



St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church



St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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Third 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 (MP) 10 am, but do please check for each week

Wednesday Word

www.wednesdayword.org

St Joseph's School Website

[st-josephs-malmesbury.](http://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. 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!

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's first reading, taken from Nehemiah, and Luke's Gospel each describe a public reading of Sacred Scripture which challenges the hearers to make a "*fresh beginning*" with a new outlook. In the first reading, after rebuilding the Temple and restoring the city, Ezra leads the people in a "*Covenant renewal*" ceremony by reading and interpreting the Law. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) sings the praises of the Law of the Lord and its effects on those who accept it. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that "*together we are Christ's Body, but each of us is a different part of it.*" This suggests that, as different parts of Christ's Body, each of us has a share, as instruments in God's hands, in bringing the freeing and saving mission of Christ to our world in our times.

Today's Gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting what Isaiah had prophesied about the Messiah and his mission. Jesus claims that he is One sent "*to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed*"—language that reflects the Biblical year of Jubilee. To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townsmen, Jesus declares that Isaiah's prophecy is being fulfilled at that very moment "*in your hearing,*" because the prophecy foretells and describes Jesus' own mission and ministry. Jesus' mission is still to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his "*Good News,*" accept it and put it into practice. Luke reports that surprise and admiration were the initial reactions of the people who were astonished at the power and eloquence of this son of their soil.



Can you help in Holy Week this year?

Every year we seek volunteers for Holy Week and construct a rota of those people that would like to help at our liturgies. Would you like to read at Mass, can you offer to help as a Eucharistic Minister, can you volunteer to have your foot washed on Maundy Thursday (please !!), can you serve at the altar whether you are young or older (training available) - it's very straightforward, and much needed at Holy Week liturgies. Have you ever thought of joining the choir? Whatever your skill or experience, we need you ! There is so much to do so please volunteer as soon as you can and we will publish the final rota as in March.

Please email Deacon Steve at steve.boughton@clifton with what you would prefer to do and on which days from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday inclusive and we'll be in touch.

Please volunteer early so we can sort arrangements in good time - thank you



RETROUVAILLE

A L I F E L I N E F O R M A R R I E D C O U P L E S

Marriage Help

Very often we are reluctant to seek help when our marriage is not going as we wish - we don't want to talk about it, and we don't think anyone can help. You might feel it's too late to recover from whatever has affected your marriage, or that your spouse won't engage so what's the point? Retrouvaille do amazing work and a great track record in helping. Have a look at their website - it's an approach that's proven to help and there are in person and online courses

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples find **help and healing in their marriage.**

There is no group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom on **27 February to 2 March 2025** please contact us

Call or text 0788 7296983

Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk www.retrouvaille.org.uk

LENT 2025



A FUTURE full of

HOPE

LENTEN reconciliation

'It is the same compassion with which the Lord comes to meet each one of us. He does not ignore us, he knows our pain, he knows how much we need help and comfort. He comes close and never abandons us.'
Pope Francis, General Audience, 27 April 2016

Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage.

RECONCILIATION LITURGIES

Thursday 13 March
Immaculate Conception,
Stroud

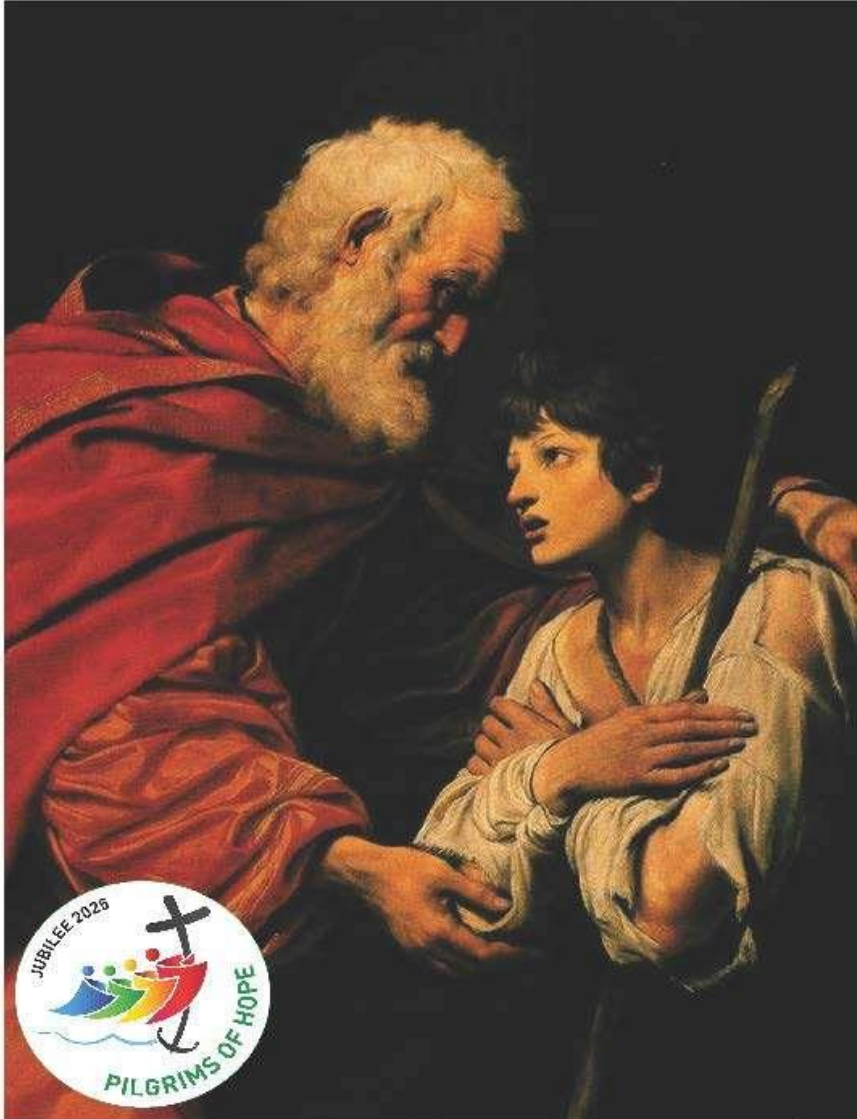
Thursday 20 March
St Peter, Swindon

Thursday 27 March
St Gregory the Great,
Cheltenham

Thursday 3 April
St George, Taunton

Thursday 10 April
St Francis, Nailsea

Each Liturgy will start at 7pm



RECONCILIATION

CELEBRATING THE FATHER'S MERCY



Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese. These venues are:

Thursday 13 March: Immaculate Conception, Stroud

Thursday 20 March: St Peter, Swindon

Thursday 27 March: St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham

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Each Liturgy starts at 7pm. Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. You will be most welcome at any of the venues.

Clifton Evangelist and Diocesan Online Sessions

There is so much happening in the diocese that the Adult Education team put together each month and which they publish in the Clifton Evangelist (link below). Have a read to see all that is happening, sign up and join in !

cliftondiocese.com/wp-



[Newsletter-The-Evangelist-volume-12.pdf](#)

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](#)

Collections - Thank you for your generosity

11/12 Jan: Loose £206.04 Non-Gift Aid Envelopes £25.50 Total: £231.54

18/19 Jan: Loose £200.97 Non-Gift Aid Envelopes £12.55 Gift Aid Envelopes £20. Total £233.52

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 Finley again to celebrate Mass for us this week.

25th January - 6.30 pm Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life for Clifton Diocese - Fr Alan

26th January - 8.30 am People of the Parish - Fr Alan

26th January - 10 am Joseph Galea RIP - Fr Alan

27th January - 10 am For the intentions of the Sick and Housebound - Fr Alan

28th January No Mass

29th January No Mass

30th January Morning Prayer

31st January No Mass

Wisdom from Saints for the New Year

What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience. St 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.

With every blessing

Father Thomas and Deacon Steve