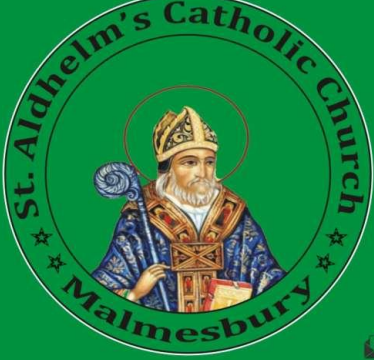




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VII Sunday in OT, 23 Feb 2025

Live Webcam Link for all our Masses

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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

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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

This Sunday's readings highlight the importance of making the right choices. David chooses mercy over revenge, while Saul remains trapped in his bitterness. The Psalm reminds us of God's compassion, which we are called to imitate. St. Paul contrasts Adam's disobedience with Christ's obedience, which brings salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the "Golden Rule" and calls us to radical love—loving enemies, doing good, and showing mercy as the Father does. He urges us to stop judging and to forgive, transforming our relationships into truly Christian ones rooted in love, mercy, and compassion.

Justin Douglas RIP

Funeral Mass - Tuesday 25th February 2025 - 2.00pm at St Aldhelm's Roman Catholic Church, with Committal at North Wiltshire Crematorium, Royal Wootton Bassett (Immediate Family only).
Reception at Basset Down Golf Complex, Hay Ln, Swindon SN4 9QW, in the Withymead room.

Timothy Floyd RIP

Mass in remembrance of Timothy Floyd will take place Friday, 28th February, at 2pm. You are very welcome to join us.

Please keep Justin and Timothy in your prayers and join us as we commend them to the mercy of God.

Please note Mass on 27th Feb Thursday is at 9am, instead of 10am.

Pray for Pope Francis

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he faces illness, asking the Lord to grant him strength, healing, and comfort. Let us pray that he recovers swiftly and is blessed with the grace to persevere in his service to God's people.

Figures for this week

Loose £190.91

Env NGA £ 25.04

Env GA £ 34.00

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

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>

Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury: Sunday 7th September 2025:

“Mary, Woman of Hope”

This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7th September 2025 and will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of “Pilgrims of Hope.”

As well as the usual Rosary Procession around Glastonbury town centre in the afternoon, there will be an additional Procession in the morning to celebrate the Jubilee from the Abbey grounds to the top of Glastonbury Tor.

<https://cliftondiocese.com/news/glastonbury-pilgrimage-7th-september-2025/>

Masses Requested

22 Feb Sat 6.30: Special Intention

23 Feb Sun 8.30: Missa pro populo

23 Feb Sun 10am: Private Intention

27th Feb Thursday: Special Intention (Annette)

28th Feb Fri: For the repose of the soul of John Crouch RIP (offered by Annette Crouch)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"The Church teaches that man's capacity for God and the knowledge of His existence are not achieved by reason alone but are fulfilled by revelation. Grace perfects nature, enabling man to move from the limited truths of natural reason to the fullness of divine revelation, found ultimately in Christ."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 36

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

