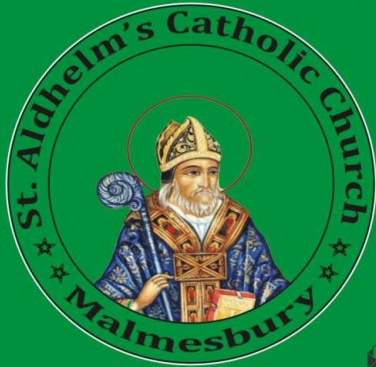


St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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XVII Sunday in OT, 27 July 2025

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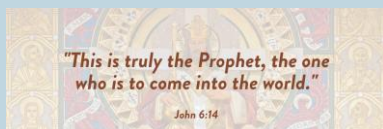
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Wednesday Word

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St Joseph's School Website

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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
the Mysteries of
The Rosary
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here, just new friends you have not yet met!

Readings this Sunday

This Sunday's readings highlight the power and nature of prayer. In Genesis, Abraham models intercessory prayer through persistent and humble dialogue with God, showing that God's mercy responds to the goodness of even a few. The Psalm echoes this with a song of trust: "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me," affirming God's closeness to the humble. Paul, in Colossians, reminds us that our faith in Christ—who gave us new life through His death and resurrection—grounds all Christian prayer. The Gospel then presents Jesus teaching the Lord's Prayer, encouraging us to pray with boldness, trust, and perseverance. Like Abraham and the persistent friend in the parable, we are urged to approach God confidently, knowing He listens and responds with generosity. These readings invite us into deeper trust and persistence in our relationship with God through prayer.

Collection figures

Loose £175.84

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Please note that the fashion Reboot and Book Sale, both will be available during the parish garden party on the 27th July Sun after 10am mass. It's a great chance to pick up a bargain and support the parish.

Mass Schedule This Week

As Fr Thomas will be away on his annual retreat, there will be no weekday Masses from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August.

However:

The Funeral Mass for Jim Westman will take place on Monday 28th July at 12 noon.

Morning Prayer will be held on Thursday 31st July at 10am.

Update on most recent contributions towards Parish Hall

We're delighted to share some recent and very generous contributions towards our parish hall fund:

- A donation of £1,000, which will also be Gift Aided.
- £147 received from a funeral retiring collection.
- £100 gifted by religious sisters who joined us for Sunday's celebration.
- A wedding party kindly contributed £100.
- And just recently, another £1,000 donation has been received.

This brings the total of these recent gifts to £2,347.

More good news: the Malmesbury Carnival committee has kindly paid for both the tall larder fridge and the cooker hob, practical and much-needed additions to our future parish kitchen! Grateful thanks to Val for coordinating this.

SECOND COLLECTION BISHOP'S CHARITABLE FUND , 27 July 2025

The annual collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund enables the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes that appeal to him. This money, in a way, is 'us' reaching out to the little causes we never hear about. It enables the Bishop to be charitable on behalf of the Diocese and to respond both immediately and at his discretion to those who seek his help.

Jim Westman RIP

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Jim passed away peacefully this morning at Upton Mill Care Home. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Please keep them all in your prayers, especially Sheila, Jim's brother Sean in Ireland and his children and grandchildren, as they mourn his loss. Funeral Mass will take place on 28th July Mon at 12noon.

St. Joseph's School News

During the Jubilee celebrations last weekend, children from St Joseph's took part in the Churches Together Prayer Service on Friday evening. Accompanied by the wonderful Hope Church Music Ministry, the children sang beautifully and took part in the prayers with dedication. All present were inspired by the children's spiritual participation.

The End of Term Mass for St Joseph's will be held on Thursday 24th July at 11am in church. All are warmly welcome to join children and staff as they thank God for a very successful year and look forward to the summer break.

NEW NURSERY - Exciting news - the school has recently secured substantial funding to open a new nursery on the school site for children 2+ upwards to be ready to operate in September 2025. Pass on the good news. This is a huge boost for the school. See the poster for further details and to register interest.



St Joseph's Nursery

Opening this September



From age 2+
Green space
Outdoor play
Am/pm sessions

For more info,
complete the
**Expression of
Interest form:**



01666 822331
admin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk
Holloway, Malmesbury, SN16 9BB



Parish Garden Party

We are delighted to invite you to our Parish Garden Party on Sunday, July 27th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. This wonderful event will be held in the back garden of the church and is a fantastic opportunity for our parish community to come together.

Children, young families, and youth are especially welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. As in previous years, we encourage those of you who can and are happy to bring your appetites and a favourite finger food to share! You can drop off your finger foods in the clubroom the evening before or bring them directly to the garden on the day of the party. Drinks will be provided by the parish.

We also take this occasion to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ann, who wonderfully and faithfully looks after our garden all year long.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing a delightful time together!

To help us plan accordingly, please use the sign-up buttons below:

Parish Garden Party	Sign Up
Bringing finger food	
Count me in	

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 and copying:
 malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com

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

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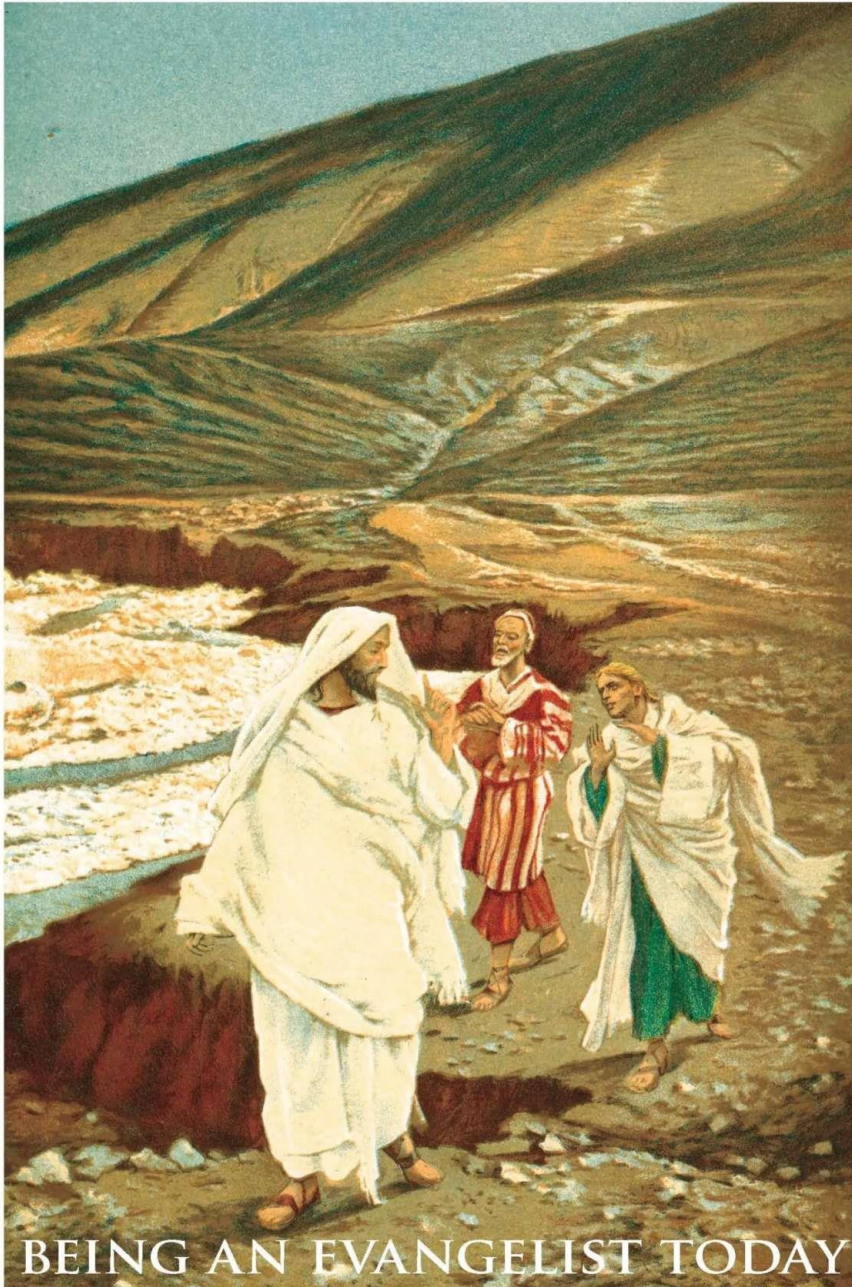
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FORMATION DAY



BEING AN EVANGELIST TODAY

THE TOOLS REQUIRED TO BE A JOYFUL WITNESS OF JESUS

Our annual Formation Day will take place on **11 October** at **St. Brendan's College, Brislington**, with Mgr John Armitage (Parish Priest, Former Rector of the National Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom) as our keynote speaker. Anyone who has heard Mgr John speak before knows what an inspiring and gifted priest and speaker he is. He will be reflecting on the theme of **'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'**.

In addition, there will be several workshop options for people to attend.

More information in the Autumn but please put the date in your diary.

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Masses Requested:

26 July Sat 6.30pm: Missa pro populo

27 July Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the souls of Justin Douglas and Yasmin Rento 1
RIP (offered by their family)

27 July Sun 10am: For the repose of the soul of Jim Westman RIP

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"Through His revelation, God seeks not to burden humanity but to liberate us from ignorance and sin. By making Himself known, He offers us the truth that sets us free and the grace that enables us to live in communion with Him. This revelation is both a gift and a responsibility, calling us to respond in faith and love."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 142.

PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon
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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