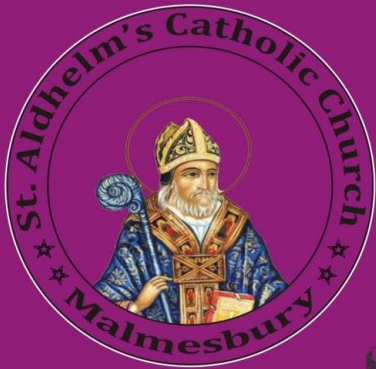




St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church

# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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Second Sunday of Advent, 8 Dec 2024

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<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 10am

**Wednesday Word**

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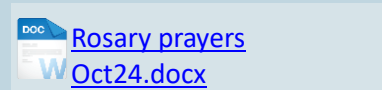
**St Joseph's School Website**

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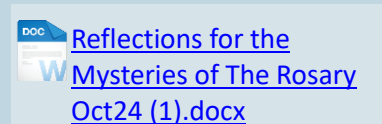


## Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Aldhelm's,

We hope you are ok wherever you are. We are delighted to be in touch with you through this newsletter.

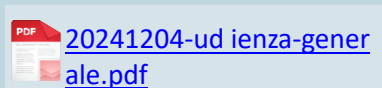
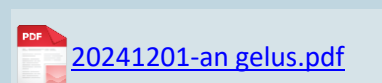


We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and thank you for joining us in celebrating the Lord's love for us in the Holy Eucharist. There are no strangers here, just new friends you have not yet met!



### Readings Summarised

This Sunday's readings invite us to prepare our hearts for the Lord. In the first reading, Baruch envisions God leading the Babylonian exiles back to Jerusalem, symbolising humanity's return to God. The Responsorial Psalm reflects the joy of exiles returning home. Paul, in the second reading, urges the Philippians to prepare for Christ's return by living pure, loving lives. In the Gospel, John the Baptist calls for repentance and renewal, urging people to prepare a path for the Messiah by addressing pride, impurity, and injustice. During Advent, we are called to spiritual renewal, returning to the Lord with joy and hope.



**Please do join** us for Mass led by our Filipino brothers and sisters on 7 Dec Sat at 6.30.

### Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

Since the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Sunday this year, it will be celebrated liturgically on Monday, 9th December, with Mass at 10 am. As the principal Patroness of the Diocese, we warmly invite you to join us for Mass.

**Please note** that Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> of Dec Thursday at 9am.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Fri at 7pm, during which time there will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A perfect opportunity to ready your heart for the joy of Christmas!

### Collection figures for 3 weeks

Loose     £401.91

Env NGA £ 77.00  
Repository £ 66.60  
Funeral £200.00

### **Grant from Malmesbury Carnival Charity**

We are delighted to share that our parish has been awarded a generous grant of £1,500 from the Malmesbury Carnival Charity 2024. This funding will support the purchase of essential items as outlined in the application. A heartfelt thanks to Val and the fundraising team for their dedication and hard work in preparing and progressing this successful grant application.

### **Frances Ormerod RIP**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Frances Ormerod, beloved mother of Teresa Bromley Gardner. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Teresa and her family during this difficult time. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

**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.

**Congratulations** to Remi Thivet, Dariusz Derewonko, and James O'Shaughnessy, who were formally admitted to candidacy during Mass last Friday evening at St Aldhelm's. It was a joy to host them along with their friends, and family.

Our heartfelt thanks to Deacon Steve, director of formation for the permanent diaconate, for beautifully organising the ceremony, and to Canon Colin Mason for presiding at the Mass.

We are also deeply grateful to everyone who organised the reception afterwards at the Town Hall, especially Sheila, Mario, Isabelle, Jacqui, and all those who contributed to making it a wonderful occasion.

### **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.com/e/beyond-the-threshold-tickets-754444444444)

### **Jubilee of Hope: Holy Door opens on 24 December**

Only a few days remain until the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, marking the beginning of the Holy Year 2025.

The Jubilee offers a special moment for plenary indulgence, conversion, and grace to rekindle hope in the daily journey of life and the proclamation of the Gospel.

Follow the opening of the Holy Door on December 24 at 7:00 PM (Rome time) and all events of the Holy Year 2025 with Vatican News and Vatican Radio via our [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook Live](#).

*"Hope does not disappoint."*

### **Bishop Bosco MacDonald installed as Prebend of Wells Cathedral**

On Tuesday 26 November, Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Bishop of Clifton, was Installed as a Prebend of Wells Cathedral during a Service of Choral Evensong, sung by the Vicars Choral of Wells Cathedral Choir. Members of the Chapter installed Bishop MacDonald as a Prebendary along with two others: Colin Kerr, Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Bishop Roshan Lal, Bishop of the Apostolic Pastoral Congress.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Right Reverend Michael Beasley welcomed the congregation, many from the Catholic Parish of St Joseph and Teresa in Wells, and introduced the Prebendary-in-Designate. He read the Deed of Collation which he then presented to each of the Prebendaries-in-Designate and prayed for them. He read the Mandate for the Installation which was then delivered by the Registry Clerk to the Chapter Clerk.

Bishop Bosco MacDonald was Installed as Prebendary of the Cathedral Church and was assigned the stall belonging to the titular Prebend of Ilton.

[cbcew.org.uk/bishop-bo](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-bo)

### **Archbishop O'Toole celebrates the proclamation of new Archdiocese**

Archbishop O'Toole has celebrated the proclamation of the new Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia, saying the Catholic community need to have the faith that the Centurion shows Jesus in the Gospel.

Yesterday (1 December) at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St David, Archbishop O'Toole received the Papal Bull appointing him as Archbishop of the new Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia.

Speaking in the homily, he said:

“We need the kind of confidence that this soldier had in Jesus. Lord we need this faith. The faith that like the Centurion’s amazes you. You want us to trust you like he did.

“This is the faith that makes you marvel. This new beginning must be an invitation to deeper trust in you, to show our confidence in you, so that the world may marvel, be amazed.”

[cbcew.org.uk/archbisho](http://cbcew.org.uk/archbisho)

### **Masses Requested**

7 Dec Sat 6.30: Private Intention

8 Dec Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo

8 Dec Sun 10am: For the repose of the soul of Morag Stafford RIP (offered by Simon Emmet)

12 Dec Thurs: Private Intention

13 Dec Fri: Special Intention (offered by Josie and David Charlton)

### **Wisdom from Saints**

“Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.”  
*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

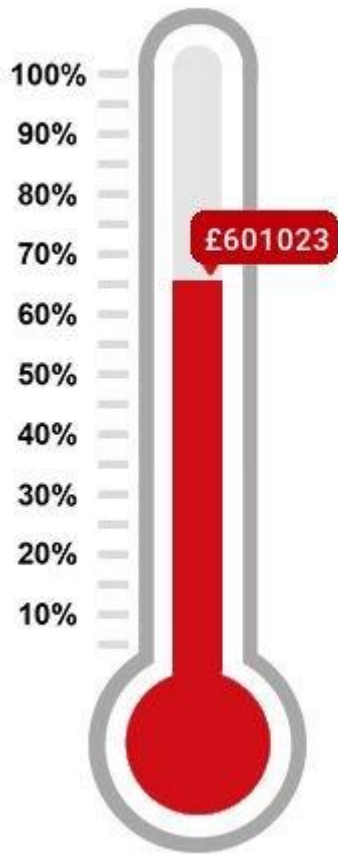
PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon ([malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com))

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

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