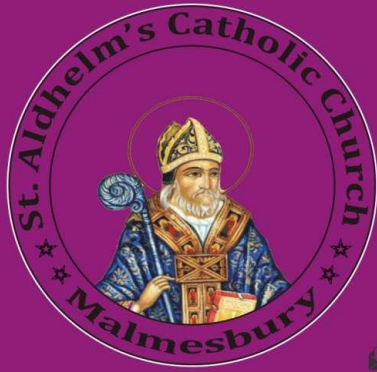


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II Sunday of Lent, 16 March 2025

Live Webcam Link for all our Masses

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New Parish Hall Project

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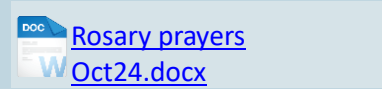
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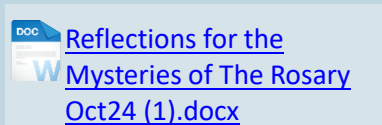


Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Aldhelm's,

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

The first reading recounts Abram's transformation into a believer in the one true God, who later establishes a covenant with him as a reward for his faith and obedience. The Responsorial Psalm affirms this faith, proclaiming trust in God's goodness. In the second reading, St Paul emphasises that Christian transformation comes through faith in Christ, not adherence to the Mosaic Law, urging believers to remain steadfast in discipleship. The Gospel narrates the Transfiguration, where Jesus is revealed in divine glory, surpassing Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose was for Jesus to seek confirmation of His mission from the Father while the secondary aim was to strengthen the disciples, dispelling their expectations of a political Messiah. The Heavenly Voice identifies Jesus as God's Son, making the Transfiguration a Christophany—a revelation of His divine identity. This event offers a glimpse of the heavenly glory awaiting those who trust in God.

Benediction

Please do join us for our benediction tonight (14 March, Fri) in the Church.

Mass in the School

Please do join us mass in the School (Not in the church) on 19th March Wed at 10am to celebrate the solemnity of St Joseph, which will be led by school children.

FHC Session on Sunday after Mass

Following our 10am Mass on Sunday, we have First Holy Communion classes for our candidates, along with altar server training. We keep our children and their families in our prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Bingo Night

Just to share the good news — the total amount raised from our Bingo Night Fundraising, came to a

fantastic £1,332. A huge thank you to everyone who supported, attended, and helped make the evening such a success.

SECOND COLLECTION - CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection (16 March 2025)

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is the official overseas development and relief agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Cafod state: "As a member of the Caritas International Federation, we play a vital role in the world's largest network of relief and development organisations, which enables us and our supporters to make a real and lasting difference. The cornerstone of CAFOD's income is the funding we receive from the Catholic Community whose generosity and compassion makes it possible for us to help many thousands of people to transform their lives. CAFOD's two Fast Days – at Lent and Harvest – are times when the whole of the Catholic Community joins together and with CAFOD stands alongside people in need, sharing resources and uniting in prayer to build a better, fairer, and more compassionate world."

www.cafod.org.uk/

The Sound of Music Film Night

Please join us for a classic film for all ages ~ The Sound of Music Film Night (Sing-Along) at St Peter's Parish Hall, Cirencester on Saturday, 05 April at 7:00pm. Tickets are £5 each (ages 12 and under free) and will be sold after Mass at St Peter's each weekend. Raffle, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase on the night. Fancy dress optional. All proceeds will go towards repairs needed at St Peter's Parish Hall.

Please book your tickets online at: ticketsource.co.uk/st-

Spiritual Adoption

The Spiritual Adoption is a powerful prayer for those children who are in danger of death in the womb of their mothers. The Adoption starts with the oath taken in church usually on (or close to) Annunciation Day and lasts for nine months till Christmas. In this time you say one decade of the Rosary each day and a daily prayer for your adopted child. You can also decide to do some extra spiritual exercise or an additional resolution, but this is optional.

We do not know who our child is or where she or he might live. Only God knows his or her name. (You can give your child a name of your choice though, so that you feel closer.) Everyone can adopt a child - men and women of every walk of life, even children - providing they are mature enough to keep praying for 9 months.

The Spiritual Adoption has started in our parish three years ago and we would like to keep up this good work. This year we will take the oath on 23rd March at 10.00 Mass. If you would like to volunteer and save a life or you just need more information please contact Dora Smereczynska on 07448573976 or e-mail: dorota.smer@gmail.com.

You can also see our parish website to learn more about the subject:

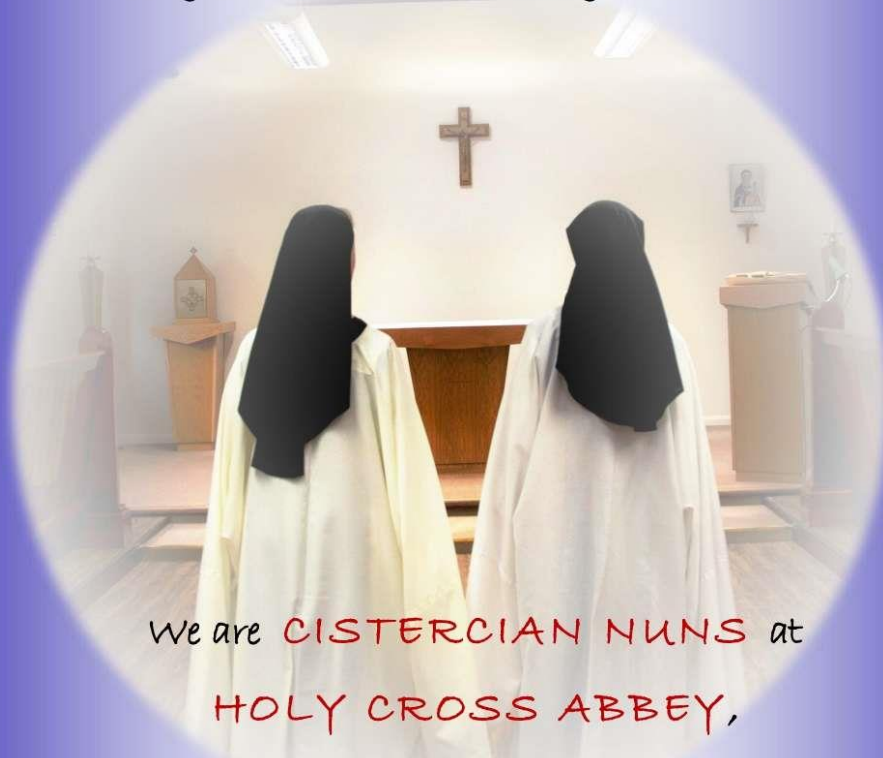
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'Where are you staying?'

John 1:38

COME AND SEE WEEKENDS 2025

Friday 30th May to Monday 2nd June
Friday 8th August to Monday 11th August



We are **CISTERCIAN NUNS** at
HOLY CROSS ABBEY,

Whitland, Pembrokeshire, SA34 0QX,

inviting single Catholic women ages 25 – 45
who are discerning a vocation, to experience our monastic life
during one of the above weekends.

www.hcawhitland.co.uk

Any enquiries and registration, please email us at
comeandseehca@gmail.com

Diocesan Curia Day

Welcome to Diocesan Curia Day! Join us on Sat, Mar 29, 2025 at St Brendan's Sixth Form College for a day filled with learning, networking, and enjoyment. Doors open from 9:30am with pastries and refreshments. The event will begin at 9.45am and finish at 2.30pm.

The event is for parishes and volunteers to meet with members of the Curial departments and attend a variety of presentations and workshops.

When registering, please select one workshop in each slot that you wish to attend, so that we can manage numbers.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your knowledge and make new friends. See you there!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-curia-day-tickets-1204885267269?aff=oddtcreator>

2025 Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 22nd August to Friday 29th August 2025.

As usual, we shall be part of the Catholic Association Pilgrimage. Tagney tours will be dealing with bookings, hotels and flight bookings. Details are yet to be finalised, but we shall be travelling from Birmingham airport direct to Tarbes-Lourdes airport.

These dates are confirmed, but please check back here soon for booking details.

If you would like to contact Fr Eugene about the pilgrimage, please do so here:

lourdes@cliftdiocese

The Pilgrimage will have a full programme including:-

Mass each day, including Mass at the Grotto Massabielle

Visits to the Grotto

Service of Reconciliation

Visit to the Baths

Water Gesture

Jubilee 2025 Meditation Walk

Stations of the Cross

Diocesan Day to Bartres

Blessed Sacrament Procession

Torchlight Procession

This pilgrimage will also give an opportunity to gain the Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence, as the Rosary Basilica is a designated 'Jubilee Church'.

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

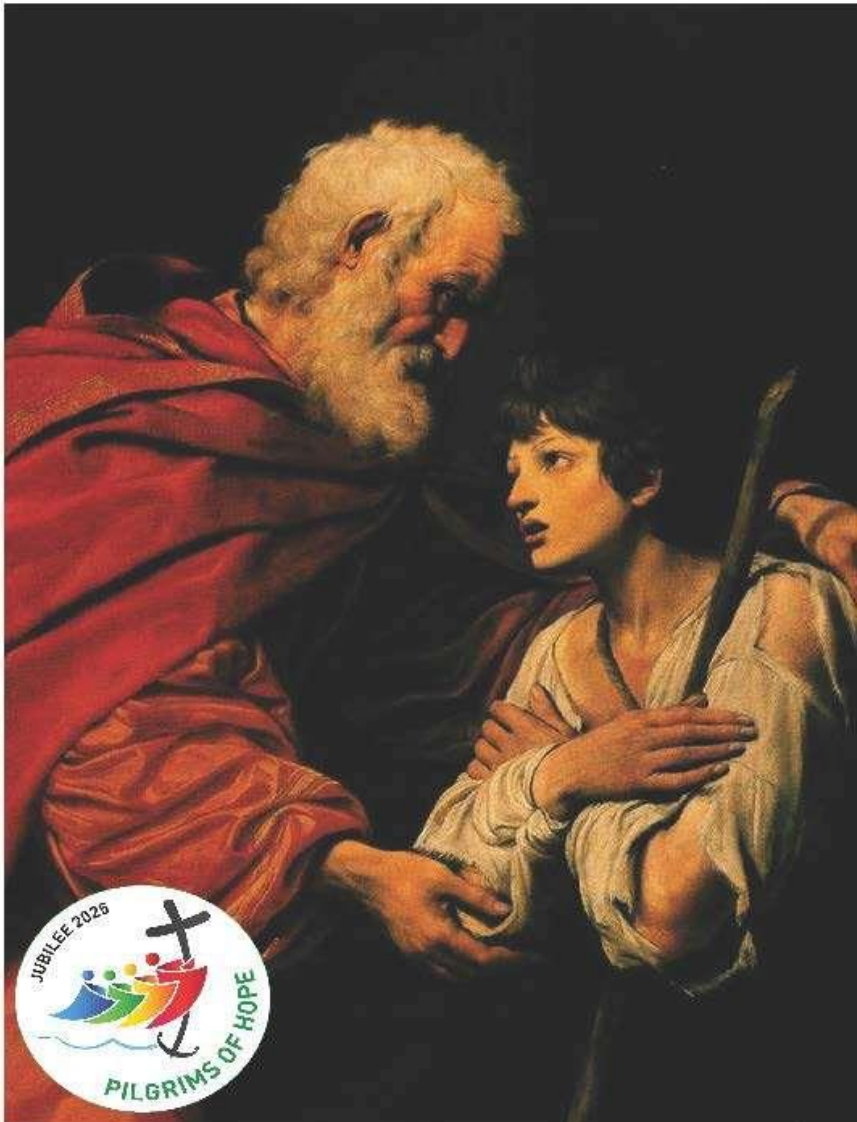
Thursday 20 March
St Peter, Swindon

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

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Monday, 17th March – St Patrick's Day

Join us as we celebrate St Patrick's Day on Monday, 17th March! After our 10am Mass, we will gather for high tea in the Town Hall. Everyone is warmly invited.

To help with catering, please sign up using the button provided. We look forward to celebrating together! 🍀

[St Patrick's Day](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[17th March Mon 10am](#)

Masses Requested

- 15 March Sat 6.30: For the repose of the soul of George Smith RIP (offered by Caroline and Nancy)
- 16 March Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo
- 16 March Sun 10am: For the repose of the soul of Ellen Jane Creighton RIP
- 17 March Mon: For the intentions of Jim Westman

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"God's existence is not an abstract truth but a living reality. Through the beauty, vastness, and intricacy of creation, man comes to know not only that God exists but that He is infinitely wise, powerful, and loving, sustaining all things in being."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 32

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

