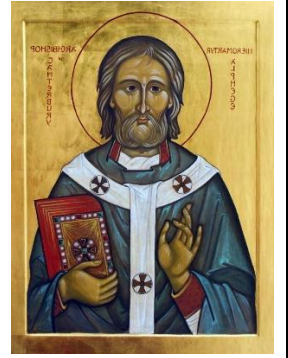


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th February 2023

You are the salt of the Earth

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 4th	Feria	
	10.00	Hugh Harkins +
Sun 5th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Josie Cook (ill)
	18.00	Sinead McKee +
Mon 6th	St Paul Miki & Companions	
	10.00	Tom Quinn +
Tue 7th	Feria	
	10.00	
	11.00	
Wed 8th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 9th	Feria	
	18.00	
Fri 10th	St Scholastica	
	12.00	
Sat 11th	Feria	
	10.00	Marcia Roost +
Sun 12th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Eileen Godman (ill)
	18.00	Ellen McLoughlan +



Pantocrator, Cefalù Cathedral, Sicily

Washing the Floor

One student of a struggling seminary in a Third World country recalled his first days there with some embarrassment. The seminary was operating on a shoestring. It had dedicated lecturers and a deep sense of mission, but wholly inadequate facilities.

One morning, after enduring the seldom cleaned washroom once too often, he burst into the principal's office and complained bitterly. The principal, a saintly scholar well-known for his preaching abilities, listened calmly and then promised to have the washrooms cleaned on a regular basis. The change was immediate and apparent. And the student, taking the credit, basked in the congratulations of his peers.

Having been successful in one area, he began to be more vocal about change in other areas. Then one morning, having risen early to catch a train, he went to the washroom and found the principal on his hands and knees scrubbing the floor. As he looks back today, he feels that no other experience so shaped his view of ministry. Jesus didn't clean the washroom floor, though he did wash the feet of the disciples. How can we be of service in the week ahead?

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 Week 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 George, Warminster

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Winter

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed

First Communion



Classes for our First Communion candidates started on Sunday 22nd January directly after 11.00 Mass. If your child is not yet signed up, please fill in a form available at the back of the Church and bring it to the next class. Candidates should be in Year 3 or above. The First Communion Mass itself will take place on Sunday 14th May 2023.

**I'm a little pencil
in the hand of a writing God
who is sending a love letter to the world**

Mother Teresa

Beacons@StAlphege

Thank you to everyone who attended the January Beacons. We enjoyed a very happy gathering and raised £71 for the British Heart Foundation. Please join us for the next meet-up on Monday 20th February at 14.00 for afternoon tea, a raffle and good company. Donations will go to 'Bath Welcomes Refugees'. Please spread the word amongst your family, friends and neighbours.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered on Saturday 11th February at the 10.00 mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Please come along to receive this important sacrament and to pray for all this who are sick especially the members of our families and fellow parishioners.



Readers

We wish to add more readers to the rota for the 18.00 Sunday mass. Please let Father Alex know if you would like to help.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023

Saturday 27th May to Saturday 3rd June 2023. Price including flights from Bristol to Toulouse, coach transfer to and from Lourdes, full board in the four-star Hotel Helgon, close to the Domain. Full Pilgrimage programme. Cost £899 per person based on two sharing. Single supplement £245. Travel insurance required by all. To book contact: eugene.campbell@clifondiocese.com. £300 deposit required. The first nineteen pilgrims to book will have the price of £899, those booking afterwards, will be subject to the current EasyJet price for the flight at the time.

**All looks yellow
to the jaundiced eye**

Alexander Pope

Sunday Coffee

More volunteers are needed to help prepare the tea and coffee after 11.00 mass on a Sunday. Please let Father Alex know if you can help.



Forthcoming Dates

Sacrament of the Sick 11th February
Ash Wednesday 22nd February
Easter Sunday 9th April

Visit of the Bishop

Bishop Declan Lang will be visiting the parish and celebrating mass and preaching at 9.30 in St Joseph's Peasedown and 11.00 in St Alphege's on Sunday 26th February. After the mass at St Alphege's we will have a short meeting with the Bishop in the Parish Hall. We are very pleased that Bishop Declan wants to know how things are going on at St Joseph's and St Alphege's and we will surely give him a very warm welcome.

Answering God's Call

A vocations discernment retreat for young Catholic adults aged 18-35 from 3rd to 5th March entitled 'Answering God's Call'. The retreat will be held at Brownhill Monastery, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 8AL. It will be about listening to the voice of Christ so that we can discern and respond to his call. For information, please contact Rina Bird: rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Bishop will be presiding at several Services of Reconciliation across the Diocese during Lent. the nearest one to Bath will be at 19.00 on Thursday 16th March at St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome.

Marriage in 2023

If you are considering getting married in 2023 it is important that you contact Father Alex urgently so that the preparation process can be started in good time. Six months' notice is required.

**Most of us spend too much time
on what is urgent
and not enough time on what is important**

CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time (could be as little as a two-minute short talk twice a year) and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with clifton@cafod.org.uk. You can join members of CAFOD praying the Rosary every Thursday morning on ZOOM. See cafod.org.uk/Pray/Pray-the-rosary.

Accommodation Required

A couple and their mother-in-law are looking for accommodation in Bath for three weeks in the summer to support their daughter who is having a baby at that time. Please contact Father Alex if you can help.

Recently Deceased

Thomas Quinn (90 years) of High Street, Twerton who died on 21st January: Reception of the Body 16.15 Wednesday 22nd February, Requiem Mass 10.30 Thursday 23rd February followed by burial at Haycombe Cemetery.

Upcoming Second Collections

5th March CAFOD

Sunday Collection

29th January Loose £283.01, Gift Aid Envelopes £35.20.