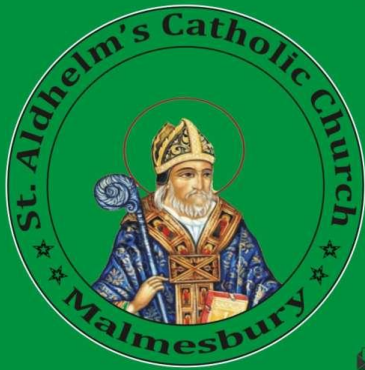




St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church

# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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**To Make your Weekly Contribution Online**

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

**New Parish Hall Project**

[saintaldhelms.com/new-](http://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](http://www.wednesdayword.org)


**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 be in touch with you through this newsletter.


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

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!


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

### Scriptures this Sunday

The passage from the Book of Wisdom resembles the prophecy of the Suffering Servant, urging us to choose righteousness despite suffering.

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In Psalm 54, the psalmist prays for God's help against the arrogant who oppose the just.

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James, in the second reading, warns that selfish ambitions lead to conflict, encouraging humble service to achieve lasting peace.

 [Week 25 Readings.pdf](#)

In the Gospel, Jesus illustrates righteousness by teaching the importance of welcoming and serving the vulnerable, especially children and the marginalised. He highlights that childlike humility and selfless service are the true marks of greatness in God's eyes

### Marie-France Nicolas RIP 🌹

On 22nd September, we mark the first anniversary of the passing of Marie-France Nicolas, mother of Frederic Nicolas. A Mass for the repose of her soul will be offered on Saturday, 21st September, at 6:30 pm. Please join us in remembering her with love and prayer. 🙏

### A Successful Evening with the Military Wives Choir and Male Voice Choir

It's clear from the feedback that both the Military Wives Choir and the Male Voice Choir enjoyed working together and had a wonderful evening. The event was a great success, thanks to the efforts of so many.

A huge thank you to Catherine, who heroically led the organisation of the choir event, despite sporting an injured wrist and a stylish sling! Truly a master of multi-tasking, proving she can conduct both people and pain with grace. Our thanks also to the abbey for providing such a beautiful space—and for generously giving us a discount on the hire.

Special recognition goes to Remi, who designed a fantastic poster that garnered many compliments. He also created a beautiful programme, all while on holiday! Martin, as always, provided lovely tickets, and Father Thomas persevered with the QR code, ultimately solving the issue.

The Fundraising Team worked hard to sell tickets, and their efforts truly paid off. Josie, Val, and David were welcoming hosts on the door, setting the tone for the evening. Meanwhile, the bar ran smoothly, thanks to Sheila, Emer, Rich, Bernadette, and Jacqui. The added touch of serving drinks on trays was appreciated by all.

Terry's remarkable model on display of the parish hall attracted much interest, and Brian did a fantastic job as MC, making sure everything flowed smoothly.

The choirs presented a striking contrast: the Male Voice Choir, serious and powerful, and the Military Wives Choir, bringing a different, more relaxed energy. The Military Wives Choir conductor was responsive to a bit of banter, which led to a great interaction with the audience.

Of course, Tilly was as fabulous as ever.

The evening featured the excellent teamwork of everyone involved. We're nearly there with the final results, and attention now turns to our next fundraising event—the Quiz on 4th October.

### **Collections this week**

Loose £166.22

Env NGA £24.60

Env GA £ 78.00

Home missions £304.09

### **Congratulations to Sr Mary Lucy Cahill, O.P. ✨**

On 14th September, Sr Mary Lucy Cahill, O.P., made her perpetual simple profession at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Sr Mary Lucy is the cousin of Benedicte Nicolas. We keep her in our prayers as she has taken this significant step in her spiritual journey. May God bless her with strength and **grace**. 🙏

### **🍯 Sweet Sale for a Good Cause! 🍯**

There will be a sale of Jacqui Steel's delicious homemade honey and Penny Bowring's lovely handmade cards after the 8:30 am and 10 am Mass on 22nd September. All proceeds will support our Parish Hall. A big thank you to Jacqui and Penny for their generosity—Jacqui's honey is the bee's knees, and Penny's cards are simply delightful. Your support means the world.

### **Merging of the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia**

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has decreed the definitive merging of the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia, erecting the new Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia. At the same time as the merging of the two dioceses, the Holy Father has appointed the Most Reverend Mark O'Toole as the Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia.

### **Catholic Chaplaincies at Universities**

As our young people prepare to embark on their university journeys this year, I encourage you to share this valuable resource with them. Below is a link to the Catholic Chaplaincies at universities across England, Scotland, and Wales: [catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

These chaplaincies offer a wonderful opportunity for our youth to find community and support during this exciting time. Many of them organise engaging social and formation events alongside liturgical and spiritual celebrations, creating a nurturing environment for their faith to grow.

If you know any young people heading off to university, please pass this information along. Let's help them connect with these vibrant chaplaincy communities!

**Starting School?** If you have a child born between **1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2025** 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 2025**.

### **Marriage care**

Are there any engaged couples in need of marriage preparation? Marriage Care is offering a course in Gwent (Chepstow) on Saturday, 2nd November 2024. They encourage couples to prepare early, as it allows them to address important matters like faith. Couples can register for the course online at [marriagecare.org.uk/ma](http://marriagecare.org.uk/ma).

In addition, Marriage Care provides relationship counselling for couples, which can be explored further at [marriagecare.org.uk/ho](http://marriagecare.org.uk/ho). Posters and more details are available upon request for anyone wishing to share this information.

### **Quiz Night**

Join us for a Quiz Night on Friday, 4th October at 7pm in The Town Hall, Malmesbury (SN16 9BZ). Gather your friends and test your knowledge for a great cause! Tickets are just £10, with all proceeds going to Parish Funds. The night will also feature a bar and raffle, adding to the excitement.

You can purchase tickets via the QR code on the poster or through this link: <https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/27656#/>. Alternatively, contact Gabrielle on 01666 838 391 or Val on 07494 318 544 for more details or to reserve tickets.

We hope to see you there for an evening of fun and community spirit in support of the Parish Hall Fund!

### **Please save the date**

Barn Dance planned for Friday 22nd November.

### Mases Requested

21 Sep Sat 6.30: For the intensions of Sr Mary Lucy Cahill O.P.

22 Sep Sun 8.30: for the repose of the souls of Kevin and Jean McCormick RIP

22 Sep Sun 10am: for the repose of the soul of Marie-France Nicolas RIP

### Wisdom from Saints

“Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry.” *St. Francis de Sales*

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

*Q. What Makes A Great Fun Night Out?*

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# QUIZ NIGHT

*Do you have what it takes? Gather Your Friends and join us for a Quiz Night.*

**On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm**

**The Town Hall, Malmesbury SN16 9BZ**

**Tickets, £10 - In Aid of Parish Funds  
With Bar & Raffle**

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