

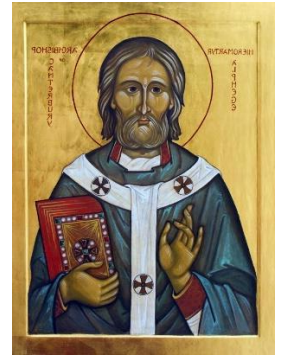


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th November 2023

Stay awake because you do not know the day nor the hour

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 11th	St Martin of Tours	
	10.00	
Sun 12th	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	
Mon 13th	Feria	
	10.00	Robbie Nesbit (b'day)
Tue 14th	Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese	
	10.00	Christopher Timothy
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 15th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 16th	St Edmund of Abingdon	
	18.00	Marie Westwed
Fri 17th	St Leo the Great	
	12.00	
Sat 18th	St Martin of Tours	
	10.00	Florence Elizabeth Mercer +
Sun 19th	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, Peter von Cornelius

Today's Parable

In the parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, the bridegroom represents Jesus, and the virgins symbolize his followers or believers. The lamps are the outward signs of their faith, and the oil is often interpreted as a symbol of spiritual preparedness and the Holy Spirit.

The main lesson of this parable is the importance of being spiritually prepared and watchful for the return of Christ. The wise virgins represent those who are spiritually prepared, with an adequate supply of oil, and are ready to meet the bridegroom when he arrives. The foolish virgins, on the other hand, represent those who are not prepared, and they miss the opportunity to join in the wedding banquet, which is often seen as a symbol of eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The parable emphasizes the need for vigilance, readiness, and a constant state of spiritual preparedness because the return of Christ is unknown and can happen at any time. It encourages believers to keep their faith strong, live according to their beliefs, and be watchful for the coming of the Lord.

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
 Psalter3
 Sunday Readings: Year A
 Weekday Readings: Year 1
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League..... St Stanislaus, Dulverton
 Sacred Heart, Minehead

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

St John's Primary School

We are pleased to share with you that St John's Catholic Primary School will be working towards becoming a LiveSimply school and achieving the LiveSimply Award as requested by Bishop Declan. The LiveSimply Award, coordinated by CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is presented to schools who demonstrate they are living simply, living sustainably, and living in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. If you would like to know more about LiveSimply for schools, please visit cafod.org.uk/LiveSimplySchools. We are setting up a working party made up of staff, children, parents, governors, parishioners and members of the wider community. This will be a very special collaboration that gives us all the chance to work together and make a real difference. If you are interested in joining the working party (the first meeting will be straight after school on Thursday 23rd November) please email Miss Mosettig - Chaplaincy Lead – at hmosettig@stjohns.bathnes.sch.uk.

The glory of God is man fully alive

Saint Irenaeus

Don't Forget The Holy Spirit

On Friday 24th November there will be a 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit' evening at St Mary's Church, Julian Road, Bath with Father Matt Anscombe from 19.00-21.00. It will consist of Mass, testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer based on Father Matt's experiences with the Holy Spirit, detailed in his book 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit'. He shares personal testimony and considers the difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives of faith. Info: www.dftholyspirit.com

Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday at the 11.00 mass we will be joined by the Brownies and Guides.

Man is not at peace with his fellow man
because he is not at peace with himself
And he is not at peace with himself
because he is not at peace with God

Thomas Merton

Starting School?

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2024 onwards. You must complete an application form which is available from the school admissions team of Bath and North East Somerset Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2024.

Forthcoming Dates

OT Talk Moses 17th November
Gregory Steward Concert 21st November
OT Talk David 1st December
OT Talk Elijah 8th December
English Wind Consort 22nd December
Film Night 18th January
Beetle Drive 2nd February



November

The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. The list will be placed on the altar and the names included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

Autumn Talks

This time the theme of our Autumn Talks is '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 remaining dates, topics and speakers, all at 19.00: 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 cover expenses.

Beacons

The next meeting of Beacons will be on Monday 20th November at 14.00 and all are warmly invited.

Treasurer Needed

We are looking for someone with a background in basic finance to be the Parish Treasurer. The duties are not onerous with quarterly meetings and oversight of the accounts clerk. Please contact Father Alex.

His grace is free,
but it's not cheap

Christmas Social

The social committee would like to serve bacon rolls and Christmas treats after the 11.00 Mass on Sunday 10th December alongside selling Christmas goods and cards. We do need some volunteers who would be happy to help with the food. If you can help with the food or would like to help in other ways please let Father Alex know by Sunday 12th November so we can finalise what will be happening. Thank you, the Social Committee.

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.

Upcoming Special Collections

26th November Catholic Youth, 10th December Poor Parishes

Sunday Collection

Loose: £210.57, Gift Aid Envelopes £87

Readers

11.00: Veritas n/w Karen, 18.00; Dominic n/w Seena

Little Church

This week No Little Church n/w Janet