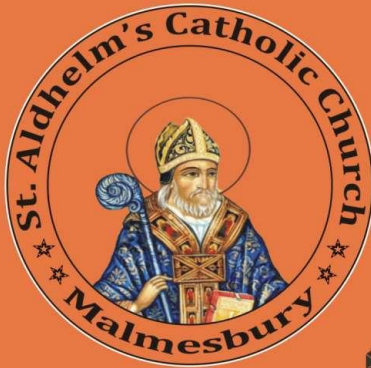




St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church

# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 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: Vary throughout January, so please check in the section below. Generally Monday for N and Thursday for Morning Prayer, both at 10 am, but do please check the newsletter each week

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!

### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Today's Gospel presents the head of the Holy Family, Joseph, faithfully obeying God's law given through Moses concerning the purification of the mother and the redeeming of the child, by presenting Mary and the Baby Jesus in the Temple. The events recounted appear elsewhere in the liturgical year but are those we traditionally celebrate today, February 2nd, with the **Feast of Presentation of Jesus**. The creche at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome is left in place until today, marking the end of Christmas season.

This is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother and the presentation of the child in the Temple. Pope Benedict XVI affirms that *"Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God."* In 1997, Pope John Paul II designated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord as the Annual World Day of Consecrated Life. In his homily, Pope Benedict XVI expressly referred to this intention of his predecessor. So, we invite all our consecrated women and men to return to the beginning, to the very personal early days of the gift of your vocation, recalling, for a moment, the first time you sensed the Lord's call to you to follow Him with an undivided heart.

We thank Fr Tony Kadavil for his notes on this wonderful feast.

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You are warmly invited to join the first youth-led Mass of the year, next week, the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February!

All our children, particularly those preparing for First Holy Communion this year, are invited to take part, as so many of you kindly volunteered to do at the next opportunity - this is it so do come and join us! It's such an inspiration to the rest of us when you come and read, or serve, or sing or play, or lead our prayers - do please come and be with us.

Please click the 'sign up' button for your young people to take part in any of the roles below (assisted by parents where necessary).

As this notice will go in the parish newsletter next week, do sign up asap please to give your children first option, plus extra time for rehearsal of music, singing, readings, prayers and questions to be asked/answered; making this both a well prepared celebration of Mass as a parish community, and as we look towards the celebrations of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Thank you!

[Youth Animated Mass 10am Sunday 9th February](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[Altar Servers](#)

[Assisting preparation of refreshments, before Mass](#)

[Welcomers](#)

[Musicians](#)

[Singers](#)

[Readers](#)

[Prayer readers](#)

[Taking up Offertory Gifts](#)

[Taking up Offertory Collection](#)

[Assisting serving refreshments/clearing away](#)



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

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.

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

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# RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

## 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)

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## Clifton Diocese - Catechists and Formation Sessions

### 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](#).

### **Masses This Week**

Please pass Mass Intentions to Deacon Steve at [malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com) until further notice

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

1st February - 6.30 pm People of the Parish - Canon Alan

2nd February - 8.30 am Joan Mary Wakefield RIP - Canon Alan

2nd February - 10 am Private Intention - Canon Alan

3rd February - 10 am Private Intention - Canon Alan

4th February - No Mass

5th February - No Mass

6th February - Morning Prayer

7th February - No Mass

### **Collections**

Last weekend you very kindly gave £279.04 in the collection bags, plus £40 in Gift Aid Envelopes and £20 in Non-Gift Aid Envelopes. Thank you very much for your generosity.

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### **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



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