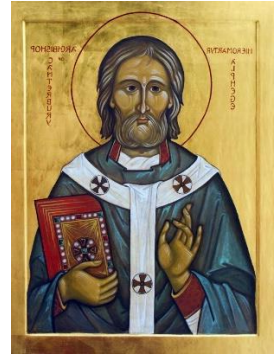




**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th December 2022

You must name him Jesus

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 17th	Weekday of Advent	
	10.00	
Sun 18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Canon John McAllister +
	18.00	Parishioners
Mon 19th	Weekday of Advent	
	10.00	Holy Souls
Tue 20th	Weekday of Advent	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 21st	Weekday of Advent	
	No Mass	
Thu 22nd	Weekday of Advent	
	18.00	
Fri 23rd	Weekday of Advent	
	12.00	
Sat 24th	Weekday of Advent	
	10.00	Anne Creevy
	18.30	(Peasedown)
	22.00	Parishioners
Sun 25th	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Those parishioners who died in 2022
	(NB No 18.00 mass)	



St Joseph's Dream, Gaetano Gandolfi 1734-1802

I am Joseph

I am Joseph, carpenter,
Of David's kingly line,
I wanted an heir; discovered
My wife's son wasn't mine.

I am an obstinate lover,
Loved Mary for better or worse,
Wouldn't stop loving when I found
Someone Else came first.

Mine was the likeness I hoped for
When the first-born man-child came.
But nothing of him was me. I couldn't
Even choose his name.

I am Joseph, who wanted
To teach my own boy how to live.
My lesson for my foster son:
Endure. Love. Give.

UA Fanthorpe

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 4
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 Rood, Swindon

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.

The worst prison would be a closed heart

Pope John Paul II

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.

Converting to Catholicism

In the New Year Father Alex will be starting classes for those wishing to become Catholics. These classes will lead up to reception into the Church at Easter. If you are interested, please speak to him so that a suitable time can be arranged.

The House of Christmas

...This world is wild as an old wives' tale,
And strange the plain things are,
The earth is enough and the air is enough
For our wonder and our war;
But our rest is as far as the fire-drake swings
And our peace is put in impossible things
Where clashed and thundered unthinkable wings
Round an incredible star.

To an open house in the evening
Home shall men come,
To an older place than Eden
And a taller town than Rome.
To the end of the way of the wandering star,
To the things that cannot be and that are,
To the place where God was homeless
And all men are at home.

G.K. Chesterton

While I thought that I was learning how to live, I have been learning how to die

Leonardo Da Vinci

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards and gifts are on sale in the Baptistry.

Forthcoming Dates

Epiphany 6th January
First Communion Classes start 22nd January
Talk on St Thomas More 27th January

Christmas Services 2022

Saturday 24th Dec. Morning Mass 10.00
18.30 (Peasedown Preceded by Carols at 18.00)
22.00 (Preceded by Carols at 21.30)
Sunday 25th Dec. 09.00 (Peasedown) 11.00
Monday 26th Dec St Stephen 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.

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.

Little Church

There will be no Little Church this Sunday or over Christmas, it will resume on Sunday 8th January.

Christmas Blessing

May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,
May the Christ Child light your way,
May God's holy angels guide you,
And keep you safe each day.

The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts

St John Chrysostom

Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Clifton Children's Society. Please support the important work of our adoption agency as generously as you can.

Church Cleaning for Christmas

We need some helpers for the Christmas church clean-up on Tuesday 20th December from 10.30-12.30. Please come along if you can help out.

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

Last Week: Plate £198.12, Gift Aid £32

Second Collections

8th January: Friends of the Holy Land, 22nd January: SPUC, 5th March CAFOD

