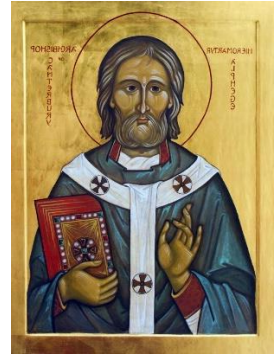


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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**Second Sunday of Advent**

**4th December 2022**

**Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand**

**Mass Times at St Alphege**

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

<b>Sat</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>	
		10.00	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
		9.00	(Peasedown)
		11.00	Parishioners
		18.00	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
		10.00	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
		10.00	
		11.00	(Peasedown)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>St Ambrose</b>	
		No Mass	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</b>	
		18.00	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
		12.00	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
		10.00	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
		9.00	(Peasedown)
		11.00	Parishioners
		18.00	



*Immaculate Conception of El Escorial, Murillo 1660-1665*

**A Prayer for Advent**

Lord of Heaven and Earth,  
stir our hearts with longing for you  
and guide our preparation for Christmas.  
Remind us that you come to us  
to proclaim Good News  
each day through the Church,  
the sacred Scriptures  
and the actions of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.  
As we look ahead  
to your coming at the end of time,  
help us to remember that  
our salvation has already been won.  
May our prayer this Advent  
lead us on the path to everlasting life. Amen.

**Sunday Coffee**

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Sunday mass

Confessions.....Saturday 10.30 and at Call  
Choir Practice.....19.00 Wednesdays in Hall  
Psalter ..... Week 2  
Sunday Readings:.....Year A  
Weekday Readings:..... Year 1  
Baptisms & Marriages:.....Contact the Parish Priest  
Mothers Prayer Group..... Tuesdays 9.00-9:45 Term Time  
Diocese Prayer League... Immaculate Conception, Stroud

**Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Advent**

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,  
Expectant Mothers



### Organ Recital for Advent

We are pleased to announce that Shean Bowers, the Director of Music at the Cardiff Oratory, will give an organ recital of Advent Music in our Church on Friday 9th December at 19.00 Tickets on the door (£7.50), with drinks in the hall afterwards.

### First Communion

We will be beginning classes for our First Communion candidates on 22nd January 2023 directly after Sunday Mass. Please fill in a form available at the back of the Church and return to Father Alex. Candidates should be in Year 3 or above. The First Communion Mass itself will take place on Sunday 14th May 2023.

### Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, principal patron of the diocese, takes place on Thursday 8th December and mass will be at 18.00 on that day.

**Age does not protect you from love  
But, love, to some extent,  
protects you from age**

### Diocese of Clifton Year Book

The Diocesan Yearbook is now available at the back of the Church. Copies cost £6 each.

### Sunday Coffee

More volunteers are needed to help prepare the tea and coffee after 11.00 Sunday mass. Please let Father Alex know if you can help.

### St Alphege Cards

Cards with a picture of our St Alphege icon are available at the back of the Church @ £1.50.

### Advent Service of Light – Taizé Prayer

A service of light accompanied by the prayer and music of Taizé is being held on Monday 12th December at 19.00 in St John's Church, Bath. With candlelight taking away the winter's dark, we come with Advent hope, longing for the Lord to come and set us free. Do come along if you can.

### Clerk to School Governing Body

A Clerk is required for St John's School, it is a permanent post starting as soon as possible. The salary is £1,900 per annum based on five meetings per year. The job includes servicing these meetings and attending to the administrative tasks that result from them. As it is a Catholic school it is important that candidates feel able to support and uphold this ethos fully. For more details or to arrange a visit please contact Mrs Ayres on 01225 303990. Closing date: 12 noon on Thursday 8th December.

**Never get so busy making a living  
that you forget to make a life**

### Forthcoming Dates

Advent Organ Recital ..... 7th December  
Beacons ..... 12th December  
Schools Carol Concert ..... 12th December  
Talk on the Gospel of Matthew ..... 16th December  
First Communion Classes start ..... 22nd January  
Talk on St Thomas More ..... 27th January

## Series of Talks on the Gospel of St Matthew

**St Matthew's Passion Narrative...Monsignor Jeremy Rigden  
16th December**

Come and enjoy the last in this very interesting series of talks at 19.00 in St Alphege Parish Hall

Refreshments from 18.30

### The Beacons

Thank you so much to those of you who continue to support The Beacons monthly gathering. Please keep the 12th December free for the next meet-up.

### Christmas Services 2022

Monday 12th Dec.....17.30 School's Carol Service

Saturday 24th Dec..... Morning Mass 10.00  
18.30 (Peasedown)

22.00 (Preceded by Carols at 21.30)

Sunday 25th Dec. ....09.00 (Peasedown) 11.00

Monday 26th Dec..... 10.00

(NB No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

### St Thomas More

Dr Giles Mercer will be giving a talk entitled 'Why was St Thomas More Executed?' in the Parish Hall at 19.00 on Friday 27th January. Refreshments before and after. He recently gave this talk to Winchester Catholic History Society where it was very well received.



**Death leaves a heartache no one can heal;  
love leaves a memory no one can steal**

*From a headstone in Ireland*

### St Alphege Icon

Our St Alphege Icon was on loan to the Bath Orthodox Church as part of their recent exhibition 'Salt of the Earth: British Saints and their Landscape.' It has now been cleaned and returned to the Church.

### Christmas Cards

Christmas cards and gifts are on sale in the Baptistry and in the Hall after Sunday mass.

### Legacies

Please think about the parish when drawing up your last will. Our beautiful Church was built through the generosity of parishioners often by means of legacies. Think of a legacy as a gift to the next generation of Catholics enabling them to maintain a truly worthy place of worship.

### Christmas Offerings

The Christmas Offertory Collection customarily goes to the priest and forms a considerable portion of his annual income. Many thanks for your kind generosity.

### Weekly Collections

27th November: Cash £245.05, Envelopes £35.00

### Second Collections

Today: Poor Missions of the Diocese, 11th Dec Organ Fund