall project, remembering our benefactors, those who made memorial donations, and the charities and organisations that supported the work. This foundation ensures that their generosity and contribution will continue to be remembered in prayer, irrespective of future changes in parish priests or personnel. Following are the three intentions for which the Masses will be offered.

1. "For all donors and benefactors of the Parish Hall."
2. "For the repose of the souls in whose memory donations were made to the Parish Hall."
3. "For the charities and organisations that supported the Parish Hall."

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.

St Joseph's School Choir – Concert for a Wonderful Cause

The St Joseph's School Choir will be performing alongside Chippenham Male Voice Choir on Friday 6 November at 7.00 pm at Malmesbury United Reformed Church. Everyone in our wider school and parish community is warmly invited to come along, enjoy the music and support our talented children. The concert will raise funds for Jessie's Fund, a charity that helps children with life-limiting conditions and disabilities experience the joy of music. Please do come along and support the children and this wonderful cause! Details are in the poster!



Prayer for the Holy Souls

As we enter November next sunday, the Church invites us to remember and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Through the feasts of All Saints on 1 November and All Souls on 2 November, we are reminded of the enduring bond of faith and love that unites us with the saints in heaven and those who have gone before us and are undergoing purification.

As is our tradition, at Masses throughout November, the holy souls will be remembered and prayed for, especially for the souls of our departed loved ones, our parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, friends and all who have touched our lives, and also for those for whom there is no one to pray for. You are warmly invited to write the names of your departed family members and friends on the paper provided in the church porch and place it through the presbytery letterbox or place it in the basked kept in

Mass Schedule and Intentions

7 Nov Sat 6.30pm: For the Deceased Members of the Healy and Joyce Families

8 Nov Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the souls of Joan Wakefield & Edwin Wakefield RIP (offered by Jonathan Wakefield)

8 Nov Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

9 Nov Mon 10am: For the Deceased Members of the Healy and Joyce Families

10 Nov Tue: *No Mass*

11 Nov Wed: *No Mass*

12 Nov Thurs 10am: Morning Prayer

13 Nov Fri: *No Mass*

Wisdom from Saints

When Christ's hands were nailed to the Cross, he also nailed our sins to the Cross. ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX (1090-1153)

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