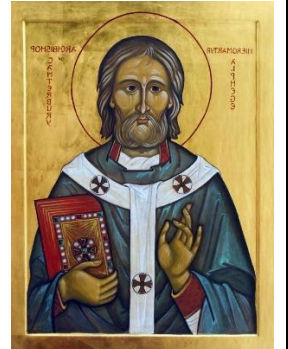


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Third Sunday of Advent

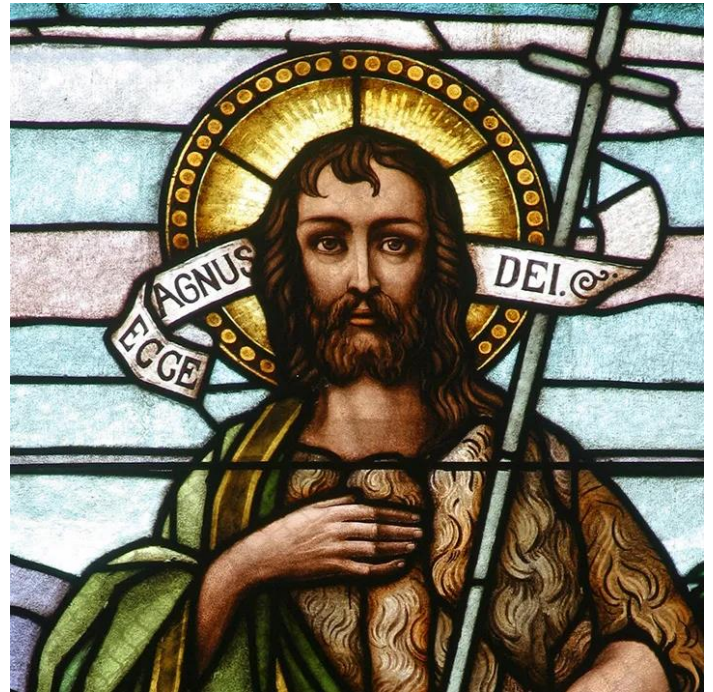
11th December 2022

Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 10th	Weekday of Advent	
	10.00	
Sun 11th	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Ambrose Manson +
	18.00	Andrea Harkins +
Mon 12th	Weekday of Advent	
	10.00	Leonard Mercer + (anniv)
	17.30	School Carol Service
Tue 13th	St Lucy	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 14th	St John of the Cross	
	No Mass	
Thu 15th	Weekday of Advent	
	18.00	Margaret McAllister +
Fri 16th	Weekday of Advent	
	12.00	
Sat 17th	Weekday of Advent	
	10.00	
Sun 18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Parishioners
	18.00	



Saint John the Baptist

A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

God of glory and compassion
at your touch the wilderness blossoms
broken lives are made whole,
and fearful hearts grow strong in faith.
Open our eyes to your presence
and awaken our hearts to sing your praise.
To all who long for your Son's return
grant perseverance and patience,
that we may announce in word and deed
the good news of the kingdom.
We ask this through him
whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near:
your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. 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 3
Sunday Readings:..... Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 1
Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
Mothers Prayer Group..... Tuesdays 9.00-9:45 Term Time

Diocesan Prayer League

Holy Family, Swindon; St Joseph, Wroughton

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Advent

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



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.

Fine words butter no parsnips

Sacrament of Reconciliation During Advent

Confessions are available at St Alphege on request after any of the masses and at call. Confessions are also available at St John's, Bath as follows: Saturdays 10.00-10.30 & 17.00-17.30, and Monday to Friday 9.40-10.00.

Diocese of Clifton Year Book

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

St Alphege Cards

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

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards and gifts are now on sale in the Baptistry.

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.

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.

Concert at St Mary's

The Smithy Singers are presenting a concert of seasonal music at St Mary's, Julian Road on Saturday 17th December at 19.00 with a retiring collection for Church funds. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

A Prayer from the Sarum Breviary

O God, who purifies the heart of man from sin, and makes it more white than snow, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; renew, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit within us, that we may show forth thy praise, and, strengthened by thy grace, may obtain rest in the eternal mansions of the heavenly Jerusalem; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**You can tell more about a person
by what he says about others
than you can by what others say about him**

Forthcoming Dates

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.

**Guard well within yourself
That treasure, kindness.
Know how to give without hesitation,
How to lose without regret,
How to acquire without meanness**

George Sand

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.

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: Organ Fund