



St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church



# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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[churchservices.tv/malm](http://churchservices.tv/malm)

**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)

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Rosary



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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!

### Scriptures this Sunday

The first reading from Genesis highlights God's plan for marriage, where man and woman are united in an unbreakable bond, with monogamy as the intended norm.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 128) expands on this by celebrating the blessings of children within marriage, praying for the joy of seeing future generations.

The second reading from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus became one with humanity, sharing in our suffering and death.

As our High Priest and brother, He unites us with God, welcoming all people. Jesus' teachings on marriage, including the prohibition of divorce, call for enduring suffering as a path to glory.

**Warm congratulations to Trevor and Pat Jordan** as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on 3rd October! Thanks be to God for the love and togetherness that has carried them through these sixty years. Thoughts and prayers are with Trevor, who is currently in a care home, as their remarkable bond continues to be a source of strength. May God's blessings be with them both on this special day and always.

**Please note** Mass on 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct Thursday is at 9am.

### Collection

Loose £164.57

Env NGA £ 32.00

Env GA £ 10.00

Repository £ 3.30

Coffee (Parish Hall) £50

### Award from Benefact Trust

In even more exciting news, we've been awarded **£18,000** from Benefact Trust for our Parish Hall, after submitting the necessary documents. This is such a wonderful boost for us all! The Benefact Trust has been a long-standing supporter of communities and charitable projects, helping to transform lives and places of worship. We're truly honoured to be one of their grant recipients!

### **Gubay Foundation - Grant of £200,000**

We are overjoyed to share the fantastic news that the Trustees of the Gubay Foundation have generously agreed to award a grant of £200,000 towards our Parish Hall! This is an incredible boost for our parish, and we couldn't be more grateful.

We could not have achieved these generous awards from the Trusts without first raising 50% of the funds ourselves, both locally from within our parish and beyond. This was a key requirement before we could even consider applying for such grants. We are deeply thankful for all your kind contributions, both big and small.

**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](https://marriagecare.org.uk/ma).

In addition, Marriage Care provides relationship counselling for couples, which can be explored further at [marriagecare.org.uk/ho](https://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.

### **New Deacons Ordained**

Congratulations to our two new Deacons!

On Saturday 28th September 2024, Robert von Hawrylak, from the Cathedral parish, and Dale Cursion from St Peter's Parish in Swindon, were Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at Clifton Cathedral by Bishop Bosco.

[cliftondiocese.com/new](http://cliftondiocese.com/new)

### **Pope Francis calls for 7 October to be day of prayer and fasting for peace**

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Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting on 7 October, the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. "In this dramatic hour of our history," the Pope said, "while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to "put itself at the service of humanity".

The Pope was speaking after Mass in St Peter's Square for the opening of the second session of the General Assembly of the Synod. He invited all the synod members to accompany him on a visit to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major on 6 October, the day before the anniversary, where, he said, he will "address a heartfelt petition to the Virgin" for peace. "Let us walk together," the Pope urged. "Let us listen to the Lord. And let us be led by the breeze of the Spirit."

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-calls-for-day-of-prayer-for-peace/>

### **Mases Requested**

5 Oct Sat: 6.30pm: Missa pro populo

6 Oct Sun 8.30am: Special intention

6 Oct Sun 10am: For the intentions and good health of Dona O'Riordan (offered by Emer How)

7 Oct Mon: For the intentions of Remi and Frances and the family (offered by Annette Crouch)

### **Wisdom from Saints**

"Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son."

*Venerable Fulton Sheen*

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?*

*A. It's a ..*

# 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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