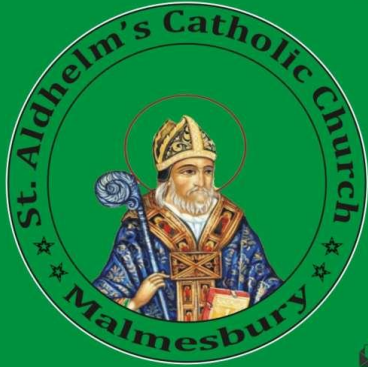




St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church

St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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XXX Sunday in OT, 27 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



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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[Reflections for the Mysteries of The Rosary.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!

Scripture summarised

The first reading describes God's compassion and forgiveness, as He heals the spiritual blindness of His Chosen People through their captivity in Babylon and promises their liberation. This connects with the Gospel, where Jesus, on His journey to Jerusalem, heals blind Bartimaeus, fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy of Israel's joyful return from exile. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 126) echoes this hope: "Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing!" The second reading from Hebrews 5 highlights Jesus as the perfect sacrifice and compassionate High Priest, sharing in our human nature. The Gospel demonstrates Jesus's mercy as He heals Bartimaeus, who, through faith, gains both physical and spiritual sight.

Just a heads up: The clocks goes back in the UK on 27 October 2024 at 2am!

Mass Schedule for the weekdays of this week

Monday Mass at 10am

Thursday- Morning Prayer 10am

Friday- All Saints Day: 10am and 7pm

Saturday – All Souls Day: 10am

Collection figures

Loose £131.21

Env NGA £ 30.00

Env GA £ 148.00

Repository £1.74

World Missions £ 261.93

New Sunday Missal (People's Edition) Now Available!

We have received the new copies of the Sunday Missal (People's Edition). Fourteen parishioners have already signed up and paid for their copies—thank you! Your names are listed, and your copies will be available in the porch, ready for collection. If you've already paid for a copy, your labelled edition will be placed in a cover and left in the porch for easy pick-up.

We've also ordered some extra copies, which are now available for purchase at £20 each. These will be displayed outside the church this weekend for anyone who wishes to buy a copy.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has a new governing body after a year being run by an Interim Executive Board. From the parish, the Foundation Governors are Christine Hainsworth, Frances Thickett, Mary Barnard and Carole Baker. Two of the new governors were chair and vice-chair of the IEB and are staying on in those roles as Foundation Governors, they are Kirsty Martin and Gabriella Tiley. The final Foundation Governor will be known to the parish, she is Karen Bathe who was one of the interim headteachers last year. Two parents, a member of staff and the headteacher Paul Bacon make up the rest of the board. There is one vacancy to fill, but the board is confident that can be sorted soon. The board is very keen to strengthen and deepen links with the parish. Mary Barnard who has a vast experience in the educational field will help us liaise between the school and the parish. We thank them for the generosity of their time and talents.

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.

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

Clifton Diocese Trustees: Following the recent retirement of one of the educational linked Trustees,

there is a current vacancy to join the Board. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of education within the UK and knowledge of the Catholic sector would be advantageous. The commitment is to attend one 3-hour meeting approximately seven times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of two education related committees which would meet six times per year. Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for a position, please send your details to Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondi by 29th November.

Clergy Welfare Officer

Part-time – 15 hours per week

The Curia team is recruiting a new position to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The role will provide advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing.

The successful applicant will have a full understanding of the Catholic religion and the role of priests, including empathy with their spiritual and pastoral needs, and experience of working in a healthcare setting or with social services.

The role is mainly based in the Curia Offices in Bristol with travel within the Diocese as required.

For further information please see the Diocesan website: cliftondiocese.com/dio

Closing date for receipt of applications: 22 November 2024

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

Join us for Barn Dance with Ploughman's supper!

Get ready for an evening of lively music, great food, and good company.



Date: Friday, 22nd November



Time: 7pm - 10pm



Location: The Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BG

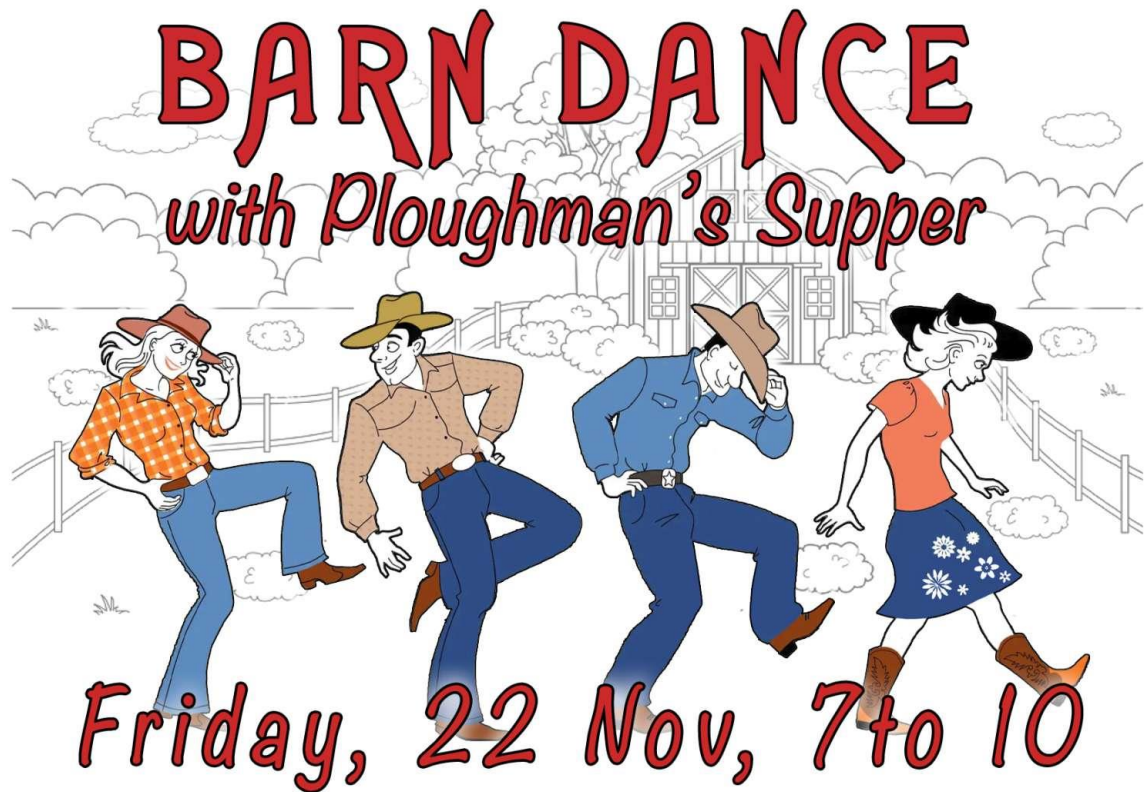
Enjoy the music from **Lucky 7 Band**, a hearty **Ploughman's Supper**, a well-stocked **Bar**, and a **Raffle** with some exciting prizes.

Tickets are £15—easy to grab by scanning the QR code or using the link here: ticketlab.co.uk/event/

No experience? No problem! If you don't know the steps, you'll be taught—and who knows, you might just head home a professional dancer! 🕺👯

Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a first-timer, come along for a relaxed, joyful evening.

All in support of our parish hall. Tickets will be on sale at all masses this weekend. It will be our last fundraising for the year—we've had quite a few this year, and with Christmas on the horizon, we need to save not just our energy but a bit of cash too!



Wisdom from Saints

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." *St. Catherine of Siena*

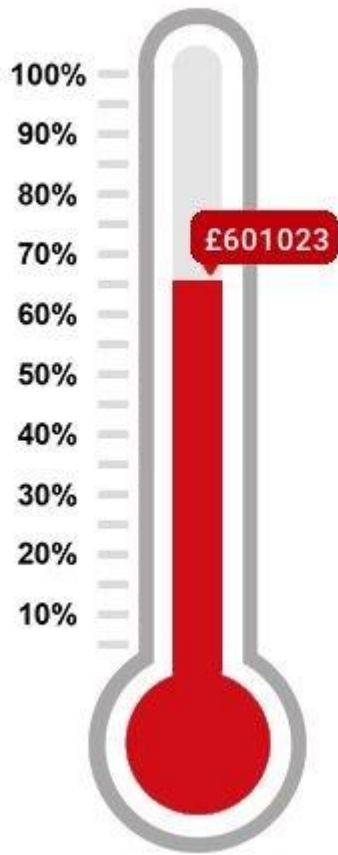
PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon (malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com)

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

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!