



St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church



St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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VI Sunday in OT, 16 Feb 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-

Wednesday Word

www.wednesdayword.org

St Joseph's School Website

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





Jubilee 2025



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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

True happiness lies in trusting God, as Jeremiah teaches, while Psalm 1 finds joy in keeping His Law. St. Paul reminds us that true beatitude is in Heaven, assured by Christ's Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution--not for their own sake, but when lived in faith. The Beatitudes call us to humble selflessness and compassionate sharing, seeing present struggles in light of future glory. True blessing comes from living with trust in God, recognizing our dependence on Him, and embracing suffering with a spirit of faith and generosity.

Justin Douglas RIP

Your prayers are kindly requested for the repose of the soul of Justin Douglas, who passed away suddenly. We also pray for the soul of his wife, Yasmin Renton, who passed away around two years ago. May they now be reunited in God's eternal peace. Our hearts and prayers are with their family during this difficult time. May the Lord grant them comfort and strength, and may Justin and Yasmin rest in the light of Christ.

Collection last weekend

Loose £154.25

Env NGA £ 27.00

Env GA £ 7.00

Our Carlo Window Reaches Ireland!

Our Carlo Window has made its way as far as Ireland! Nodlaig, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Officer for the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, has put together a wonderful set of resources on Blessed Carlo Acutis for young people. After slide 40, you'll see our window featured twice! Please feel free to explore the presentation and share it with young people who may find it inspiring:

canva.com/design/DAGYJ

Marriage Week Resources

Section - cbcew.org.uk/marriage-

Bishop's Message - cbcew.org.uk/bishops-m

Novena - cbcew.org.uk/novena-fo

Prayer - cbcew.org.uk/marriage-

2024 materials - cbcew.org.uk/marriage-

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:

saintaldhelms.com/even

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 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



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 retrouvaille.org.uk



Grand Spring Raffle

To boost our new hall fundraising efforts, we are organising a parish raffle this spring. We would be incredibly grateful if you might consider donating a prize to help us please. Everything is warmly welcome of course, and in addition we want to make the draw really attractive, with lots of prizes, so it will appeal far beyond the parish too and raise a good sum for the new hall.

We are often asked what would help with the fundraising, and for this main event we are seeking to boost our top tier prizes. Could you help us with a large prize in particular - perhaps through work, or something you do, or someone you know? Might you be able to attract a wide audience with the gift of a big prize for us to include in the draw?

Big ticket items to wow the buyers might include:

Tickets to an event

Use of a limousine for an evening

Rental of car or holiday home

Bespoke Art or lesson

Flying Lesson

Behind the scenes tour somewhere special

Exercise classes or personal trainer session

Spa weekend

Cookery lesson

Gardening Services

Can you help us with those or anything else you think would encourage ticket sales?

If you have any offers at all, please contact Gabrielle Horton - thank you so much

Email: gabrielle.h@btinternet Tel: 07774 098809

Masses Requested

15 Feb Sat 6.30: Missa pro populo

16 Feb Sun 8.30: For the repose of the souls of Tony and Audrey Watson RIP (offered by Watson family)

16 Feb Sun 10am: For the intentions of Jennifer Gleeson (offered by Gillie Mundy)

17 Feb Mon: For the repose of the soul of Justin Douglas RIP

18 Feb Tue: No Mass

19 Feb Wed: No Mass

20 Feb Thurs: Mass in thanksgiving (offered by Josie and David Charlton)

21 Feb Fri: Mass

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"Man's faculties make him capable of coming to know the existence of a personal God. But this knowledge is far from easy. The human mind encounters many challenges due to sin, limitations and error. Nevertheless, reason illuminates the truth about God, paving the way for faith to reveal even greater mysteries."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 35

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



