

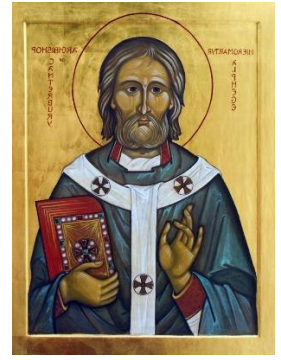


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th August 2023

Son of David, take pity on me

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 19th	Feria	
		10.00
Sun 20th	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		9.00 Parishioners (Peasedown)
		11.00
		18.00
Mon 21st	St Pius X	
		No Mass
Tue 22nd	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		10.00
		11.00 (Peasedown)
Wed 23rd	Feria	
		No Mass
Thu 24th	St Bartholomew	
		No Mass
Fri 25th	Feria	
		12.00
Sat 26th	Feria	
		No Mass
Sun 27th	Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		9.00 Parishioners (Peasedown)
		11.00
		18.00



Jesus and the Canaanite Woman, Pieter Lastman, 1617

Father of Night

Father of night, Father of day
 Father who takes the darkness away
 Father who teacheth the birds to fly
 Builder of rainbows up in the sky
 Father of loneliness and pain
 Father of love and Father of rain.

Father of day, Father of night
 Father of black, Father of white
 Father who built the mountains so high
 Who shapeth the cloud there up in the sky
 Father of time and Father of dreams
 Father who turneth the river and stream.

Father of grain, Father of wheat
 Father of cold and Father of heat
 Father of air and Father of trees
 Who dwells in our hearts and our memories
 Father of minutes, Father of days
 Father of whom we most solemnly praise.

Bob Dylan

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 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..... English Martyrs, Chard,
 with Crewkerne and Ilminster

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.

**Be not afraid of growing slowly.
Be afraid only of standing still**

Chinese Proverb

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.

St Bartholomew

In St John's Gospel, Bartholomew is known by the name Nathaniel. It is thought that he hailed from Cana in Galilee. He was one of the first disciples called by the Lord. On that initial meeting Jesus uttered the glorious compliment: 'Behold, an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile!' After the Resurrection he was favoured by becoming one of the few Apostles who witnessed the appearance of the risen Saviour on the Sea of Galilee (John 21:2). Following the Ascension, he is said to have preached in Greater Armenia and to have been martyred there. While still alive, his skin was torn from his body. The Armenians honour him as the apostle of their nation. They have a national tradition that St Jude Thaddeus and St Bartholomew visited the Armenians early in the first century and introduced Christianity among the worshippers of the god Ahura Mazda. The new faith spread throughout the land, and in 302 AD St. Gregory the Illuminator baptized the king of Armenia, Dertad the Great, along with many of his followers. Since he was probably the first ruler to embrace Christianity for his nation, the Armenians proudly claim they were the first Christian State.

Our Father

The Our Father contains all possible petitions; we cannot conceive of any prayer not already contained in it. It is to prayer what Christ is to humanity. It is impossible to say it once through, giving the fullest possible attention to each word, without a change, infinitesimal perhaps but real, taking place in the soul.

Simone Weil

**A house is made of brick and stone,
but a home is made of love alone**

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

August

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

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

James Reilly RIP

The funeral of James Reilly will be on Wednesday 6th September at 11:00 followed by burial at Haycombe.

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.

**A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a
man perfected without trials**

Cicero

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.

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

Home Missions 17th September

Sunday Collection

Last week loose: £245.64, Gift Aid Envelopes £37, Second Collection £353.53

Readers

11.00: Bibian n/w Simon, 18.00; Seena n/w Moira