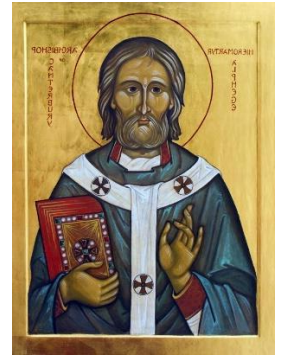


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Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

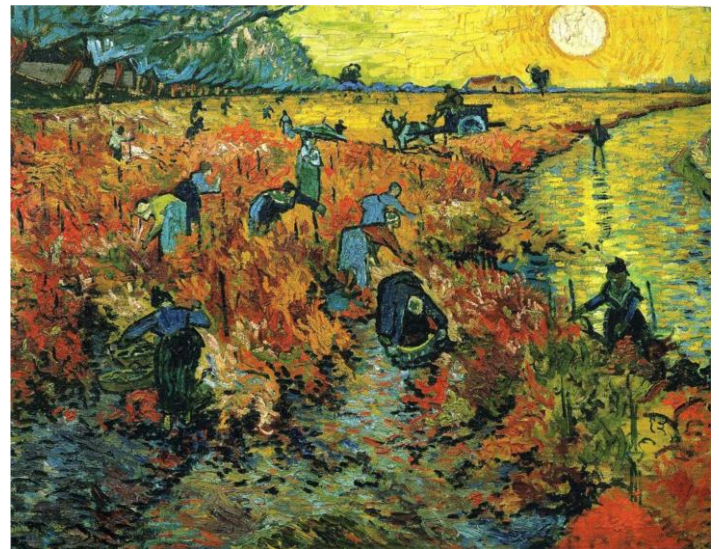
25th September 2023

The last will be first, and the first last

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 23rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina	
	10.00	
Sun 24th	Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Terry Creevy
	18.00	Jane Floyd +
Mon 25th	Feria	
	10.00	
Tue 26th	Feria	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 27th	St Vincent de Paul	
	No Mass	
Thu 28th	Feria	
	18.00	
Fri 29th	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	
	12.00	May Law +
Sat 30th	St Jerome	
	No Mass	
Sun 1st	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



Red Vinyards at Arles, Vincent van Gogh, 1889
(This is the only painting van Gogh sold in his lifetime)

The Labourers in the Vineyard

From the parable in today's Gospel, we see how much God loves us when he himself, through his beloved Son, took the initiative to enter our world in order to bring us into his Kingdom. We also see that the action of God's grace does not depend on time and space.

In the parable God is represented as the landowner and we human beings are the labourers. The vineyard represents our Christian faith and our wages are heavenly life.

We learn that God does not call everybody at the same time. Some are called early in life having received their baptism as infants like the labourers who came at daybreak. Some were called as teenagers; some were called during their married life and others much later in life. God rewards all with the same wage which is eternal life.

In short, God is just and fair in all his dealings with his children. No one will ever go unrewarded for the good works that are attributed to him. Like the labourers in the Gospel, we all have a call to the Christian faith and our responsibility now is to work hard and seriously according to the will of God so that finally we receive what Jesus himself has promised us; that is eternal life.

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 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 Kenelm, Stow on the Wold,
St Catherine, Chipping Campden

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Autumn

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, 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

QUIZ NIGHT

The next Parish Quiz Evening is on Friday 29th September at 19.00 in the Hall. Teams are limited to five persons (two children = one person) with twelve tables in total. Entry £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Prizes: 1st £50, 2nd £25. Drinks and light refreshments available. Donations of raffle prizes most welcome. **Please sign the list at the back of the Church this Sunday to register your team.** Test your wits and have a fun evening.

God provides the wind, man must raise the sail

St Augustine

SPUC Meeting in Bath

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding a Campaign Meeting to help stop abortion in the UK. The meeting is on Wednesday 27th September, at 19.00 in St John's Church Hall. The focus will be on current campaigns including the issue of abortion coercion. SPUC is hoping to start a local branch in Bath. Please come along to find out more. For information contact Katherine 01892 542616 or katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

Free Money for your Church!

Anyone who is a UK Taxpayer can Gift Aid their contribution and secure an additional 25% for the Church. This costs you nothing extra! The easiest way to do this is by setting up a standing order to pay directly into the St Alphege bank account. If you do not wish to set up a standing order, or commit to a regular weekly or monthly donation, then you can use the Gift Aid envelope system. Numbered Gift Aid envelopes can be put into the collection whenever you attend church, but do not have to contain the same amount, or be put in the collection, every week e.g. if you are away or on holiday etc. This gives you complete flexibility over the amount and timing of your donation. All donations are treated in strictest confidence. For the truly Ad Hoc donation there are envelopes at the back of the church which allow you to Gift Aid one off contributions. Please do use the Gift Aid system if you are eligible to do so – it really will bring in much needed income for the Church – for which we are very grateful. If you wish to pursue either of these options please contact Maureen Dyson, either via Father Alex or by email at GA.bath.stalphege@clifondiocese.com.

Saturday 30th

Due to clergy training, there will be no mass on Saturday 30th September.

The worst prison would be a closed heart

Pope John Paul II

Forthcoming Dates

Quiz 29th September
Diocesan Day 7th October
OT Talk Abraham 27th October
OT Talk Moses 17th November
Gregory Steward Concert 21st November
OT Talk David 1st December
OT Talk Elijah 8th December

Autumn Talks

The two series of talks that we previously 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. £5 donation is suggested to defray expenses.

New Gift Aid Envelopes.

The new numbered gift aid envelopes, which come into use at the beginning of October, are available from the table at the back of the Church. You should have the same number as last year. Any problem please see Maureen Dyson.

Message from the SVP

Thank you to all those that came to the Paddington film night in January. The film night raised £137.90 for our twin in the Sudan but unfortunately due to the conflict in the Sudan we have been unable to send it directly to them. We can however still help by sending the funds to South Sudan to help the refugees from Sudan there that are in need. If you donated money during the film night and are not happy with the change in where the money is going, please can you contact Lizzie Creevy by the end of September. The SVP are grateful for your continued support in what we do.

The three most important virtues are humility, humility, and humility

St Bernard

Gregory Steward Concert



There will be a Concert in the Church at 19.30 on Tuesday 21st November by the local tenor Gregory Steward. He will be performing an 'Evening of Classical Music with Songs from the Shows' including Les Misérables, South Pacific and Carousel. Tickets £12 including refreshments.

Beacons

We were very happy to meet again at Beacons after the summer break for a chat, live piano music, a raffle and delicious refreshments raising £60 for Peggy Dodd. We will meet again on the 16th October in the hall at 2pm and our chosen charity is 'Mind' in Bath.

Accommodation Required

Two responsible Ukrainian ladies are looking to rent a two-bedroom flat. If you know of one, please inform Frances Rimmer 07940 583846.

Upcoming Special Collections

CAFOD 8th October, World Missions 22nd October

Last Week's Sunday Collection

Loose: £419.76, Gift Aid £59.10, Home Missions 108.48

Readers

11.00: Veritas n/w Karen, 18.00: Duncan n/w Dominic

Little Church

Alexia n/w Helen