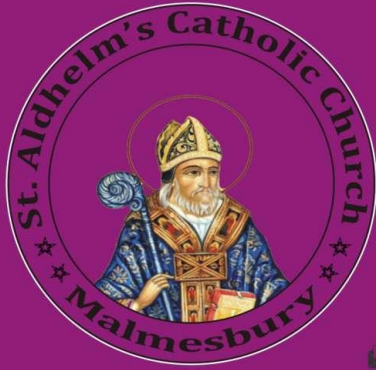


St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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Laetare Sunday, 30 March 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


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




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!


 [Rosary prayers Oct24.docx](#)

 [Reflections for the Mysteries of The Rosary Oct24 \(1\).docx](#)

Readings Summarised

Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to rejoice in anticipation of Easter by seeking reconciliation with God through repentance and confession.

The first reading highlights the Israelites celebrating their first Passover in the Promised Land, using its own produce. The Responsorial Psalm calls us to glorify God together. In the second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to rejoice in Christ's sacrifice, which reconciles them with God. The Gospel presents the prodigal son's joyous return to his father, who forgives him with overwhelming love. It also warns against self-righteousness, as seen in the elder brother's resentment. Jesus calls us to imitate the younger son's repentance, acknowledging our own need for God's mercy. As forgiven sinners, we are invited to experience Christ's presence in the Eucharist and to extend love and forgiveness to others, fostering lasting peace in our communities.

 [Life-is-Always-a-Good_Framework_EN.pdf](#)

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.

Happy 100th Birthday, Nancy Smith! 🎂🎉

With hearts full of joy, we celebrate Nancy Smith's 100th birthday on 2nd April! A century of love, faith, and kindness—what a remarkable milestone! Nancy, your firm faith and gentle spirit have been a true blessing to all who know you. May this special day be filled with God's abundant grace, joy, and love. We thank God for you and pray for His continued blessings upon you. Happy Birthday, Nancy! 🌸🙌

Collection for 2 weeks

Loose	£175.60
Env NGA	£ 25.50
Env GA	£ 90.00
Repository	£ 3.00
Candles	£ 353.83

Liturgical schedule for the weekdays this week

31 March Mon: Mass at 10am

3 April Thur: Morning Prayer at 10am

4 April Fri: Stations of the Cross at 10am

Great News! 🎉

We're absolutely delighted to share some fantastic updates! We've received two generous anonymous donations—one for £1,000 (with an extra £250 in Gift Aid) and another for £300 (plus £75 in Gift Aid). On top of that, Sheila and Tony have let us know that we've now received the Gift Aid for previous donations towards the parish hall, which comes to an amazing £6,400! What a successful week—huge thanks to everyone who has contributed!

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 077716563 31. 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 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://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-cirencester)



A FUTURE full of

HOPE

MARRIAGE & family life



“God has poured out his love into our hearts”

Romans 5:5

“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 or 0117 902 5595.



CELEBRATING marriage & family life

New Framework for the Pastoral Care of Human Life



On the eve of the 30th anniversary of Pope Saint John Paul II's Encyclical Letter [Evangelium vitae](#), the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has published a Pastoral Framework titled: *Life is always a good. Initiating Processes for a Pastoral Care of Human Life*.

It has the express aim of defending, safeguarding, and promoting human life in different geographical areas and cultural contexts, in a time marked by extremely serious violations of human dignity. Please find the doc attached below



Uncover the treasures of faith:

"In revealing Himself, God comes to meet man and offers Himself as the ultimate object of his desire and knowledge. This revelation answers the deepest questions of the human heart and satisfies the longing for communion with the infinite."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 27

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
568	503	343 hrs	174	90	224	80

Viewers by Country (14 countries)

united kingdom: 411
ireland: 38
united states: 21
slovakia (slovak republic): 8
spain: 7
denmark: 6
france: 5
bahrain: 1
australia: 1
morocco: 1
italy: 1
luxembourg: 1
new zealand: 1
south africa: 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
2,346	1,872	1,287 hrs	779	464	799	304

Viewers by Country (28 countries)

united kingdom: 1,550
ireland: 134
united states: 55
slovakia (slovak republic): 21
spain: 19
south africa: 18
italy: 16
france: 14
denmark: 7
new zealand: 5
portugal: 5
australia: 4
maldives: 4
germany: 3
antigua and barbuda: 3
morocco: 2
ukraine: 1
malaysia: 1
uganda: 1
belgium: 1
malta: 1
kenya: 1
philippines: 1
canada: 1
united arab emirates: 1
luxembourg: 1
bahrain: 1
india: 1

Sat April 12th, 12:30 to 2:30

Lenten Lunch

At Gabrielle's Place

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The St Aldhelm's
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