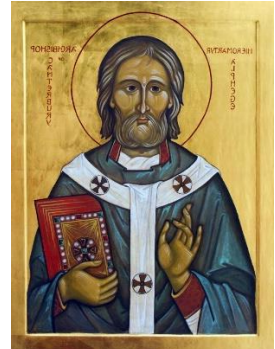


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

**1st January 2023**

*She treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart*

**Mass Times at St Alphege**

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

|                 |  |                         |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Sat 31st</b> | <b>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</b>      |                         |
|                 | 10.00  | Agnieszka Duda & Family |
| <b>Sun 1st</b>  | <b>Mary, the Mother of God</b>                     |                         |
|                 | 9.00   | (Peasedown)             |
|                 | 11.00  | Sara Timothy            |
|                 | 18.00  | Nesbit Family           |
| <b>Mon 2nd</b>  | <b>SS Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nanzianzen</b> |                         |
|                 | 10.00  | Pat Carter              |
| <b>Tue 3rd</b>  | <b>Weekday of Christmas Time</b>                   |                         |
|                 | 10.00  | Lori Griffiths          |
|                 | 11.00  | (Peasedown)             |
| <b>Wed 4th</b>  | <b>Weekday of Christmas Time</b>                   |                         |
|                 | No Mass  |                         |
| <b>Thu 5th</b>  | <b>Weekday of Christmas Time</b>                   |                         |
|                 | 18.00  | Maureen Dyson           |
| <b>Fri 6th</b>  | <b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>       |                         |
|                 | 12.00  | Kevin Thomas +          |
| <b>Sat 7th</b>  | <b>Saturday after the Epiphany</b>                 |                         |
|                 | 10.00  | Bernadette McKee (ill)  |
| <b>Sun 8th</b>  | <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>                         |                         |
|                 | 9.00   | (Peasedown)             |
|                 | 11.00  | Anne Creevy             |
|                 | 18.00  | Sheila McKee            |



Mary, the Mother of God

**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 1  
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** ..... St Peter, Swindon &  
Sacred Heart, Royal Wotton Bassett

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

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

**Hail Holy Queen**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy!  
Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
to thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy towards us;  
and after this our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
  
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



### 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 object of a new year  
is not that we should have a new year  
It is that we should have a new soul**

G.K. Chesterton

### SVP Film Night

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas. The SVP are hosting a film night with soup and pizza on Friday 20th January. We will be showing 'Paddington' at 18.30 and the hall will be open for food from 17:45. All are welcome but please do put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for us to know how many we are catering for. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

### 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.

### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered here at St Alphege's on Saturday 11th February at the 10.00 mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

### The Beacons

Thank you so much to all of you who came to our Christmas community gathering. You raised over £100 for the SVP and it was a great atmosphere. Please come and join us for our New Year celebration on Monday 16th January. We will be raising money for the Bath branch of the British Heart Foundation and welcoming the new year in with a glass of wine as well as nibbles and cake.

### A Prayer for Peace

Show us, good Lord,  
the peace we should seek,  
the peace we must give,  
the peace we can keep,  
the peace we must forgo,  
and the peace you have given  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Corrymeela Community*

**May all your troubles last as long  
as your New Year's resolutions**

### Forthcoming Dates

Epiphany ..... 6th January  
Beacons ..... 16th January  
First Communion Classes start ..... 22nd January  
Talk on St Thomas More ..... 27th January

### 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 over Christmas and New Year, it will resume on Sunday 8th January.

### Thanks

A big thanks to all our servers, choir members, cleaners, flower arrangers, Christmas Tree erectors, Crib organisers and everyone else who has contributed to getting the Church ready for the Christmas liturgies. Your work is appreciated by us all.

### Recently Deceased

Mrs Sheila May Mullins who died on 11th December, aged 88 years of Hillside View, Peasedown St. John. Funeral at Haycombe Crematorium, on Wednesday 4th January at 11.30.

Mr William Samuel Hewlett of Sladebrook Road, Bath who died on 11th December aged 94 years. Requiem Mass at 10.00 in St Alphege on Thursday 5th January, followed by burial in Honiton, Devon.

**As mariners are guided into port  
by the shining of a star,  
so Christians are guided to heaven  
by Mary**

*St Thomas Aquinas*

**churches  
together**

IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th to 25th January 2022. It always concludes with the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Materials are available at: [ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023](http://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023).

### Many Thanks

Father Alex thanks you for your king generosity in contributing to the Christmas Collection. Please be assured of remembrance in his prayers.

### 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.

### Upcoming Second Collections

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