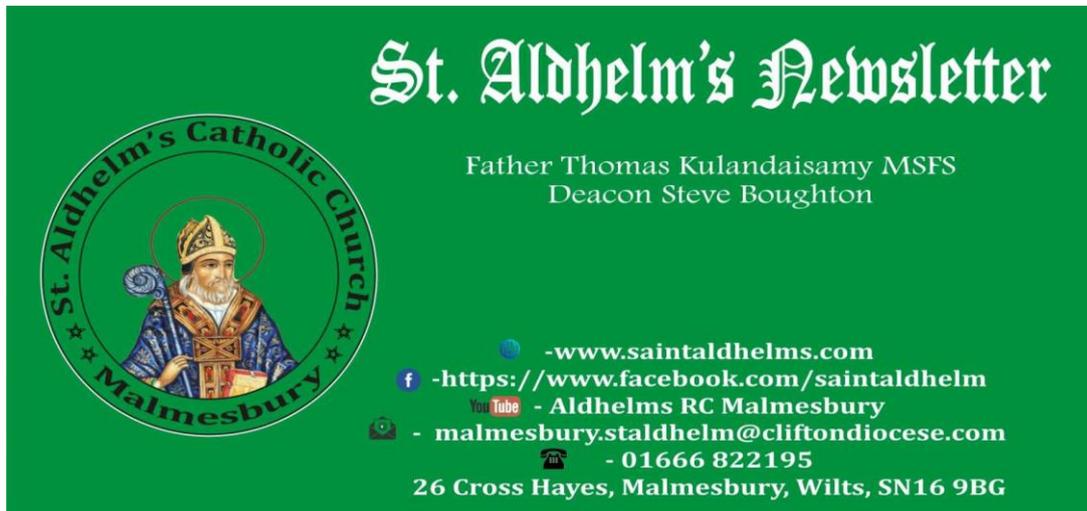




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St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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XXVIX Sunday in OT (World Mission Sunday), 20 Oct 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.](http://st-josephs-malmesbury)

LOVE THE LORD,
ALL YOU HIS

Saints!

PSALM 31:23

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.

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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!

World Mission Sunday

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as **World Mission Sunday**. This annual observance was instituted 98 years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for, the missions. On **World Mission Sunday**, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

Collection

Loose £ 164.43
Env NGA £ 30.00
Env GA £ 24.00

Flowers Sale Results: Benedicte, Frederic, and Alice have wrapped up their flower sales for the year, as their garden has now run out of blooms. Thanks to their hard work and your generous support, they raised an impressive £345 over a wonderful six weeks. This is the second consecutive year they've done this, and we're truly grateful for their dedication, skill, and handiwork. A big thank you to them for their ongoing support and unique contribution to the parish hall.

Honey and Cards Sale Results:

We are delighted to share that a total of £555 was raised on 13th of Oct, from honey and cards sale by Jacqui and Penny! A huge thank you for their love and generosity—what a fantastic result! Congratulations and well done to everyone who contributed.

Daniel Johnson, the young man who has been faithfully learning about our faith through the RCIA programme, will be baptised and received into the Church on Sunday, 20th October, at the 10am Mass. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mary Lillis, Beatrice Moore, Annette Crouch and Maurice Cleaveland for

their dedication and support in guiding Daniel through this journey. Their commitment, flexibility, and generosity have been a true blessing.

We warmly welcome Daniel as he is formally received into the Catholic faith and wish him all the best for his future career. The Mass will be slightly longer that day, but what a special occasion it will be! It's not often we get to witness an adult baptism where all three sacraments—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—are celebrated within the Mass.

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. Or you can send the names to malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com. We will make sure to print them off and add them in the basket that will be kept at the altar and prayed throughout November.

Catholic Church Statistics 2024: A Global Snapshot for World Mission Sunday

As we approach World Mission Sunday, now in its 98th year on 20th October 2024, the theme “Go and invite everyone to the banquet” serves as a rallying cry for Catholics worldwide. In anticipation of this celebration, Fides News Agency presents a global overview of the Catholic Church, highlighting key statistics that paint a picture of the Church's presence and activity around the world over the past year.

The data, drawn from the latest Church's Book of Statistics (updated to 31st December 2022), offers insights into the Church's membership, structures, and various social services. This includes healthcare, education, and welfare, reflecting the Church's ongoing mission to serve both spiritually and practically. Any changes compared to the previous year (31st December 2021) are clearly marked, with increases (+) and decreases (-) noted to provide a transparent view of trends and developments.

The report also includes a detailed look at the ecclesiastical circumscriptions under the Dicastery for Evangelization, covering regions focused on the First Evangelization and newly established particular Churches.

This document is an invaluable resource for all—whether you are a missionary, a clergy member, a layperson, or simply interested in the global presence of the Church. It offers a comprehensive understanding of the Church's growth, challenges, and outreach, equipping everyone with the knowledge to support and participate more fully in the Church's mission. Find the docs attached above in pdf format.

Repository

The repository is open at all times for purchases. We have just received a new stock of greeting cards, suitable for every occasion. They are located in the racks behind the DONA machine and include mass cards, sympathy, special occasion, get well, thank you and thinking of you cards. Purchases help our parish funds and can be made on the DONA machine or by using the envelopes provided which should be posted through the presbytery door.

Christmas cards beautifully designed by Anna Longridge are also available now, with all funds going to the Parish Hall.

Assisted suicide bill before Parliament

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting livesworthliving.org.uk

Please save the date

Barn Dance planned for Friday 22nd November.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO) – 20th of Oct.

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,012 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works in England and Wales with the Mill Hill Missionary Society. In England and Wales funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church

www.missio.org.uk

New Lectionaries

As many of you are aware, the new lectionaries arrived last week, and we began using them this weekend after a solemn blessing during Saturday evening Mass. You may notice a few slight differences in translation between the new lectionaries and the people's missals you currently have, as well as the liturgy sheets.

We've been told that the people's missals should arrive sometime at the end of October. As for the liturgy sheets, since they come from different suppliers, we're not quite sure when those will reflect the updated text.

We understand this might be a little frustrating and can cause some confusion when you're following along. Change is always a bit tricky, but we ask for your patience and understanding – unfortunately, this is out of our hands.

On the bright side, we're already getting used to reading from the new lectionaries, which is a step forward from the temporary printed sheets we've been using. If you find it helpful, you might try focusing on listening to the readings rather than reading along, as the liturgy ideally invites us to hear the Word proclaimed.

CTiM Christmas Voucher Scheme

You can be part of an amazing example of the church in action again in our community! Each year Churches Together in Malmesbury (CTiM) like to help 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 generosity means they will be given vouchers that can be exchanged for food at a local store and last year we were able to help around 80 local families, in conjunction with the local Foodbank scheme. The continued rise in the cost of living situation means we are expecting many families will rely on these vouchers again.

- 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 letterbox of the Presbytery by 1st December; Customised envelopes are kept in the church porch.

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

Mases Requested

19 Oct Sat 6.30: Missa pro populo

20 Oct Sun: 8.30: For the repose of the souls of Joan Mary and Edwin John Wakefield RIP (offered by Jonathan Wakefield)

20 Oct Sun 10am: For the intentions of Daniel Johnson

21 Oct Mon: For the repose of the soul of Owen Brady RIP (offered by Margaret Brady)

24 Oct Thur: For the repose of the soul of Jan Badeni RIP (offered by Michael Badeni)

Wisdom from Saints

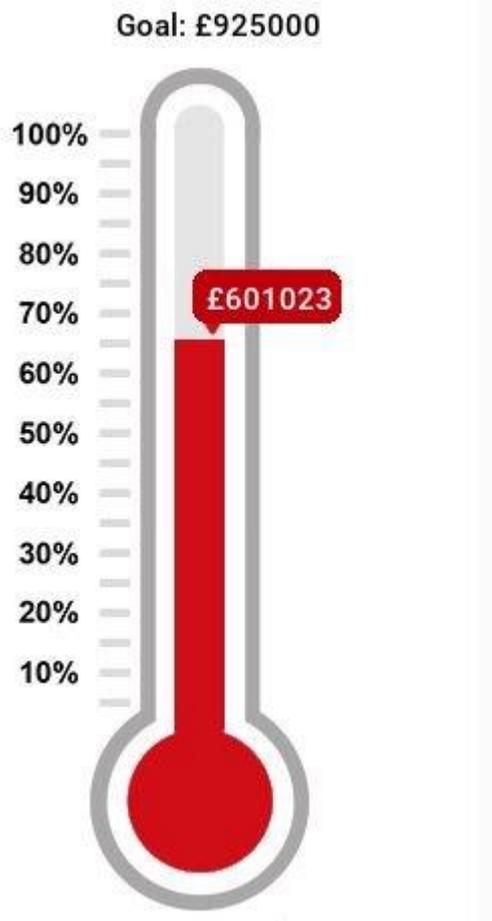
"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world." *Pope Saint John Paul II*

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





November and December 2024, Liturgical Schedule

St Aldhelm's, Malmesbury

1 Nov Fri: All Saints Day (Holyday of Obligation)

10am – Mass

7pm – Mass

2 Nov Sat: All Souls Day

10am- Mass

13 Dec Fri, Reconciliation Service and Confession

7pm

18 Dec Wed, Christmas Mass in the Church for the School

10am

24 Dec Tue, Christmas Eve

5pm Carols, 5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Children's choir)

7.30pm Carols by candlelight, 8pm Mass of Midnight

25 Dec Wed, Christmas Day

8.30am – Mass of Dawn

10am – Mass during the Day

26 Dec Thurs, St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)

10am - Mass



Eternal rest grant
unto them O Lord,
Let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May they rest in peace!