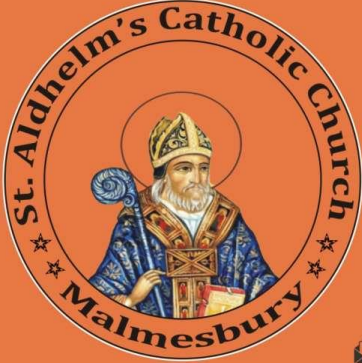




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St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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Solemnity of Christ the King, 24 Nov 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.](https://st-josephs-malmesbury)



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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!

Solemnity of Christ the King,

The Solemnity of Christ the King, celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year, honours Jesus Christ as the sovereign ruler of all creation. Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, it reminds the faithful that Christ's kingdom transcends earthly power and is founded on truth, love, and justice. The feast calls us to submit to Christ's reign in our hearts and lives, living out His teachings in service to others. As the Alpha and Omega, Christ unites all under His eternal kingship, leading us toward the fulfilment of God's plan. It's a celebration of hope and divine sovereignty.

Baptism

Isabel Carol Charlton will be baptised at St Aldhelm's on Saturday, 23rd November, at 11am. Our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Isabel, her parents, godparents, and extended family on this joyous occasion. We warmly welcome Isabel into the family of God and pray for blessings upon her journey of faith.

Brief History of St Aldhelm's

We are delighted to announce the release of a Brief History Book about St Aldhelm's (24 pages) and a beautifully designed trifold leaflet packed with fascinating details about the church. A complimentary copy of each will be available for all parishioners and distributed after the Communion prayer at all Masses this weekend (23rd/24th November).

If you'd like additional copies to share with friends or as gifts, the books will be available for purchase at £3, while the leaflets remain free of charge.

Our heartfelt thanks to Remi for the layout and design, and to Brian Cuming and David Longridge for their help and support with proofreading.

Mrs. Jo Blamey RIP

It is with deep sadness that we share the sudden passing of Jo Blamey earlier last week. Her loss comes as a great shock to all of us, as Jo was a beloved member of our parish family and a faithful, regular parishioner. Our hearts and prayers are with her daughter, Francesca Insley, and her sisters, Pat and Rosemary, close and extended family and friends, who mourn this unexpected loss. Only six years ago, Jo endured the heartbreaking loss of her daughter, Sarah Johnson. May Jo now find eternal peace in God's loving embrace. **Funeral Mass will take place on 25th Nov Mon at 11am. Please note there will be no parish mass at 10am.**

Remi Thivet Candidacy Mass 29th November 7pm: Remi Thivet is in the final year of his studies for ordination as a Permanent Deacon for our parish and the diocese. Bishop Bosco MacDonald has approved Remi's petition for this formal step to become a candidate before he is considered for ordination in September. Canon Colin Mason VG will celebrate this key milestone here at St Aldhelm's for Remi and his colleagues. The whole parish is invited to come and support Remi, his brother candidates, their families and friends at this key moment in their vocational journey so please join us for Mass and for the reception in the Town Hall afterwards. Please use the link on the recent Flock note to ensure we know you're coming and have sufficient seats and food! Sign up online asap please and no later than Sunday 24th November so we can make the arrangements.

Opposing Assisted Suicide: The Second Reading of the Leadbetter Bill which proposes the legalisation of Assisted Dying is on 29th November and there will be a vote in parliament. Many MPs have not yet made up their minds and the Catholic Bishops Website cbcew.org.uk/opposing-

gives clear information about the proposed bill and what you can do to oppose the bill, including how to write to our MP. Please take action today and write to Dr Roz Savage or your local MP if you are further afield – the website helps you with more detail on the bill and what you might want to do next.

Christmas Cards designed by our parishioner, Anna Longridge, featuring St Aldhelm's Church are available for sale in the porch at £5 per pack of 6. All proceeds will go to the Parish Hall fund so please purchase these cards to send to your family and friends and help our fundraising efforts.

More of the new missals have been ordered and will also be found in the church porch as soon as they arrive. The cost is £20.

Payments may be made for all items via the DONA machine or, if using cash, via envelopes through the presbytery door.

World Youth Sunday

The theme of this year's World Youth Sunday on 24th November is 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Resources and further information can be found by going to this link: wys.cymfed.org.uk/.

St. Joseph's School Christmas Bazaar

Save the date! St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar will be held on **7th December** from **11am to 1pm** at **St. Joseph's School**. Join us for a festive day of fun, food, and holiday cheer!

[Beyond the Threshold](#) – creating safe spaces for people to find out who we are, what we believe and what we're like!

A day for all! On Saturday 18 January we will explore the key principles that we need to employ before we embark on any specific programme of catechesis. Our day at St Brendan's College, Brislington, will start at 10am (9.30am refreshments) and will be led by International Speaker and Author, David Wells as our keynote speaker. In addition, there will be a series of workshops to look at how we apply the principles of creating a safe space, enabling others to know who we are, what we believe and what we are like!

To register for the day please click on the Eventbrite link: [beyondthethreshold.eve](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-threshold-tickets-123456789012)

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

Online sessions for November / December

Please see below details of four online series we are offering in partnership with 'Light of Truth' over the next few months. Parishioners are welcome to sign up for any of these. If you have space in your newsletter or on your website, I would be grateful if you could promote some of these opportunities over the next few weeks.

[Meet the Angels](#): Two sessions to discover what the Catholic Church teaches about the Angels. The sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening on: 21 November & 28 November. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link [here](#).

[Advent Retreat 2024](#): We are offering three sessions to prepare for Advent by reflecting from Scripture on the virtue of hope, as we enter into the Jubilee Year, 'Pilgrims of Hope.' The sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening on: 5 December, 12 December & 19 December.

To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link [here](#).

[The Happy Life of Virtue](#): We have seven sessions to discover the virtues of faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance, keys to a holy and happy life, in communion with God and in imitation of Our Blessed Mother Mary. The sessions take place every second Friday of the Month, at 7.30 pm, and begin on the 13 December 2024.

13 December - 1: Faith Session

10 January - 2: Hope Session

14 February - 3: Charity Session

14 March - 4: Prudence Session

11 April - 5: Justice Session

9 May - 6: Fortitude Session

13 June - 7: Temperance

This course is designed for the Catholic Women's Association and is open to everyone. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link [here](#).

[Training for Children's Liturgy of the Word](#): We are offering a training session to equip leaders and helpers of the Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish. We will look at essential principles, offer models, and recommend resources. The session takes place on 14 December, 9am to 12noon. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link [here](#).

Masses Requested

23 Nov Sat 6.30: Private Intention

24 Nov Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the soul of Sue Woodhead RIP

24 Nov Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

Wisdom from Saints

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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.

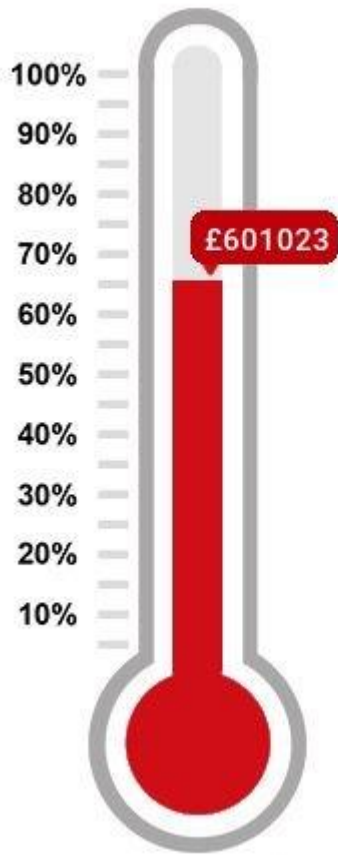
With every blessing

Father Thomas and Deacon Steve



St Josephs Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury. Enjoy a tour of our village school in the heart of the town

Goal: £925000





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!

Pilgrimage Walk



WHEN: Friday 11th - Sunday 20th April 2025

WHERE: Oxford to Walsingham, 100 miles

EMAIL: studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com

FIND OUT MORE:

follow QR code or go to bit.ly/OxLeg25





All are welcome: Pilgrim Cross began as a Catholic student pilgrimage 75 years ago but has evolved into an ecumenical endeavour. We have a long history of welcoming people of other Christian traditions; and you are equally welcome if you are of another faith or none.

Fellowship: walking, singing, praying, eating and sharing accommodation together for a week is an amazing experience of living in Christian Community.

Prayer: we enjoy times of silence, prayer, singing and mass throughout this Holy Week.

Pilgrimage distance, route & terrain: setting off from Oxford City Centre we walk between 10 and 17 miles (that's 16-27k) per day and a total of 104 miles over 7 days arriving in Walsingham on Good Friday. The route is very scenic and fairly flat. It comprises a mixture of quiet & busy roads, country lanes & footpaths and the occasional field (which can be muddy/ slippery). We walk through some beautiful villages and through Norwich City (where we stop to visit both the Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals). There are refreshment and lunch-stops at intervals along the way (including excellent home-made cake kindly provided by local parishes)!

Fitness: you will need a reasonable level of physical fitness to meet the challenge of this particular leg. You should be confident that you can walk the daily mileage and have a certain amount of upper body strength since pilgrims take it in turns, in teams of 3, to carry our large wooden cross – something you will come to love! So, some pre-pilgrimage training is advised but well worth it! If this seems like too much for you, do check out one of our other legs on the [PX website](#).

Amazing Value: students/unwaged £75; low waged £125; fully waged £210 - this covers all food, a mid-week transfer from Oxfordshire to Norfolk, and accommodation for 8 days.

Support: expect to be well supported, meet like-minded people and make new friends.

Chaplaincy: the Oxford Leg is supported by a Jesuit priest within the team.

Easter Liturgies: and we celebrate the triduum together in Walsingham at the Catholic Church and Anglican Shrine.

Accommodation: it will feel a bit like camping for the first 8 nights (sleeping bags in church halls), then comparative luxury of the Pilgrim Bureau in Walsingham (with beds & showers) for the last 2 nights.

Bursaries: are available to help with cost and equipment (walking boots/ sleeping bags/ air beds etc).

Journeys home on Easter Sunday: coaches will run from Walsingham to Leicester and to London around 3pm in the afternoon. This is an additional £25 cash charge.

All are welcome

