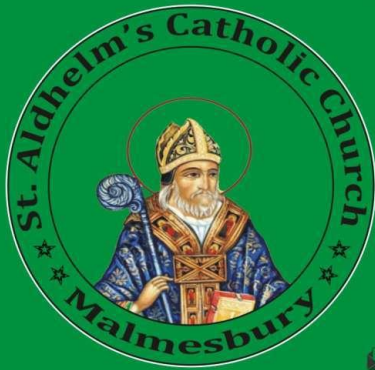




St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church

# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2025**

**Live Webcam Link for all our Masses**

[churchservices.tv/malm](http://churchservices.tv/malm)

**To Make your Weekly Contribution Online**

<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: Monday, Thursday and Friday at 10 am

**Wednesday Word**

[www.wednesdayword.org](http://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!

### **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah, in the first reading, and St Peter, in today's Gospel, express their unworthiness to be in the presence of God's great Holiness, and both St Peter and Isaiah immediately receive reassurance and their Divine calls. Today's new testament reading describes the call of another great apostle, Paul, who judges himself to be unworthy of the name or the call, as he was a former persecutor of the Christians and as the last apostle selected by the Risen Lord. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 138) offers a prayer of gratitude for just such a calling. For, it was by giving these three men a strong conviction of their unworthiness, and of their need for total dependence on His grace, that God prepared them for their missions. It was the miraculous catch of fish at Jesus' command, described in today's Gospel, which enabled Peter to find God in Jesus and prompted him to surrender his life completely to Jesus' service as a full-time disciple. The Church teaches that we are *all* called to Christ's ministry by virtue of our Baptism into Jesus Christ.

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**Can you help this Holy Week please?**

**We need volunteers asap so we can plan our Holy Week liturgy**

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](mailto: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.

**No Previous Experience required - Please volunteer asap so we can sort arrangements in good time - thank you**



# RETROUVAILLE

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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](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)



## **Adult Education and Personal Development**

### **Online 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](#).



## Parish Notices

### Thank You !

We welcome back Father Thomas from his travels and our Mass schedule returns to normal this week, but we thank Father John, Father Maria, Father Christo and Canon Alan for their kind support in celebrating Mass for us. We also thank with deep gratitude Maurice for our Morning Prayer, Jacqui and Margaret who locked and unlocked so faithfully each day, and Rod, Dave, Tony, Jacqu and most especially Sheila for all the works that have been completed in Father Thomas' time away. We also are so very grateful to Ann for her kind production of the newsletter, Annette for her faithful creation of our weekly prayers amongst many others who have kept us open and the parish operating so wonderfully, so thank you to everyone living their wonderful daily vocation of music, prayer, serving, cameras, cleaning and so much more whilst Father Thomas was away on his well-deserved break and during his work whilst in India too. We are so profoundly grateful to you all and forgive me if I've missed anyone ! Thank you to you all who do so much to enable the parish to work so seamlessly. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness.

### Collections - Thank you for your generosity

**1/2 February:** Loose £ 177.96. Envelopes Non Gift Aided £ 34.00, Gift Aided Envelopes £ 20 - Thank you so much for your kindness and helping us keep the lights and heating on each week

### Masses This Week

Please pass Mass Intentions to [malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com)

Saturday 8th February - 6.30 pm Vocations for Clifton Diocese

Sunday 9th February - 8.30 am People of the Parish

Sunday 9th February - 10 am Michael James Gilchrist RIP (Gilchrist Family)

Monday 10th February - 10 am - For the intentions of the Cleaver Family

Tuesday 11th February No Mass

Wednesday 12th February No Mass

Thursday 13th February - 10 am Mass

Friday 14th February - 10 am Mass

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### **Annual Safeguarding Report**

Bishop Bosco MacDonald has just released his annual safeguarding plan and written his personal message to us all in this vital area of our Diocesan mission. The attached report gives an update of all the safeguarding team and our Diocesan Parish Reps have been doing.



[Annual Safeguarding report 2024 final.pdf](#)

### **Wisdom from Saints for the New Year**

Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.

St Francis de Sales

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

*Eyes Down For*

**Bingo**



*Come along and  
make it a full house*

**On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7 to 10 pm**

The Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury SN16 9BZ

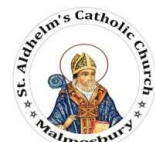
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