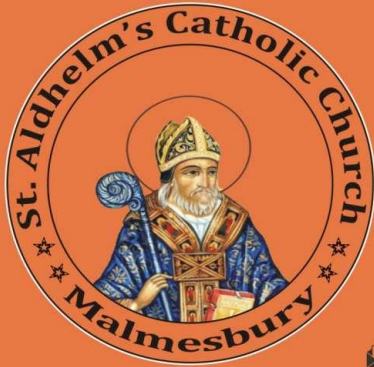


St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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Good Shepherd Sunday, 11 May 2025

Live Webcam Link for all our Masses

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To Make your Weekly Contribution Online

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New Parish Hall Project

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Wednesday Word

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St Joseph's School Website

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



Rosary prayers

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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



Reflections for
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here, just new friends you have not yet met!

Readings this week

This Sunday's readings highlight the call to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, even through rejection and suffering, as Paul and Barnabas did. Their mission to the Gentiles marked a turning point in the early Church's relationship with Judaism. Revelation presents Jesus as both the Lamb and Shepherd, offering hope of eternal life to all who remain faithful. The Gospel reassures us that no one can take us from the Father's hands, while also challenging both pastors and lay faithful to live their vocations faithfully—pastors as good shepherds, and the people as trusting, responsive sheep in the care of God.

Habemus Papam!

What joy fills our hearts as we welcome the news that Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been elected Pope, taking the name Leo XIV! God never ceases to care for His faithful—He never leaves us orphaned. In a world longing for peace, healing, and clarity, the Lord has given us a shepherd after His own heart. Pope Leo XIV, a missionary, a man of prayer, and the first Augustinian to sit on the Chair of Peter, brings with him a lifetime of service to the Church, especially among the poor and the forgotten. In his first words as Pope, he greeted the world with, *"Peace be with all of you!"* – a tender and powerful reminder that Christ Himself stands among us. Let us give thanks and rejoice, for the Lord continues to guide His Church with love and wisdom. With Pope Leo XIV, we step forward in hope, united and renewed. Deo gratias!



Mass Schedule this week

Weekday Mass Schedule as usual (Mon and Thurs at 10am), except that on Friday you will have morning prayer!

Collection

Loose £199.35

Env NGA £ 16.00

Env GA £ 98.00

Retrouvaille

Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more

retrouvaille.org.uk+44 797 338 0443

SECOND COLLECTION - CLERGY TRAINING FUND 11 May 2025

The collection taken across the Diocese enables the Bishop to support those who offer themselves for training for the Diocesan priesthood. This fund enables the Bishop to fund their training at seminary and offer them a grant during their years of formation. The fund, at times, is also used to support the on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our Diocese and formation of permanent Deacons.

Visitation 2025

On 13 October 1917, God worked a spectacular miracle of the sun in Fatima, Portugal to prove that our Blessed Lady was appearing to the three little shepherd children,

Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia, with an important message for our time. This miracle was witnessed by some 70,000 people including government officials and newspaper reporters, all of whom testified that it actually happened.

Next month, On the 7th and 8th of June 2025, The World Apostolate of Fatima-England and Wales is bringing to our parish the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue, as approved by the Arch/Bishop.

This beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope St Paul VI and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima in 1968 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the apparitions and to make known the important message of Fatima.

Pope St John Paul II said the Fatima message “is the true Gospel of Christ presented anew to our generation... Let us receive the light that comes from Fatima, let us be guided by Mary.”

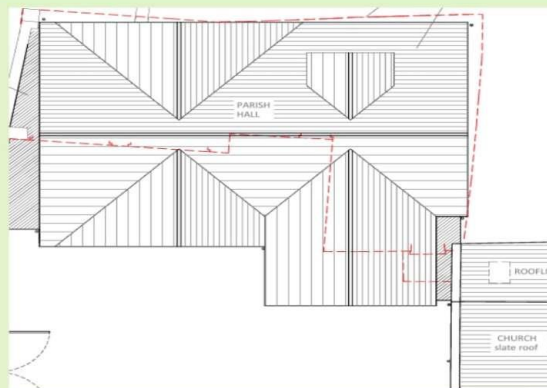
All are invited and encouraged to come and pay visitation to this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.



Buy a Tile or two

We have made good progress in our fundraising for our new St Aldhelm's Parish Community Hall. You are now invited to assist us by funding the roof by purchasing a tile or two on behalf of your family or organisation. Tiles are £25 each. There will be an opportunity to sign your tiles nearer the time.

1. **Buy a Tile or two** – Although we have raised a significant sum, we still need to fund the roof. You can help by buying a tile or two.
 - a. Tiles are £25 each and may be purchased:
 - i. Through the parish [electronic donation system](https://www.saintaldhelms.com/donate):
<https://www.saintaldhelms.com/donate>
 - ii. Cash (always welcome!)
 - iii. Cheques payable to "St Aldhelm's Church" (write "TILES" on the back)
 - iv. Bank Transfer with "TILES" in the bank reference: PARISH BANK
DETAILS: Clifton Diocese Re: Parish of St Aldhelm, Account Number: 66287006, Sort code: 521003
2. Please consider buying one for each member of your family
3. If you are a taxpayer, we can still claim tax back on your donation - there is an option when you complete your payment to fill in a few details so we can claim another 25% on top. Please ensure we have your details for Gift Aid so we can claim the Gift Aid. A [Gift Aid Form](https://www.saintaldhelms.com/downloads) is available on the parish website:
<https://www.saintaldhelms.com/downloads>
4. We will provide an opportunity to sign your tiles before they go into the roof for posterity.





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May 2025

Dear Parishioner

I am writing to you about something that lies close to my heart and, I believe, close to the heart of the Church: the future of Catholic education in our Diocese.

Catholic schools have been a beacon of light in this country since as early as 600 A.D., first founded by monastic communities as places of learning, formation, and faith. After the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in 1850, the bishops of England and Wales articulated a vision to prefer the establishment of good schools before churches. That vision has borne great fruit over generations.

Here in the Diocese of Clifton, we are blessed with over 60 schools - many of them built with the hard work and sacrifice of Catholic immigrant communities. Today, those schools continue to serve thousands of young people, supported by dedicated headteachers and a quiet army of volunteer governors and directors who offer their time, energy, and love in service of our children.

But the future of our schools now stands at a crossroads.

At present, there are around 100 vacancies for Foundation Governors and Directors across our Diocese. Without these essential roles, the mission of our schools, and the Catholic ethos that makes them so special, is at risk.

And so, I turn to you with a heartfelt invitation: might you consider becoming a Foundation Governor of one of our Catholic schools, or a Foundation Director within one of our three Catholic Educational Trusts?

To echo the words of the late Cardinal Basil Hume: *"To be a governor of a Catholic school is to be involved in the mission of the Church."* And what a beautiful mission it is to help shape young minds and hearts, to offer them not just knowledge but wisdom, not just skills but purpose, not just education but an encounter with Christ.

The role of a Foundation Governor or Director is, in essence, to be a witness, to help ensure that our schools remain places where Christ is known and loved, where the dignity of every child is cherished, and where Catholic values infuse the curriculum, the culture, and the community.

As St. Gregory the Great once said, *"The love of Christ is not rested until it works to shape the hearts of others."* Your time and talents could do just that for the next generation.

You don't need to be an expert in education - just a practising Catholic, aged over 18, who is willing to serve. People from all backgrounds are warmly welcomed, and full training and support are provided. The time commitment varies from school to school but averages out at less than one hour a week.

If you, or someone you know, has benefitted from a Catholic education, this may be a chance to give back to continue the legacy and renew the mission.

To find out more, please visit our website www.schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance and watch our short 'Governors Video'. You'll hear from current governors, directors, and headteachers about the difference this role can make. To apply as a Foundation Governor, please complete the 'New Governor Nomination Form'. You'll find the video and the nomination form under the heading 'Recruitment'.

If you have questions, or if you are interested in becoming a Foundation Director in one of our Catholic Education Trusts, please contact Bill McEntee, our Governance Officer, at bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710 094976.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Thank you for taking the time to read this invitation. I ask you to prayerfully consider this important ministry. Your 'yes' could help secure the future of Catholic education in our Diocese.

With my prayers and best wishes,



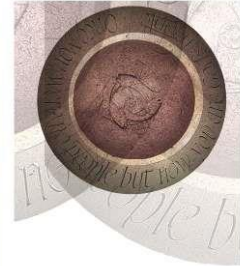
Rt Rev Bosco MacDonald
Bishop of Clifton

Could **YOU** serve as a Foundation Governor or Director?



A FUTURE full of

HOPE



If you:

- care about children
- believe in Catholic education
- want to transform lives

*then our
Catholic
schools need
YOU!*

If you are interested in finding out more or if you would like to apply, visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer, Clifton Diocese, via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or ring 07710 094976.



Masses Requested

10 May Sat 6.30: For FHC children and families (offered by Annette Crouch)
11 May Sun 8.30am: Special Intentino
11 May Sun 10am: Missa prop populo
12 May Mon 10am: Thanksgiving to St Anthony for his help (offered by Annette Crouch)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"The fullness of divine revelation is found in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. In Him, God has said everything and given everything to humanity. There is no further revelation beyond Christ, for in Him, the mysteries of God's love and the path to salvation are complete. In Jesus, humanity encounters the face of the Father and the promise of eternal life."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 65.

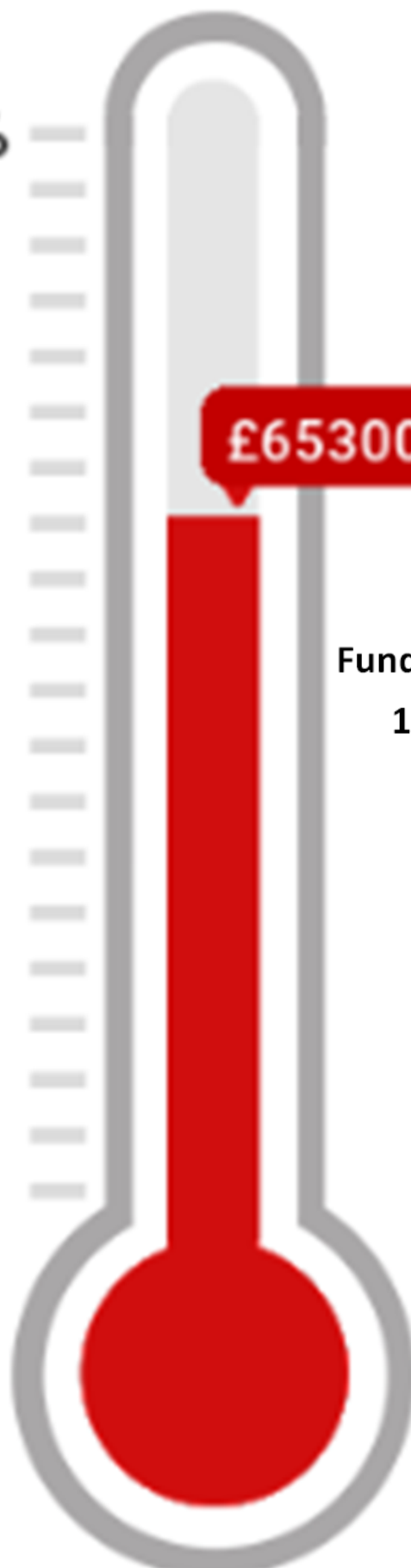
PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon
(malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com)

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

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Fundraising Situation
18th April 2025

