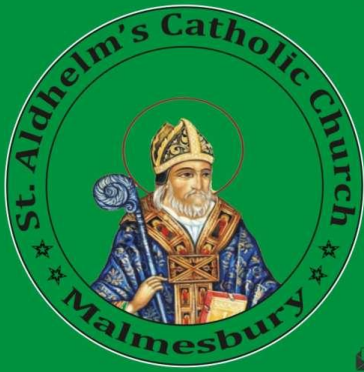




St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church

St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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XXXIII Sunday in OT, 17 Nov 2024

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-

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Sat vigil 6.30pm, Sun 8.30 & 10am

Weekdays: Mon, Thurs and Fri 10M

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.


 [Rosary prayers Oct24.docx](#)

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!


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

Scripture summarised

The readings highlight Jesus' threefold coming: as Redeemer in the flesh, at the end of time or our death to complete salvation, and daily in our lives as we live out Christian love.

 [20241110-angelus.pdf](#)

The first reading from Daniel, written to comfort persecuted Jews, calls us to live wisely in the present. The Psalm reminds us, "You are my inheritance, O Lord," affirming faith. In Hebrews, we are urged to hope, knowing Jesus mediates for us at God's right hand. The Gospel offers hope to persecuted early Christians, urging readiness for Jesus' return as Judge, since we cannot know "the day or the hour."

 [20241113-udenza-generale.pdf](#)

Mrs. Jo Blamey RIP

It is with deep sadness that we share the sudden passing of Jo Blamey earlier last week. Her loss comes as a great shock to all of us, as Jo was a beloved member of our parish family and a faithful, regular parishioner. Our hearts and prayers are with her daughter, Francesca Insley, and her sisters, Pat and Rosemary, close and extended family and friends, who mourn this unexpected loss. Only six years ago, Jo endured the heartbreaking loss of her daughter, Sarah Johnson. May Jo now find eternal peace in God's loving embrace. **Funeral Mass will take place on 25th Nov Mon at 11am.**

Remi Thivet Candidacy Mass 29th November 7pm: Remi Thivet is in the final year of his studies for ordination as a Permanent Deacon for our parish and the diocese. Bishop Bosco MacDonald has approved Remi's petition for this formal step to become a candidate before he is considered for ordination in September. Canon Colin Mason VG will celebrate this key milestone here at St Aldhelm's for Remi and his colleagues. The whole parish is invited to come and support Remi, his brother candidates, their families and friends at this key moment in their vocational journey so please join us for Mass and for the reception in the Town Hall afterwards. Please use the link on the recent Flocknote to ensure we know you're coming and have sufficient seats and food! Sign up online asap please and no later than Sunday 24th November so we can make the arrangements.

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Christmas Cards designed by our parishioner, Anna Longridge, featuring St Aldhelm's Church are available for sale in the porch at £5 per pack of 6. All proceeds will go to the Parish Hall fund so please purchase these cards to send to your family and friends and help our fundraising efforts. More of the new missals have been ordered and will also be found in the church porch as soon as they arrive. The cost is £20. Payments may be made for all items via the DONA machine or, if using cash, via envelopes through the presbytery door.

World Youth Sunday

The theme of this year's World Youth Sunday on 24th November is 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Resources and further information can be found by going to this link: wys.cymfed.org.uk/.

Collection figures

Loose £179.70
Env NGA £23.00
Env GA £10.00
Total £ 212.70

Choir Practice for New Mass Setting

The choir will be holding practice sessions to learn a new Mass setting, and others are very welcome to join in!

Practice Date: Thursday, 21st November at 7:30 pm

Come along and lend your voice – we'd love to see you there!

St. Joseph's School Christmas Bazaar

Save the date! St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar will be held on **7th December** from **11am to 1pm** at **St. Joseph's School**. Join us for a festive day of fun, food, and holiday cheer!

Clifton Diocese Trustees: Following the recent retirement of one of the educational linked Trustees, there is a current vacancy to join the Board. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of education within the UK and knowledge of the Catholic sector would be advantageous. The commitment is to attend one 3-hour meeting approximately seven times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of two education related committees which would meet six times per year. Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a

Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for a position, please send your details to Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondi by 29th November.

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Clergy Welfare Officer

Part-time – 15 hours per week

The Curia team is recruiting a new position to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The role will provide advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing.

The successful applicant will have a full understanding of the Catholic religion and the role of priests, including empathy with their spiritual and pastoral needs, and experience of working in a healthcare setting or with social services.

The role is mainly based in the Curia Offices in Bristol with travel within the Diocese as required.

For further information please see the Diocesan website: cliftondiocese.com/dio

Closing date for receipt of applications: 22 November 2024

CTiM Christmas Voucher Scheme

You can be part of an amazing example of the church in action again in our community! Each year Churches Together in Malmesbury (CTiM) like to help low income families in the area who would struggle to have a few seasonal treats that many of us take for granted, so they can enjoy celebrating this special time of year too and know that the local community cares for them. Our generosity means they will be given vouchers that can be exchanged for food at a local store and last year we were able to help around 80 local families, in conjunction with the local Foodbank scheme. The continued rise in the cost of living situation means we are expecting many families will rely on these vouchers again.

- Make any cheques out to **Malmesbury Abbey PCC** as the payee; Put 'CTiM Christmas Vouchers' **on the back of the cheque**
- Put cheque/cash into a sealed envelope labelled 'CTiM Christmas Vouchers'
- Put envelope through the letterbox of the Presbytery by 1st December; Customised envelopes are kept in the church porch.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer and want to boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you give, **you must include these details in your envelope:** I want to Gift Aid my donation of £___ to Malmesbury Abbey. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference

Your name

Your address

Your postcode

Date

Join us for Barn Dance with Ploughman's supper!

Get ready for an evening of lively music, great food, and good company.



Date: Friday, 22nd November



Time: 7pm - 10pm



Location: The Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BG

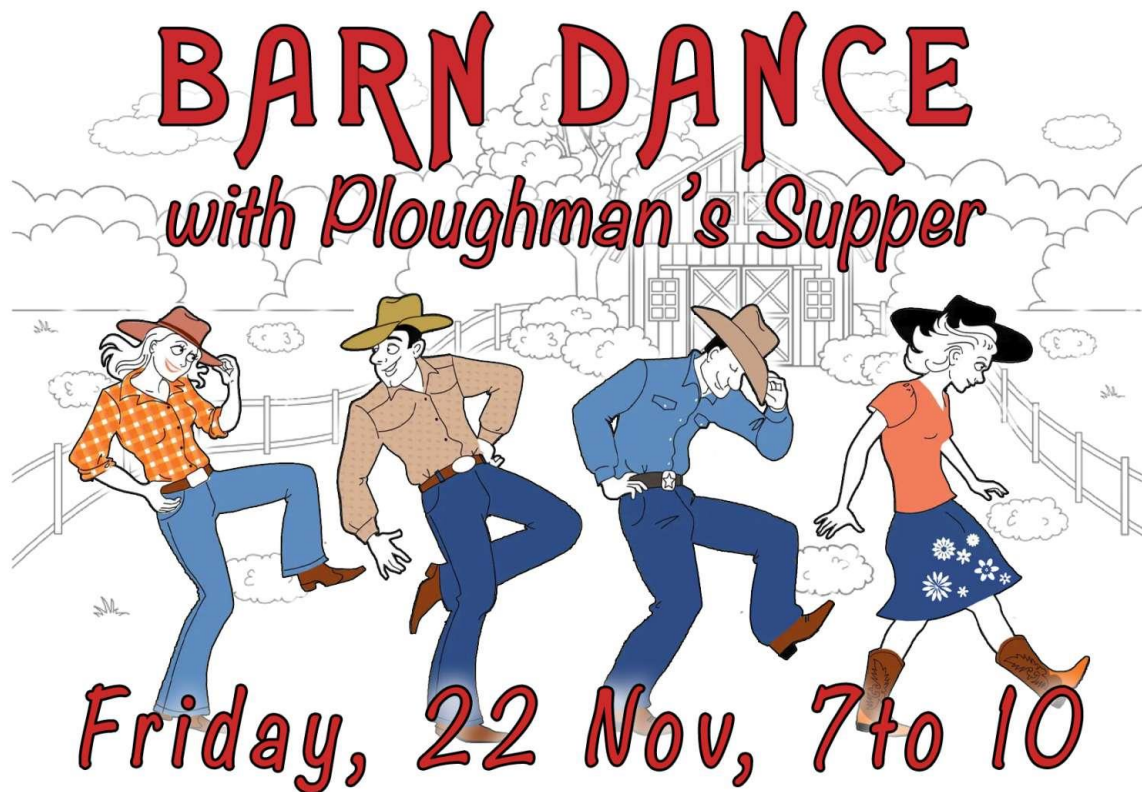
Enjoy the music from **Lucky 7 Band**, a hearty **Ploughman's Supper**, a well-stocked **Bar**, and a **Raffle** with some exciting prizes.

Tickets are £15—easy to grab by scanning the QR code or using the link here: ticketlab.co.uk/event/

No experience? No problem! If you don't know the steps, you'll be taught—and who knows, you might just head home a professional dancer! 🕺💃

Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a first-timer, come along for a relaxed, joyful evening.

All in support of our parish hall. Tickets will be on sale at all masses this weekend. It will be our last fundraising for the year—we've had quite a few this year, and with Christmas on the horizon, we need to save not just our energy but a bit of cash too!



Education Mass

The Mass will be held at **6pm on Thursday, 21st November at Clifton Cathedral**. It is an opportunity for all our school community (staff, students, parents, governors and anyone involved in Catholic education) to come together as a diocesan family with Bishop Bosco MacDonald to celebrate Catholic education.

The choir this year will be from St. Peter's High School in Gloucester.

[Pilgrim Cross](#) is an Easter pilgrimage for all ages that walks every year to Walsingham - an ancient site of pilgrimage in Norfolk. We live and walk in community seven days before spending an amazing weekend celebrating Easter in the ruins of Walsingham Abbey. The pilgrimage is a way of celebrating Easter like no other and the friendships you make during the week last a lifetime, but what we appreciate most is the opportunity to step out of the busyness of everyday life for a week and just be. Whether you are looking to deepen your faith, find fellowship with friends or just to take some time to think, we look forward to meeting you on Pilgrim Cross. Please [click here](#) for an expression of interest form and some FAQ's for the Oxford leg.

Wisdom from Saints

"Genuine love is demanding, but its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes." *Pope Francis*

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.

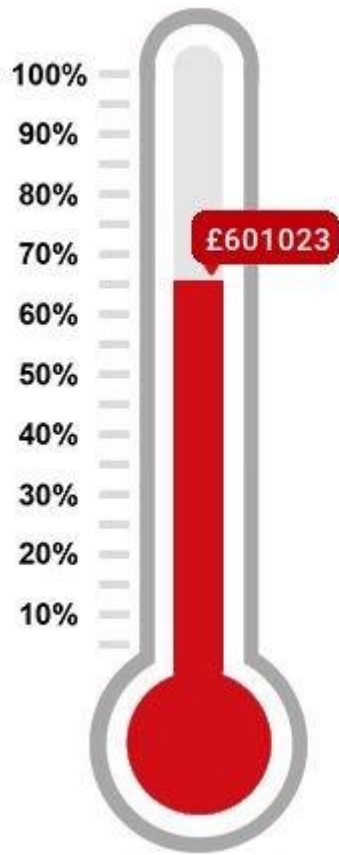
With every blessing


Father Thomas and Deacon Steve



St Josephs Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury. Enjoy a tour of our village school in the heart of the town

Goal: £925000





November and December 2024, Liturgical Schedule

St Aldhelm's, Malmesbury

1 Nov Fri: All Saints Day (Holyday of Obligation)

10am – Mass

7pm – Mass

2 Nov Sat: All Souls Day

10am- Mass

13 Dec Fri, Reconciliation Service and Confession

7pm

18 Dec Wed, Christmas Mass in the Church for the School

10am

24 Dec Tue, Christmas Eve

5pm Carols, 5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Children's choir)

7.30pm Carols by candlelight, 8pm Mass of Midnight

25 Dec Wed, Christmas Day

8.30am – Mass of Dawn

10am – Mass during the Day

26 Dec Thurs, St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)

10am - Mass



Eternal rest grant
unto them O Lord,
Let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May they rest in peace!

Pilgrimage Walk



WHEN: Friday 11th - Sunday 20th April 2025

WHERE: Oxford to Walsingham, 100 miles

EMAIL: studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com

FIND OUT MORE:

follow QR code or go to bit.ly/OxLeg25





All are welcome: Pilgrim Cross began as a Catholic student pilgrimage 75 years ago but has evolved into an ecumenical endeavour. We have a long history of welcoming people of other Christian traditions; and you are equally welcome if you are of another faith or none.

Fellowship: walking, singing, praying, eating and sharing accommodation together for a week is an amazing experience of living in Christian Community.

Prayer: we enjoy times of silence, prayer, singing and mass throughout this Holy Week.

Pilgrimage distance, route & terrain: setting off from Oxford City Centre we walk between 10 and 17 miles (that's 16-27k) per day and a total of 104 miles over 7 days arriving in Walsingham on Good Friday. The route is very scenic and fairly flat. It comprises a mixture of quiet & busy roads, country lanes & footpaths and the occasional field (which can be muddy/ slippery). We walk through some beautiful villages and through Norwich City (where we stop to visit both the Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals). There are refreshment and lunch-stops at intervals along the way (including excellent home-made cake kindly provided by local parishes)!

Fitness: you will need a reasonable level of physical fitness to meet the challenge of this particular leg. You should be confident that you can walk the daily mileage and have a certain amount of upper body strength since pilgrims take it in turns, in teams of 3, to carry our large wooden cross – something you will come to love! So, some pre-pilgrimage training is advised but well worth it! If this seems like too much for you, do check out one of our other legs on the [PX website](#).

Amazing Value: students/unwaged £75; low waged £125; fully waged £210 - this covers all food, a mid-week transfer from Oxfordshire to Norfolk, and accommodation for 8 days.

Support: expect to be well supported, meet like-minded people and make new friends.

Chaplaincy: the Oxford Leg is supported by a Jesuit priest within the team.

Easter Liturgies: and we celebrate the triduum together in Walsingham at the Catholic Church and Anglican Shrine.

Accommodation: it will feel a bit like camping for the first 8 nights (sleeping bags in church halls), then comparative luxury of the Pilgrim Bureau in Walsingham (with beds & showers) for the last 2 nights.

Bursaries: are available to help with cost and equipment (walking boots/ sleeping bags/ air beds etc).

Journeys home on Easter Sunday: coaches will run from Walsingham to Leicester and to London around 3pm in the afternoon. This is an additional £25 cash charge.

All are welcome

