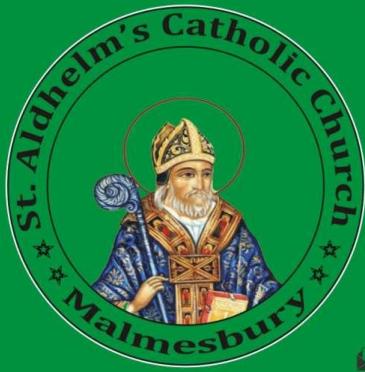




St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church

St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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XXIII Sunday in OT, 8 Sep 2024

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-

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Sat vigil 6.30pm, Sun 8.30 & 10am

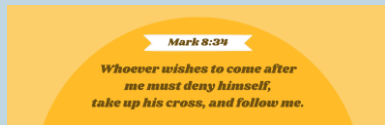
Weekdays: Mon, Thurs and Fri 10M

Wednesday Word

www.wednesdayword.org

St Joseph's School Website

st-josephs-malmesbury



[Rosary prayers \(1\).docx](#)



[Reflections for the Mysteries of The Rosary.docx](#)



[Week 23 Readings.pdf](#)

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!

Scriptures this Sunday

Isaiah 35:4-7a:

Our First Reading brings a message of hope and restoration. God promises to strengthen the fearful and heal the broken, turning deserts into flowing waters. It emphasizes the transformative power of God's presence, bringing life and renewal to desolate places.

James 2:1-5:

In the second reading, James challenges us to treat everyone equally, without favoritism. He warns against giving preference to the wealthy while neglecting the poor. True faith calls us to see the dignity in every person, reminding us that God chooses the humble and lowly.

Mark 7:31-37:

In the Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man, restoring his ability to hear and speak. This miracle demonstrates Jesus' compassion for the marginalized and his power to bring wholeness. It invites us to be open to God's healing and to share his love with others.

Baptisms

Congratulations To Genevieve Rose Martin on her baptism, which will take place on Sunday, 8th Sep at 11.30am.

Congratulations to Harper Celine Rooney on her baptism, which will take place on Sunday, 8th September at 12:30 pm.

Warm wishes to their parents and their godparents. May this special day bring abundant blessings and joy to their family.

Congratulations, Frédéric and Bénédicte Nicolas!

On 10th September, we celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Frédéric and Bénédicte Nicolas. Your love and commitment over the past 25 years is truly inspiring. May your journey continue to be filled with joy and blessings. Congratulations on this wonderful milestone! Félicitations pour vos 25 ans de

mariage, amour et bonheur! There will be a mass offered for their intentions on the 7th of Sep Sat 6.30pm Mass.

Richard Wakefield RIP

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Richard Wakefield, the uncle of Jonathan, who passed away 2nd September, Monday. Let us keep Richard and his family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May Richard rest in peace and may God's comfort surround his loved one.

Collections this week

Loose £171.16

Env NGA £ 33.00

Env GA £ 8.00

New, updated DONA machine in porch

This week we have received and installed a new DONA terminal in the church porch. This new device promises to be more efficient, with hopefully less WIFI outages, and it also incorporates a fall-back SIM operation. We therefore trust that it will be an improvement and more adept when making cashless payments.

The new system is no longer operated by Sum-Up but uses Stripe account processing which is financially more advantageous to the parish in terms of transaction fees.

However, this change regrettably means that parishioners wishing to make a donation with GiftAid will be required to re-register their account details (bankcard number, name and address) the first time they make a payment.

Thankfully, account detail submission applies only to the first transaction (after which Stripe stores the personal GiftAid details) and we therefore hope that parishioners will be tolerant and understand that the two systems operate financially very separately- and hence, details cannot be transferred between them.

Please note this registration only applies to GiftAid donations. Other purchases for event tickets, repository, candles etc. are not eligible for GiftAid and remain unaffected. Tap and pay operates normally.

If you have any queries please refer to Sheila Stephens, Tony Gregson or Dave Talkowski of the Finance Team who will be happy to assist you or explain further.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY – 15th of Sep

On Home Mission Sunday we pray for the work of evangelisation in our countries and reflect on our response to the Lord's invitation to share our faith. Parishes are invited to have a second collection for the work of the Home Mission desk of the Catholic Bishops' Conference which exists to support evangelisation nationally. The staff advise dioceses, parishes, movements and Catholic organisations and offer a range of resources.

Application for FHC 2025 is now open.

The FHC celebration will take place on the 29th of June 2025 Sunday at 10am Mass. Essential details are in the poster below! Please use the following link to apply: forms.office.com/r/XKf

St Aldhelm's Parish
First Holy Communion
Sunday 29th June 2025 10am Mass



Weekly term-time sessions begin
Sunday 12th January
Starting **after 10am Mass**

Sessions will also include:

1. First Reconciliation preparation
2. Altar Serving formation/training

See application form on link above
Return deadline: **Friday 18th October**

Initial Gathering: Sunday 24 November, 10am Parish youth animated Mass, Solemnity of Christ the King (Youth Sunday)

Followed by, Families' Initial Meeting: at Town Hall 11.15am to 1pm, with:

- Fr Thomas and catechists: Remi, Mary, Virginia, Annette and Maurice
- Registration 'stations'
- Light finger foods lunch will be provided
- Children candidates & siblings will be supervised during parents' meeting

For further information, please contact: Mary Lillis at mary.lillis@outlook.com

Education Sunday is on 8th September and is when we celebrate and give thanks to all involved in Catholic education. We commemorate our predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom were living

in poverty, who paid for our schools to be built. Their sacrifices helped re-establish the 2,175 Catholic schools, that continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, as throughout history, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. **You can do this by becoming a school Foundation Governor or Trust Director.** Please contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondi if you would like to be a governor or director. In this way, we can hand on to the next generation the great legacy of those poor and immigrant Catholic communities of the Victorian era who built our schools.

Secondary RE Adviser - Schools & Colleges Department

The department are seeking to expand the team by appointing a part time, term-time only Secondary RE Adviser to support the RE Lead. The successful applicant will have recent and relevant experience of teaching and/or advising RE in the secondary phase (and preferably post 16) with a willingness to contribute to the Primary work of the Diocesan team.

The successful candidate will need to offer RE advice, training and consultancy to schools, Single academy trusts, and our three Multi academy trusts. The applicant will be knowledgeable about the new Religious Education Directory, the Prayer & Liturgy Directory, and experience as a CSI inspector would be an advantage. You should be confident in designing and delivering training, as well as conducting accurate reviews of schools.

The role will be 14 hours per week, based at Alexander House, Bristol, but will require extensive travel around the Diocese, as well as some evening work.

For further information and application form, visit [Working for us | Clifton Diocese](#).

If you would like to discuss the role further, please contact Mary Cox, Director of Schools & Colleges, or Paula Asquith, HR, on 0117 902 5599.

Closing date for applications: 27th September 2024

In-person interviews in Bristol: 11th October 2024

Mases Requested

7 Sep Sat 6.30: For the intentions of Frédéric and Bénédicte Nicalas as they mark their 25th wedding anniversary.

8 Sep Sun 8.30am: Special Intention

8 Sep Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

Wisdom from Saints

“Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls.” *St. Rose of Lima*

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