

# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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**V Sunday of Easter, 18 May 2025**

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*O My Jesus, forgive us our  
sins, save us from the fires of  
hell. Lead all souls to Heaven,  
especially those most in need  
of Thy mercy. Amen.*

**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.

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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 this week**

The readings focus on Christian renewal through agápe love. The Acts of the Apostles highlights how early communities supported renewal by imitating the selfless love of Paul and Barnabas. Revelation assures us that God renews the Church, the New Jerusalem, through His presence in communities and worship. The Gospel reveals the heart of renewal: living out Jesus' new commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." This love is sacrificial, self-giving, and unconditional. True renewal demands a radical shift in perspective, leading to new values, attitudes, and relationships with God, others, and the world around us

#### **First Confession**

This Sat, our children preparing for FHC will be making their first confession, and celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation first time in their lives. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### **May Procession – Tuesday 20th May at 2.30pm**

Parishioners are warmly invited to join the school for the May Procession on Tuesday 20th May at 2.30pm, in honour of Our Lady. The procession will begin in the school hall and continue onto the school field. All are welcome as we celebrate the Month of Mary together.

#### **Second Collection for National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (Weekend of 24/25 May)**

The Bishops' Conference received a request from the Rector of the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham for a one-off second collection. We will be having a second collection for the same on the weekend of 24/25 May. Funds collected will be transferred directly to the shrine and not to CaTEW.

#### **Collection**

Loose	£176.20
Env NGA	£ 16.00
Env GA	£ 70.00
Parish Hall	£ 20.00
Clergy Training Fund	£411.53
Repository	£ 5.00
Candles	£222.15

#### **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

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## 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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# ACN PILGRIMAGE 21-26 JULY 2025 York and the North: Heartland of Faith and Hope

Foundation and Reformation,  
Persecution and Revival

*"If I had a hundred lives I would willingly lay  
down all in defense of my Faith" (Last words  
of Father Christopher Buxton at Canterbury,  
1588)*

## YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US ON THE AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED 2025 PILGRIMAGE

York and Yorkshire are at the heart of the English story of Christianity and Catholicism. In exploring York and its surroundings towns: Ripon and Beverley, and the site of the Cistercian Monastery at Fountains we will deepen our understanding of why our faith had such deep roots in this area.

The 2025 Aid to the Church in Need pilgrimage will be led by **Fr Dominic Robinson SJ** our Spiritual Director, the ACN Pilgrimage Team and with **Suze Mathews** our pilgrimage historian. Please join us in celebrating our faith through personal devotions, the Rosary, Confession, Benediction and Daily Mass

Join us on pilgrimage  
this jubilee year -  
travelling on a pious  
pilgrimage allows  
pilgrims to obtain a  
Jubilee Indulgence



**For more information or to book a place:**  
Please contact Bridget Teasdale -  
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**To secure your place, a non refundable deposit of  
£90 is required, total pilgrimage cost is £285**

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church and a registered charity in England and Wales (1097984) and in Scotland (SC040748)



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ACN UNITED KINGDOM



York Minster seen from the city walls



St Margaret Clitheroe



St John Fisher



## **Additional Details for the ACN York Pilgrimage of Hope 21-26 July 2025**



### **Pilgrimage visits**

The York Oratory have kindly invited us to use their church of St Wilfrid for Holy Mass and their meeting room for our talks and discussions. The sites we visit on this pilgrimage of hope are all strongly connected to the development of a powerfully enduring faith in Northern England, particularly during the Reformation. In each site we will reflect on those men and women who sacrificed themselves so that we may live in faith and hope. The pilgrim pack will include Morning and Evening Prayer, and a copy of the programme.

### **Spirituality**

We will be accompanied by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, our pilgrimage Spiritual Director. We will celebrate Holy Mass at the York Oratory and Evening Prayers daily at Bar Convent; we will have the opportunity for confessions, to pray the rosary together and pray the Angelus as near to noon as possible each day.

### **Meeting time and venue**

Details will be given upon confirmation of pilgrimage booking and payment of a £90 deposit. Pilgrimage cost payable to ACN £285 which covers ACN organisational costs, coach from York to our daily excursion destinations, entry for York Cathedral and our visits to Ripon, Beverley and Fountains Abbey, Church donation costs, one pilgrim dinner and your pilgrim pack. Please remember that this 'pilgrimage cost' does not include your initial travel from home to and from York, accommodation, meals, and drinks, other than the one pilgrim dinner. If you are members of English Heritage please bring your IDs with you for use.

### **Travel to York**

Please book, pay for, and make your own way to York; parking is limited in York. Please aim to arrive and be checked in by 5.30pm.

### **Accommodation**

Please book and pay for your own accommodation ideally at the Premier Inn (York City Blossom St South), 28-40 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AJ. Prices per night start from £151 (including breakfast). If you wish to book accommodation elsewhere, please ensure you are at the coach pick up point each day at the time stated. The coach will not be able to do pick-ups & drop-offs to other accommodation.

### **Coach pick-up**

The pick-up and drop-off point will be Memorial Gardens, Leeman Road, York YO26 4ZF (a short walk from the Premier Inn York City Blossom St South).

### **Food and drink**

We are not including costs for food and drink (other than one dinner as stated above). Please allow for this in your budgeting. This will also ensure you can manage any dietary requirements. Please let us know of any dietary requirements at the point of booking your place.

### **Insurance, Medicines, and Mobility and Accessibility**

Please take out your own insurance for belongings and personal travel. ACN is not liable for loss of belongings. If you take medication, please ensure you have all you need with you and you have adequate health insurance if it is necessary for your condition. The pilgrimage will include some walking and climbing stairs/uneven surfaces. Please be mindful of your mobility needs when deciding whether to join this pilgrimage. Some of the places we will visit will not be disability friendly in terms of physical mobility. Apologies in advance for this.

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**Flowers for St Aldhelm**

On Saturday, 24th May, we are celebrating St. Aldhelm's Feast Day in our Church. We are calling it 'Flowers for St. Aldhelm.'

The event is under the auspices of Churches Together. This year, Hope Church and United Reformed Church will be creating some of the floral arrangements. Malmesbury Town Council will give us a grant towards the flowers.

We will be serving refreshments for our guests and visitors. We also need donations of cakes. Speaking of cakes, we can do with all kinds of cakes, small cakes, big cakes, any cakes you love to bake.

We will need volunteers to serve from 10 am until 4 pm. If you can spare an hour or two, you'll be our hero! Volunteers will be the friendly faces welcoming visitors, and helping out by serving cakes and tea/coffee. It's a great chance to meet familiar faces as well as new people from the town and beyond and share a bit of our faith (and cake!).

Please use the sign-up button if you are able to volunteer. You can choose the time slot that works best for you.

There's another sign-up button for those who can donate cakes. Drop off your masterpieces in the clubroom the day before, and give Catherine Doody a heads-up at 07588 695847.

Thank you for your support! A grand welcome to all our parishioners of course! Come and check out the fabulous flowers! Bring your friends, neighbours, and anyone else you can find from town and beyond.

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[10am-12noon](#)

[12noon-2pm](#)

[2pm-4pm](#)

### Foundation Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a **Foundation Governor** at our parish school. If you or someone you know may be suitable and willing to serve in this important role, please speak with Fr Thomas or contact the parish office. A poster with further details is displayed in the church porch. Also find attached the file here below. Please use the sign up button to let us know if you are happy to volunteer.



[Could you be a foundation governor May 2025.docx](#)

[School Governor](#)

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### **Masses Requested**

17 May Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of Berney Quirke RIP (offered by Maura Wilson)

18 May Sun 8.30am: for the repose of the souls of Kevin and Jean McCormick RIP

18 May Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

19 May Mon 10am: For the repose of the soul of Anton Borg Olivier RIP (offered by Isabel Asciak)

22 May Thurs 10am: For the repose of the soul of Gill Westman RIP (offered by Simon Westman)

23 May Fri 10am: Special Intention

### **Uncover the treasures of faith:**

"God reveals Himself not to overwhelm humanity but to invite each person into a loving relationship with Him. By His words and actions, especially in Jesus Christ, He invites us to trust in His providence, to embrace His truth, and to follow the path of holiness He sets before us. This revelation is a gift, freely given, calling us to respond in faith and love."

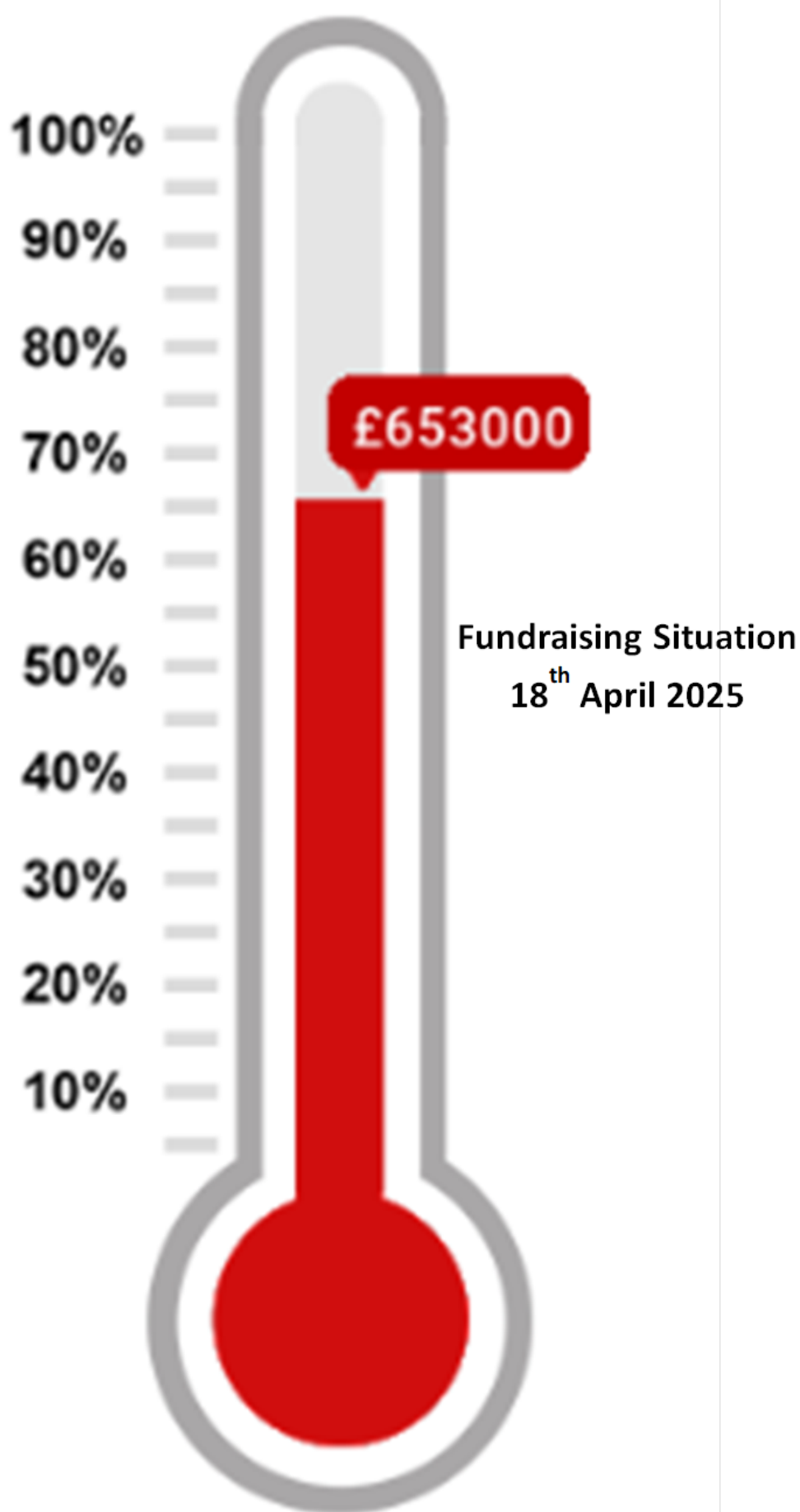
*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 142.*

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

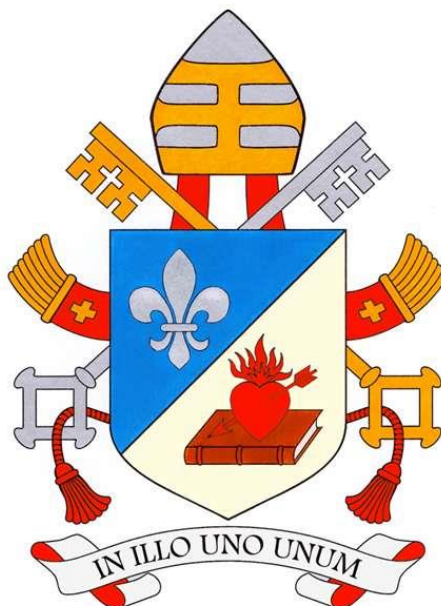
Please do join us for coffee on Sunday after 10am mass, and on Thursdays after 10am mass.

### **With every blessing**

Father Thomas and Deacon Steve



Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms blends Marian and Augustinian elements



The Holy See Press Office released the official explanation of Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms on Wednesday. In the explanation, Fr. Antonio Pompili, Vice President of the Italian Heraldic-Genealogical Institute, highlights its Marian and Augustinian elements.

The Pope's coat of arms includes the traditional papal symbols of the crossed keys of St. Peter and episcopal mitre. The upper left-hand corner of the shield bears a silver fleur-de-lis set against a light blue background. On the bottom right, a red heart topped by a flame and pierced by an arrow sits atop a red book framed by an ivory background.

Pope Leo XIV's motto—IN ILLO UNO UNUM ("In the One, we are one")—sits at the bottom of the coat of arms. The motto echoes St. Augustine's sermon on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

Fr. Pompili pointed out that the blue field evokes "the heights of the heavens and is distinguished by its Marian significance, with the lily appearing as the classic symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary." The opposite field, he noted, contains the heart enflamed and pierced by an arrow, which is the emblem of the Order of St. Augustine, of which Pope Leo XIV served as Prior General for two terms.

"This figure symbolically evokes Saint Augustine's words in the Confessions: '*Sagittaveras tu cor meum charitate tua*' ('You pierced my heart with your love')," explained Fr. Pompili.

From the 16th century on, the symbol has appeared in the Augustinian coat of arms.



It is typically accompanied by the open book, which symbolizes “the Word of God that transform s every human heart, as it did Augustine’s.” “The book also recalls the enlightened works that the Doctor of Grace bestowed upon the Church and humanity,” noted Fr. Pompili. “White (in the pap al arms rendered in ivory) recurs in many religious orders’ heraldry as a sign of holiness and purity.’