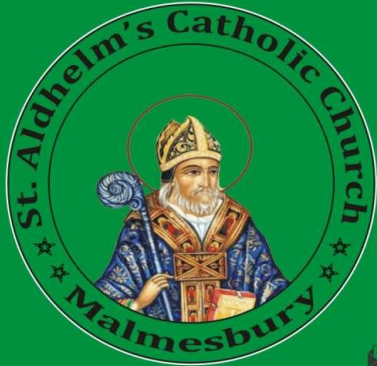


St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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XVIII Sunday in OT, 3 August 2025

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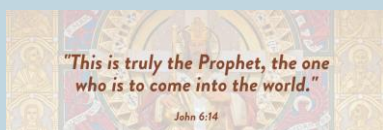
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Wednesday Word

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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](#)

 [Reflections for the Mysteries of The Rosary Oct24 \(1\).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!

Readings this Sunday

This Sunday's readings warn against greed and the futile pursuit of wealth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that material riches are useless in eternity, as we die empty-handed and others may squander what we leave. Psalm 90 urges us to soften our hearts and listen to God's voice, sharing our blessings rather than hoarding them. St Paul warns in Colossians that greed is idolatry and tells us to reject earthly desires to focus on heavenly treasures. In the Gospel, Jesus calls the rich man a fool for storing wealth without acknowledging God or his mortality. Jesus teaches that true life is not found in possessions, which are meant to be shared. Greed distracts us from loving and serving God and others. Our eternal life depends not on what we own, but on how we use what we've been given by God.

Collection figures

Loose £188.95

Env NGA £ 20.00

Env GA £ 30.00

Bishop's Charitable Fund £311.31

Parish Hall fund £64.30

PH tiles £75.00

Funeral £390.00

To Those on Holiday (or Thinking of One!)

Whether you're already soaking up the sun or still dreaming of a break, we wish you rest, refreshment, and safe travels. May your time away be a blessing, offering space to unwind and reconnect with yourself, with loved ones, and with God. Don't forget to pop into a local church if you can, it's always special to worship with a different community. And when you return, we look forward to hearing your stories and seeing your sun-kissed smiles!

Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped organise our parish garden party yesterday, it was a truly enjoyable time for all. We're especially grateful to those who arranged the lovely food and refreshments. A special word of thanks to Catherine and Val, and in particular to Kieron and Mary, whose support was invaluable. And not forgetting our enthusiastic young helpers, Mark and Claire, your energy and cheerful presence added so much to the day!

Confirmation 2026

Our next Confirmation celebration will take place on Tuesday 19th May 2026. If you have a child currently in Year 8 or 9, or know someone who would like to join the Confirmation preparation classes starting in February 2026, please sign up using the link sent to your email by 31st August 2025. We will be in touch in the autumn with further details.

[Confirmation](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[19 May 2026 Tuesday](#)

First Holy Communion – June 2026

We are now welcoming enquiries from parents of children who will be in Year 3 or above from September 2025, and would like them to prepare for First Holy Communion in June 2026. Preparation will begin in November 2025. Please express your interest before the end of the summer term by emailing: [✉️ mary.lillis@outlook.co](mailto:mary.lillis@outlook.co) and copying: [✉️ malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com)

Kindly include your child's name and age as of September 2025.

[FHC June 2026](#)

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[28 June 2026](#)

Celebrate our Jubilee as Pilgrims of Hope day

On Saturday July 19th nearly 400 people from across the Diocese, gathered in the beautiful and inspiring grounds of Downside Abbey to celebrate our Jubilee as Pilgrims of Hope. It was initially a cloudy day, but the rain stayed away allowing the children to enjoy their lunch time sports' activities and our quartet of Jazz musicians (frenchconnectionjazz.c) to entertain while our Pilgrims enjoyed the grounds over the lunch break. Two streams for children under the age of eleven were offered fun, faith-filled activities, led by two teams of volunteers, whilst our teenagers appreciated working with Rise Theatre Company. (risetheatre.co.uk/)

No one could help but rejoice in the smiles and laughter that emanated from the children.

The adults were treated to three very different talks.

St John Henry Newman set to become newest Doctor of the Church

One of the great modern thinkers of Christianity, a key figure in a spiritual and human journey that left a profound mark on the Church and 19th-century ecumenism, and the author of writings that show how living the faith is a daily "heart-to-heart" dialogue with Christ. A life spent with energy and passion for the Gospel – culminating in his canonisation in 2019 – that will soon lead to the English cardinal John Henry Newman being proclaimed a Doctor of the Church.

The news was announced today, 31 July, in a statement from the Holy See Press Office, which reported that during an audience granted to Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, Pope Leo XIV has "confirmed the affirmative opinion of the Plenary Session of Cardinals and Bishops, Members of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, regarding the title of Doctor of the Universal Church, which will soon be conferred on Saint John Henry Newman."



Masses Requested:

2 August Sat 6.30pm: Missa pro populo

3 August Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the soul of Denis Little RIP (offered by Mary Jane Little)

3 August Sun 10am: For deceased members of the Mayer, Beale and Rickaby Families (offered by Adrian Mayer)

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"In the fullness of time, God's eternal Word took on human flesh, bringing the light of divine truth to a world in darkness. In Christ, the invisible God becomes visible, and through Him, the mystery of God's love is revealed to all. This revelation is not an abstract doctrine but a personal encounter with the living God."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 50.

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
1,277	900	646 hrs	404	281	432	160

Viewers by Country (24 countries)

united kingdom: 660

ireland: 139

united states: 54

canada: 5

slovakia (slovak republic): 5

spain: 4

france: 4

indonesia: 4

nepal: 4

trinidad and tobago: 3

germany: 3

sweden: 2

new zealand: 2

isle of man: 1

netherlands: 1

nigeria: 1

philippines: 1

italy: 1

switzerland: 1

india: 1

serbia: 1

singapore: 1

belgium: 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
6,924	5,250	4,074 hrs	2,240	1,414	2,279	991

Viewers by Country (49 countries)

united kingdom: 4,168
ireland: 443
united states: 241
slovakia (slovak republic): 54
france: 51
denmark: 44
philippines: 32
spain: 31
south africa: 23
italy: 22
australia: 15
germany: 11
new zealand: 9
canada: 8
portugal: 7
united arab emirates: 6
poland: 6
india: 6
trinidad and tobago: 5
hungary: 5
indonesia: 5
norway: 5
singapore: 4
greece: 4
maldives: 4
sweden: 4
nepal: 4
antigua and barbuda: 3
serbia: 2
morocco: 2
jersey: 2

