

St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church

# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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**III Sunday of Lent, 23 March 2025**

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



**St. Joseph**  
pray for us



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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 highlights God's mercy towards the Israelites in slavery, revealing Himself to Moses through the burning bush and promising liberation. God identifies as Yahweh ("I AM \Who AM") and assures Moses of His presence and the gift of a land flowing with milk and honey. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 113) echoes God's mercy, being slow to anger and abundant in kindness. The second reading warns that God's mercy is balanced with discipline, reminding the Corinthians of the Israelites' punishment for their sins in the desert. Paul urges believers to avoid immorality and idolatry. The Gospel recounts how Jesus disciplines and calls for repentance, using tragic events and the parable of the barren fig tree to urge change. Though God is patient, He will not wait forever. Timely repentance is essential, as "A Lent missed is a year lost from the spiritual life."

### **FHC Session today**

Following our 10am Mass today, we have First Holy Communion classes for our candidates. We keep our children and their families in our prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

### **Collection for 2 weeks**

Loose        £348.05  
Env NGA    £ 41.22  
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Repository £ 12.00  
CAFOD     £348.05  
Coffee (Parish Hall) £ 50

### **Liturgical schedule for the weekdays this week**

24<sup>th</sup> March Mon 10am : Mass

27<sup>th</sup> March Thurs 10am: Morning Prayer

28<sup>th</sup> March Fri, no morning Mass, but you will have benediction at 7pm

### **Grand Spring Raffle.**

This weekend is the launch of our Grand Spring Raffle. All parishioners will be offered an envelope after Mass containing three books of raffle tickets. We hope you will be able to sell these to family, friends and colleagues in the coming weeks in support of our Parish Hall project. We have many more raffle tickets available and these can be picked up in the church porch. Sell, sell sell please!

Thank you to all donors for the array of wonderful prizes on offer.

**LOST:** Ladies light coloured reading glasses lost in the church. If found please phone 07771656331. Thank you.

### **Choir Practices for Easter**

Wednesday 26th March 7.00pm for Palm Sunday and Good Friday

Wednesday 2nd April 7.30pm for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

There will be another Practice with young musicians for Maundy Thursday probably during the week 7th - 11 April.

### **Pastoral Council**

The next Pastoral Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 3rd April 7.30pm if anyone has anything that they would like discussed then please email Ann Roberts-Phare at [arphare@aol.com](mailto:arphare@aol.com) so it can be added to the Agenda.

### **SECOND COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND (30 March 2025)**

This fund provides retirement grants and housing, including care home accommodation, to the priests who have served our Diocese faithfully during their years of active priestly ministry. This money supports them in their retirement and offers them security in their later years. Our gift to them through this fund shows them something of our gratitude and our support.

### **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-](https://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 the 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](mailto:dorota.smer@gmail.com).

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

[saintaldhelms.com/even](http://saintaldhelms.com/even)

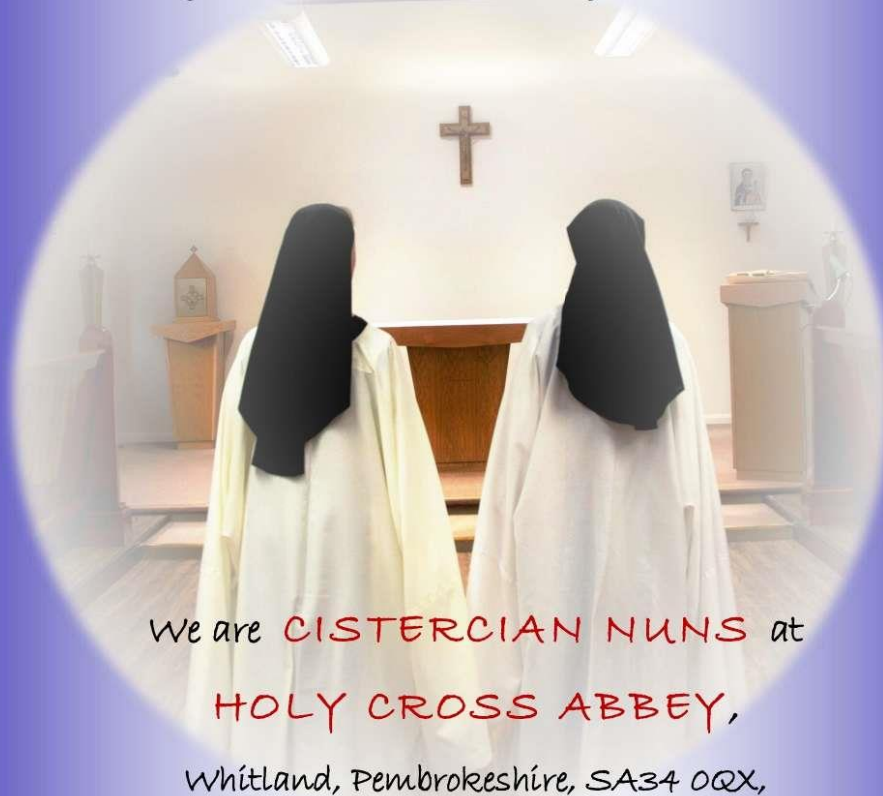
For those of you taking the oath, you are welcome to either come up to the sanctuary or remain in your seats and join in the prayer from there—whichever is more comfortable for you, especially if you have your children with you.

*'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](http://www.hcawhitland.co.uk)**

**Any enquiries and registration, please email us at  
[comeandseehca@gmail.com](mailto:comeandseehca@gmail.com)**

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>

### **Jubilee visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury**

You are warmly invited to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury during the Jubilee of Hope in 2025. This Shrine is one of two designated pilgrimage churches in the Clifton Diocese for the Jubilee Year.

The Jubilee Icon will be touring the country throughout the Jubilee Year and will be at the Shrine from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May. Additionally, the Jubilee Year offers a plenary indulgence for those who make a pilgrimage to this Jubilee church.

As you explore this beautiful Shrine, we hope you find peace and tranquillity, leaving you with a renewed sense of hope.

Both individuals and groups are welcome to visit the Shrine. To arrange your visit, please either call the Parish Office on 01458 835931 (weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm) or use the enquiry form on the Shrine's webpage: [glastonburyshrine.co.uk](http://glastonburyshrine.co.uk).

### **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass**

Bishop Bosco is looking forward to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 17 May (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries this year.

If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2025 please do let us know. You just need to send the names to our email address: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.org](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.org) with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating.

It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, and it is always good to see so many of you there.



ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION



A FUTURE full of

# HOPE

MARRIAGE & family life



**"God has poured out his love into our hearts"**

*Romans 5:5*



# CELEBRATING marriage & family life

*"Every encounter with Christ, who in sacraments gives us salvation, invites us to 'go' and communicate to others the salvation that we have been able to see, to touch, to encounter and to receive and which is truly credible because it is love."*

*Pope Francis, General Audience, 6 November 2013*

*Join the Bishop for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on Saturday 17 May at 12noon.*

*All are welcome.*

*If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2025, then please contact us: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5595.*



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**Masses Requested**

22 March Sat 6.30: Private Intention

23 March Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the soul of Margaret Annette Fulton RIP and the souls of recently dead (offered by WR Fulton)

23 March Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

**Uncover the treasures of faith:**

"Faith and reason, far from being opposed, illuminate each other. Reason prepares the way for faith, while faith guides reason to truths beyond its natural grasp. Together, they lead to a fuller understanding of God and His plan for salvation."

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 38*

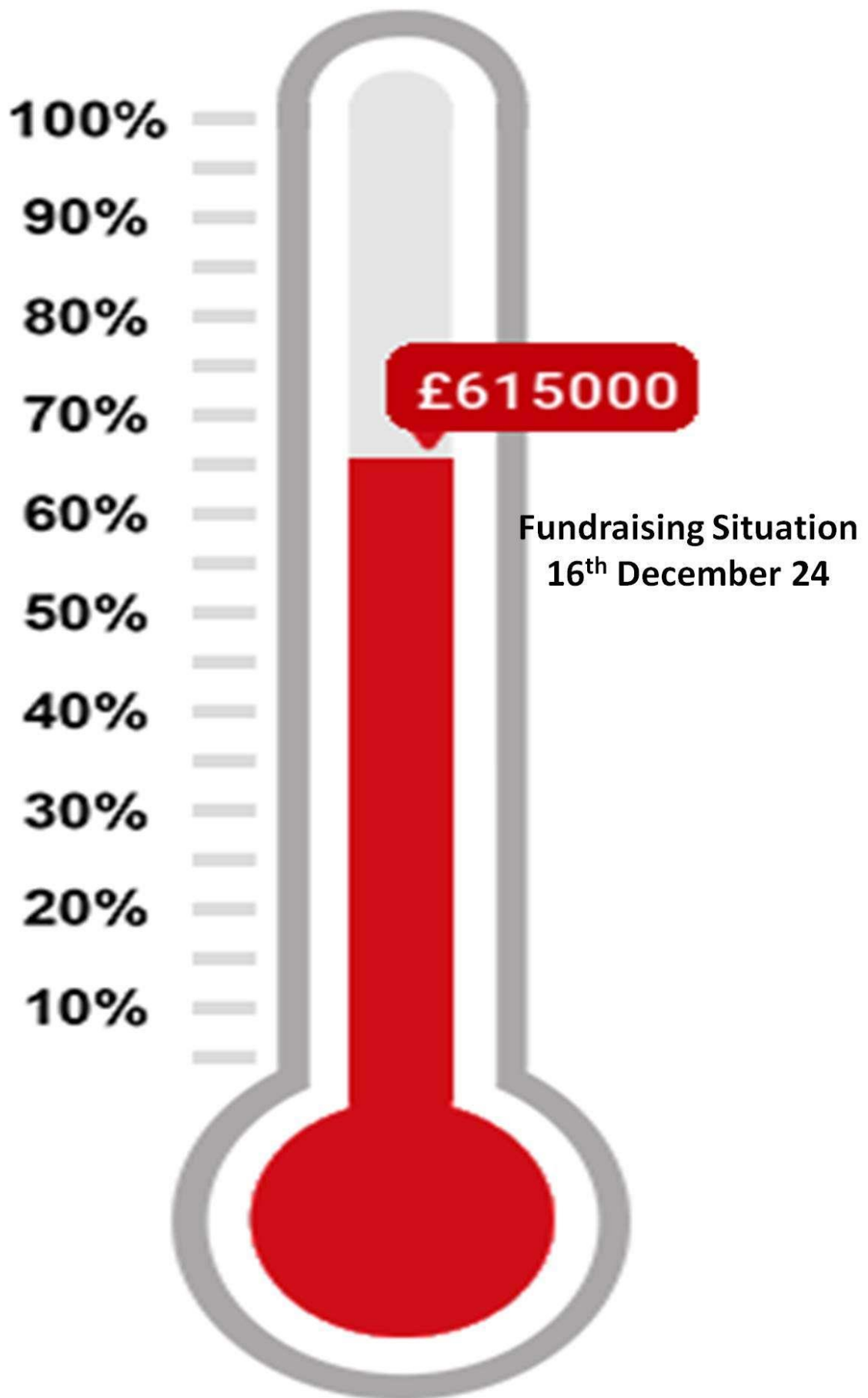
PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon ([malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com))

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





Sat April 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 2:30

# Lenten Lunch

At Gabrielle's Place

Jasmine Barn, Stanton St Quintin, SN14 6DQ

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