

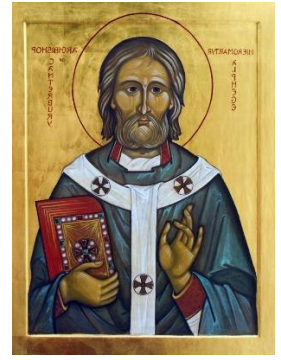


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August 2023

His face shone like the sun

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 12th	Feria	
	10.00	
Sun 13th	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	
Mon 14th	St Maximilian Kolbe	
	No Mass	
Tue 15th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 16th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 17th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Fri 18th	Feria	
	12.00	
Sat 19th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 20th	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



The Assumption, Murillo 1670

The Assumption

For Catholics, the feast of the Assumption of Mary reflects the belief that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven.

However, you would be disappointed if you were looking for a text in the Bible about how and where Mary died. The last we hear of her is when she is praying with the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 1:14). Indeed, St Paul refers to Mary only once in all his many letters and even there she is not named. In his letter to the Galatians, he says 'When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, *born of a woman* to redeem the subjects of the law.' (Gal 4:4). Rather today's feast represents what the church has concluded was the fitting end to Mary's life.

It was as early as 431 at the Council of Ephesus that Mary was declared Mother of God. However, even though Catholics had believed in the doctrine since earliest times, it was only in November 1950 that Pius XII solemnly defined the teaching that Mary was assumed into heaven.

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 Hall
 Psalter 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..... Assumption, Chippenham,
 St Patrick, Corsham

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

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.

It is best to learn to silence the faculties and to cause them to be still so that God may speak

St John of the Cross

August

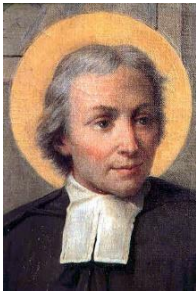
Please note that during August there will only be weekday masses on Tuesdays and Fridays.

A Prayer by Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Mission Appeal

The Mission Appeal today will be given by the De La Salle Brothers. They were founded by St John-Baptist de la Salle in 1725 in Rheims with the aim of educating the poor. The Order now has about 3,000 brothers who operate over 1,100 educational centres in 80 countries throughout the world. You are invited to support their work in the Missions in the second collection today.



St John-Baptiste de la Salle

Deanery Changes

Bishop Declan has decided to renew the existing deanery structure in the diocese. Up until now there have been thirteen deaneries, drawing priests and people together in communion, prayer and mission. From September there will be nine deaneries allowing parishes access to greater resources and common mission for their area. From September the current Bath deanery and part of the current Trowbridge deanery will start to work together. More details will be made available as they emerge.

The example of the parents is the book which the children read

St Augustine

Forthcoming Dates

Quiz	29th September
Diocesan Day	7th October
OT Talk Abraham	27th October
OT Talk Moses	17th November
OT Talk David	1st December
OT Talk Elijah	8th December

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 this Sunday 13th August they will stay overnight here at St Alphege. We will, undoubtedly, make them very welcome.

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.

Belief is a truth held in the mind Faith is a fire in the heart

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.

Heritage Open Days

The Church will be participating once again in the annual Heritage Open Days. The Church will be open all day 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. The Eyre Chapel at Perrymead Cemetery is also open 9th & 10th September from 11.00 to 16.00.

Beacons

The next meeting of the Beacons will be on the 18th September.

Upcoming Special Collections

De La Salle Brothers Mission Appeal today 13th August, Home Missions 17th September

Sunday Collection

Last week loose: £217.88, Gift Aid Envelopes £52.2

Readers

11.00: Nkechi n/w Bibian, 18.00; Duncan n/w Seena