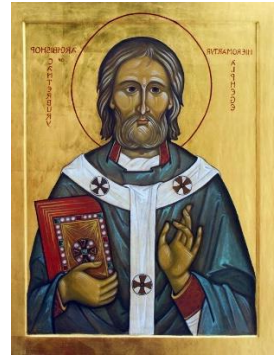


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th July 2023

Listen! Anyone who has ears

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 15th	St Bonaventure	
	10.00	
Sun 16th	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	Desiree Wooley +
Mon 17th	Feria	
	10.00	
Tue 18th	Feria	
	10.00	Holy Souls
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 19th	Feria	
	10.00	School Mass
Thu 20th	Feria	
	18.00	Holy Souls
Fri 21st	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sat 22nd	St Mary Magdalene	
	No Mass	
Sun 23rd	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	Bernadette McKee +



The Sower, James Tissot 1836-1902

The Road not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

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..... St Gerard Majella, Knowle
Christ the King, Knowle West

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Summer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews,
Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of
Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers



Parish Barbecue

We will be holding a Barbecue in the Parish Garden after 11.00 mass on Sunday 16th July

Admission by ticket only:
£7 adults £4 children
available after masses

Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks

**Live as if you were to die tomorrow
Learn as if you were to live forever**

Mahatma Gandhi

Flower Arrangers

We are looking for a couple of people who are willing to join the flower arranging rota. If you are interested, please ring Diana on 07983 136369. It should be only once a month. Training can be given by the existing flower arrangers.

Suscipe A Prayer of Self-Offering

Receive, Lord, my entire freedom.
Accept the whole of my memory,
my intellect and my will.
Whatever I have or possess,
it was you who gave it to me;
I restore it to you in full,
and I surrender it completely
to the guidance of your will.
Give me only love of you
together with your grace,
and I am rich enough
and ask for nothing more. Amen

St Ignatius Loyola

Going to University this Autumn?

Each University and Higher Education Institute in the country has a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in the local parish.



The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. For addresses see www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk.

**Our lives begin to end the day we become
silent about things that matter**

Martin Luther King Jr

Forthcoming Dates

Diocesan Day 7th October
OT Talk Abraham 27th October
OT Talk Moses 17th November
OT Talk David 1st December
OT Talk Elijah 8th December

Please Note

There will be no mass on Friday or Saturday of this week as Father Alex is away conducting a family wedding in Suffolk.

Autumn Talks

The two series of talks that we have held on Matthew in Autumn 2022 and on the Elizabethan Jesuits in Spring 2023 have both proved to be successful so we would like to continue with another four talks in the Autumn. This time the theme will be Important Figures from the Old Testament. A lot of Catholics don't know too much about the Old Testament so this will be an opportunity for us all to become a bit more familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. These are the dates, topics and speakers: 20th October, Abraham by Monsignor Jeremy Rigden; 17th November, Moses by Father Alex McAllister; 1st December, David by Anne Barrett and 8th December, Elijah by Dominic Bailey.

Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage

Each year the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton organises a walking pilgrimage to a place, shrine or area exploring a particular theme or aspect of faith and Christian heritage. This year they are walking from Bristol to Arundel and on Sunday 13th August they will stay overnight here at St Alphege. We will, undoubtedly, make them very welcome.

Choir

We could do with a few new members of the Choir to enhance the singing at Sunday Masses. If you would like to join then please come along to rehearsals on Wednesday nights in the Hall at 19.00.

Confirmation

The Deanery Confirmation Mass 2023 will take place on Friday 10th November, celebrated by Mgr Liam Slattery at St Mary's Church, Bath. The preparation course for young people in Year 9-13 (under 19) will begin in September at St Mary's. Email bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com with the name of the young person and contact details.

Haste is the death of devotion

St Francis de Sales

Beacons

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th July, 14.00 to 16.00 in the Hall. Sister Pontiana who has been with us for a few months is soon to go back to Zimbabwe and we wish to raise funds for her Bethany House community. Everyone is welcome for a joyful afternoon tea and the opportunity to hear about what they do for the local community.

Heritage Open Days

The Church will be participating once again in the annual Heritage Open Days. The Church will be open on Saturday 9th, Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th September. Dr Giles Mercer will give a guided tour of the Church at 14.30 on those days. All welcome.

Sister Pontiana

Sister Pontiana has been visiting Bath for the last few weeks. She returns home in August. We will take up a second collection for her work with poor and abandoned children and mothers in Zimbabwe on 23rd July.

Upcoming Special Collections

Sister Pontiana 23rd July, De La Salle Brothers 13th August

Sunday Collection

Last week loose: £185.33, Gift Aid Envelopes £62, Apostleship of the Sea £190.73

Readers

11.00: Karen n/w Liz, 18.00; Duncan n/w Moira