



St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church



St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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VIII Sunday in OT, 2 March 2025

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www.wednesdayword.org

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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

The first reading from the Book of Sirach teaches us that our true nature is revealed through our words, just as the quality of grain, clay, or fruit reveals the care it has received. This connects well with today's Gospel, where Jesus reminds us that what comes out of our mouths reflects our hearts. The Responsorial Psalm urges us to thank God for His blessings, while St. Paul encourages steadfastness in the Lord's work, warning against sinful conversations. Jesus in the Gospel condemns rash judgments, using humorous examples, but ultimately reminds us to treat others as we wish to be treated.

Please note there will be Filipino Mass on Saturday 1st of March. You are very welcome to join us.

Collection

Loose £132.50
Env NGA £ 37.00
Env GA £ 10.00
Repository £ 2.50
Funeral £ 120.00

Bingo Night – March 7th, Friday!

We need your help to sell more tickets! So grab your tickets and encourage your friends, family and neighbours, and make the night fun-filled and exciting like last year!

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.

Abbey Row closed on 2nd March Sunday from 6am

Temporary Closure of: B4040 (Part), Malmesbury (02.03.2025) commencing 2nd March 2025. To enable: BT to carry out Pole Replacement works and other associated works.

The closure can also be found on one.network here: one.network/?tm=141636

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



Embracing the Loving Mercy of God

Embracing the Loving Mercy of God: on 5th April we have a Lent Retreat day to reflect upon and experience Reconciliation as the Sacrament of Hope.

Speakers:

Fr. Brendan Callaghan SJ former Novice Master of the United Noviceship of the British, Irish, Flemish and Dutch Jesuit Provinces and former Master of Campion Hall. When responding to the invitation to speak Fr. Brendan wrote 'It is a sacrament which I find intensely consoling to celebrate'. He is particularly delighted to return to Bristol where he celebrated the Sacrament for the first time at St. Mary on the Quay.

Margaret and Barry Mizzen whose son Jimmy was brutally murdered the day after his 16th birthday. Margaret and Barry have refused to give into hate and have worked tirelessly since Jimmy's death to promote peace and reconciliation, particularly among young people.

The day will provide the opportunity for conversation and reflection on the two presentations. The day will finish with a Service of Reconciliation and the opportunity for individual confession with Bishop Bosco and priests from around the Diocese.

Venue: St. Bernadette's Catholic School, Whitchurch, Bristol.

Refreshments from 9.30am, welcome and opening prayer will be at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch. Our day will end by 3.30pm.

To register for the day, please click on the Eventbrite link:

[embracingthemeracyofgod](#)

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.

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Liturgical Schedule for Lent and Easter 2025

Attached below is the liturgical schedule for Lent and Easter 2025. Please do take a moment to mark the key dates in your diary. It includes details of all liturgical activities, along with their timings and days. Our regular mass schedule will be as usual.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will take place on most Fridays, alternating between them with a few exceptions—please take note of these.

With Ash Wednesday fast approaching, let us prepare our hearts and minds to enter this holy season

Fasting & Abstinence

As we prepare for Lent, a gentle reminder that Ash Wednesday (5th March) and Good Friday (18th April) are days of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting is for those aged 18–59, unless health or personal circumstances make it difficult. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by those 14 and older.

These practices help us enter more deeply into the spirit of Lent, but if you are unable to follow them for reasons mentioned above, please do what you can with a prayerful heart.

Liturgical Schedule for Lent and Easter 2025

5 March Ash Wednesday

Mass and Rite of Imposition of Ashes at **10am** (School will join)

Mass and Rite of Imposition of Ashes at **7pm**

7th March Friday

Stations of the Cross **just after 10am Mass** (as it is Bingo night that day)

14th March Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at **7pm**

21st March Friday

Stations of the Cross at **7pm**

28th March Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at **7pm**

4th April Friday

Stations of the Cross at **7pm**

10 April Thursday

Sacrament of Reconciliation with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at **7pm**

12th/13th April: Palm Sunday

Sat Vigil Mass at **6.30pm**; Sunday **8.30am** and **10am**

17th April: Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7.30pm**

18th April: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at **11am**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at **3pm**

19th April: Easter Vigil

Solemn Vigil Service at **8.30pm**

20th April Easter Sunday

Masses at **8.30am** and **10am**



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@cliftondiocese

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'.

Masses Requested

1st March Sat: Private Intention

2 March Sun: 8.30am: Missa pro populo

3 March Mon: Private Intention (Pia)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"Man is by nature and vocation a religious being. Coming from God, he goes toward God; only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for. As the Church Fathers declared: 'The glory of God is man fully alive, but man's life is the vision of God.'"

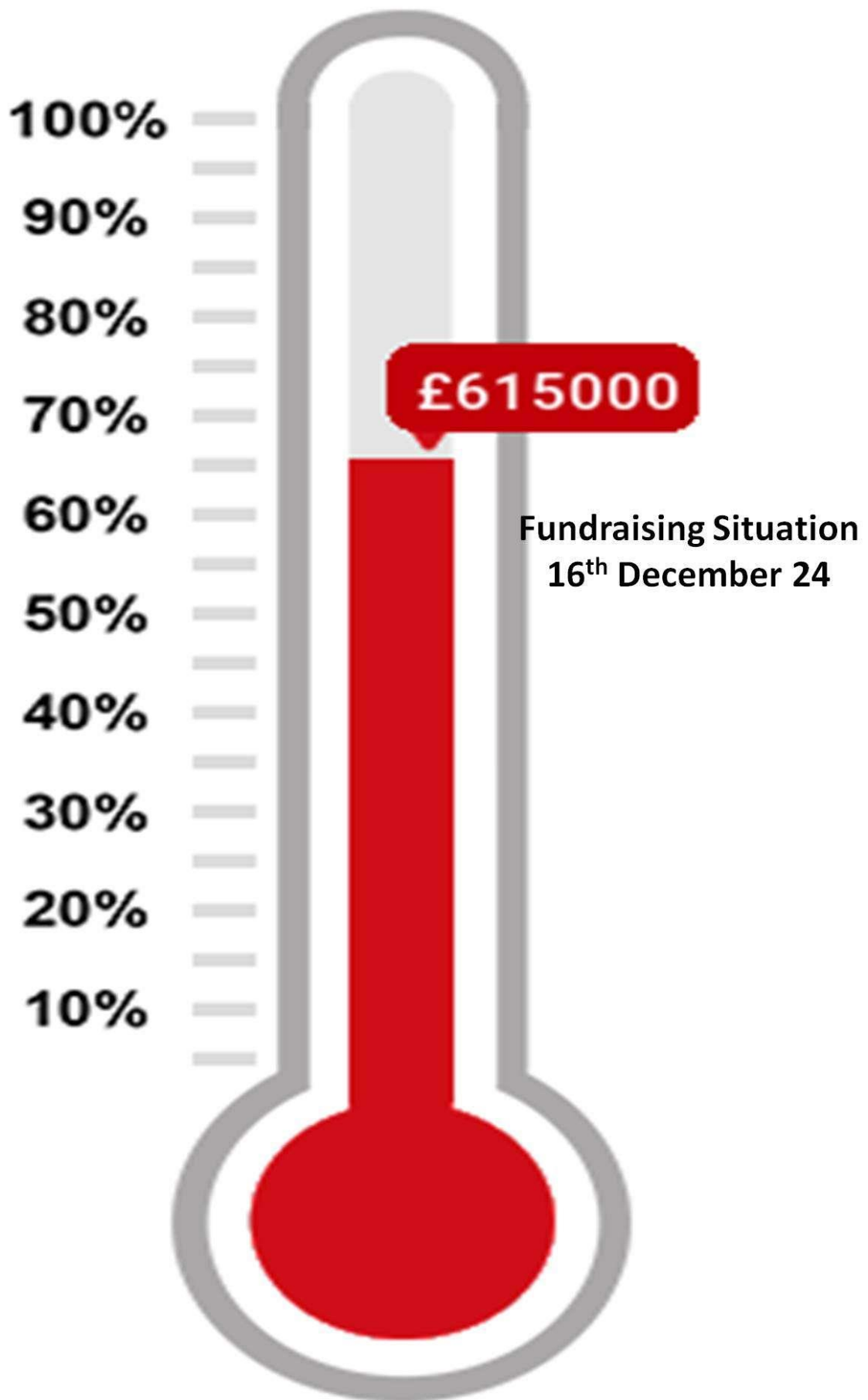
Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 28

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



Current Month Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
863	626	483 hrs	288	187	265	123

Viewers by Country (20 countries)

united kingdom: 512

ireland: 37

united states: 19

south africa: 16

france: 7

italy: 7

slovakia (slovak republic): 5

maldives: 4

portugal: 4

antigua and barbuda: 3

australia: 2

new zealand: 2

philippines: 1

kenya: 1

germany: 1

ukraine: 1

denmark: 1

spain: 1

morocco: 1

canada: 1

Current Year Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
1,653	1,271	902 hrs	560	342	535	216

Viewers by Country (24 countries)

united kingdom: 1,080
ireland: 83
united states: 33
south africa: 16
slovakia (slovak republic): 13
france: 8
italy: 7
maldives: 4
portugal: 4
antigua and barbuda: 3
australia: 3
new zealand: 3
germany: 2
spain: 2
philippines: 1
kenya: 1
canada: 1
ukraine: 1
denmark: 1
morocco: 1
belgium: 1
malaysia: 1
uganda: 1
india: 1