



St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church



St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2025

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: Vary throughout January, so please check in the section below. Generally Monday Mass and Thursday Morning Prayer 10 am, but do please check for each week

Wednesday Word

www.wednesdayword.org

St Joseph's School Website

[st-josephs-malmesbury.](https://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 and it's out a bit early this week because of our various commitments this week, but normal service will resume next week. Please nb that generally we need any notices that need to go in the newsletter by midday Thursday.

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!

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

'They have no wine'

After his Baptism, Jesus starts his public ministry by giving us a first 'sign' of his transformative love. At the wedding feast of Cana, he changes water into wine at the suggestion of his mother, and here we see Mary already interceding for others. The First Reading also uses the image of a wedding to show that the Lord rejoices in his people *'as the bridegroom rejoices over his bride'*. St Paul in the second reading teaches the people of Corinth about the various gifts given to each one of them – and to each one of us – which can be used for the good of all in a variety of ways. These gifts all witness to the same Spirit, the same God.

The Psalm which can sometimes be overlooked is a joyful song of praise that reflects the spirit of the other readings. It invites us to *'Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples'*. God will judge the people with fairness.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, the joyful image of wedding festivities might inspire us to think of all who suffer from food poverty. We pray that each one of us might use our different gifts generously to help those in need, so that all have sustenance. In this way, may we appreciate the transforming love that God has for every one.

Online sessions

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? What can I do? Join us for an introduction to the Jubilee with our special guests including Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, Christine Allen, CAFOD Director, and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Africa. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and see how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. And a special appearance by Ooberfuse.

Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. [Register here for free.](#)

Clifton Diocese - Catechists and Formation Sessions

[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.

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](#).

Masses This Week

Please pass Mass Intentions to Deacon Steve at malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com until further notice

We are delighted to welcome Canon Alan Finlay to celebrate Mass for us this week.

18th January - 6.30 pm Mass - Our First Holy Communion Catechists - Canon Alan Finlay

19th January - 8.30 am Mass - Canon Alan Finlay

19th January - 10 am Mass - The People of the Parish - Canon Alan Finlay

20th January - 10 am Mass - The sick and housebound of the Parish - Canon Alan Finlay

21th January No Mass

22th January No Mass

23rd January Morning Prayer

24th January No Mass

Wisdom from Saints for the New Year

“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew.”

— Francis de Sales

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 or Morning Prayer.

With every blessing

Father Thomas and Deacon Steve