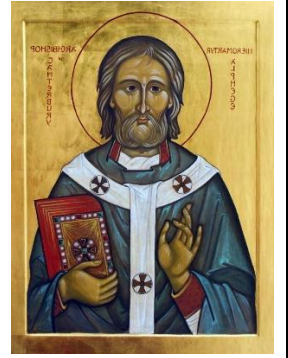


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Solemnity of Christ the King

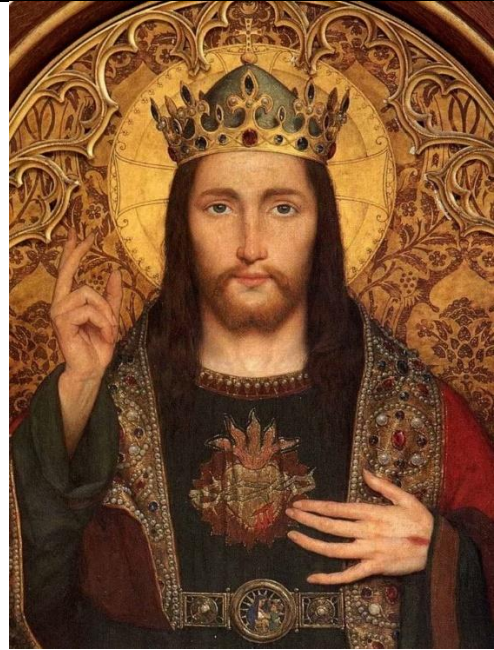
20th November 2022

Today you will be with me in paradise

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat	19th	Feria	
		10.00	
Sun	20th	Solemnity of Christ the King	
		9.00	(Peasedown)
		11.00	Parishioners
		18.00	Holy Souls
Mon	21st	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		10.00	
Tue	22nd	St Cecilia	
		10.00	Holy Souls
		11.00	
Wed	23rd	Feria	
		No Mass	
Thu	24th	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	
		18.00 followed by Adoration	
Fri	25th	Feria	
		12.00	Holy Souls
Sat	26th	Feria	
		10.00	
Sun	27th	First Sunday of Advent	
		9.00	(Peasedown)
		11.00	Parishioners
		18.00	



The Feast of Christ the King

We come to the end of the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. This is appropriate since it is on Christ that everything in the liturgy is focussed. In the scripture readings today, we hear about the Last Judgement; this too is apt since coming to the end of the liturgical year is a reminder that there will be an end to time itself.

It may seem like an idea from a science fiction novel, but we need to remember that time itself is also part of God's creation. We are so totally immersed in time that we find it hard to understand that it too is a created thing and that God himself lives completely outside time.

We find the concept of everlasting life in heaven also rather difficult to comprehend. When we think of eternal life, we find ourselves trying to imagine one day following another without there ever being an end to them. But when we think like this, we must understand that we are still using the concept of time even though we know that heaven is actually outside of time.

In heaven there is no today or tomorrow; better to think of life in heaven as living in an eternal now. This concept is very hard for us to understand because here on earth we are completely contained within time and cannot think of existing outside it. The important thing to realise is that Christ is indeed the King of the entire Universe and that when we die and hopefully go to heaven, we are taken up into him. He is in charge of every single thing in the created order including time itself.

Father Alex

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 Church
Psalter Week 2
Sunday Readings:Year C
Weekday Readings: Year 2
Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
Mothers Prayer Group..... Tuesdays 9.00-9:45 Term Time

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Autumn

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and their Families, All Victims of War, Young People.



November
The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. The list will be placed on the altar and the names included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

**The one thing we owe absolutely to God
is never to be afraid of anything**

St Charles de Foucauld



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 9th December at 19.00. Tickets on the door (£7.50), with drinks in the hall afterwards.

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 will be returned in the next few weeks after the artist has removed the dirt and candle wax that has accumulated in recent years.

First Communion

We will be beginning classes for our candidates for First Communion in 2023 in the New Year. Please take a form from the back of the Church and return it asap. Candidates should be in Year 3 or above. Classes will take place after the 11.00 Sunday mass. Start date: Sunday 22nd January 2023. First Communion date: 14th May 2023.

Royal United Hospital

Our SVP has informed us that staff on short-stray wards at the RUH are looking for donations of bodywash, toothbrushes and toothpaste so that they can continue giving excellent care to those patients who unexpectedly have overnight stays in hospital. Kindly place any items in the box in the Baptistry of the Church before 5th September. Please note toiletries only, no groceries.

**I believe in Christianity
as I believe that the sun has risen:
not only because I see it,
but because by it I see everything else**

C.S. Lewis

Forthcoming Dates

Beacons 21st November
Talk on the Gospel of Matthew 25th November
Advent Organ Recital 9th December
Beacons 12th December
Schools Carol Concert 12th December
Talk on the Gospel of Matthew 16th December

**Series of Talks on the
Gospel of St Matthew**

**Miracles in St Matthew Father Michael McAndrew
25th November**

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

all talks at 19.00 in St Alphege Parish Hall
Refreshments from 18.30

The Beacons

The Beacons: monthly community gathering takes place in St Alphege Parish Hall, Monday 21st November: 14.00 to 16.00. Come and enjoy a violin/piano concert whilst enjoying homemade cakes, a raffle and excellent company. All donations go straight to the Genesis Trust.

Christmas Services 2022

Saturday 12th Dec. 17.30 St Gregory's & St John's
School 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.

**The person who fiddles around
rarely gets to lead the orchestra**

Diocesan Directory 2023

The Diocesan Directory is now available with details and mass times for every Church in the Diocese. Do pick up a copy from the back of the church @ £6.

Perrymead Cemetery

There will be a Mass for the Holy Souls celebrated in the Eyre Chapel at Perrymead Cemetery on Saturday 19th November at 10.00.

Sunday Teas and Coffees

Please remember that tea and coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Sunday mass. It is a good occasion to meet your fellow parishioners.

SVP

On Sunday 4th December the SVP are hosting Christmas coffee morning after the 11.00 Mass with festive food and a raffle. All are welcome and if you can help with the celebration or wish to bring food, please do let the SVP know.

Sunday Collection

13th November: Cash 297.55, Gift Aid £35

Second Collection

Today: Clergy Training Fund, 4th December Poor Missions