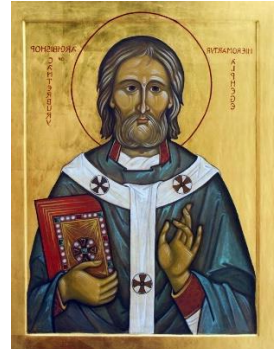


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**19th February 2023**

**Be reconciled with your brother**

**Mass Times at St Alphege**

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

<b>Sat 18th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9.00	Sheila Walsh + Rebecca Gray + (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	Angela Howard +
<b>Mon 20th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	Gawlik Family
<b>Tue 21st</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	
	No Mass at Peasedown today	
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	10.00	With distribution of Ashes
	11.00	(Peasedown)
	16.30	Reception of the Body
	18.00	With distribution of Ashes
<b>Thu 23rd</b>	<b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>	
	10.30	Funeral of Thomas Quinn
	18.00	Lilian Hanson +
<b>Fri 24th</b>	<b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>	
	12.00	
<b>Sat 25th</b>	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Lilian Hanson +
	17.30	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	



**The Weaver**

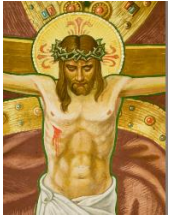
My life is but a weaving  
 Between my God and me.  
 I cannot choose the colours  
 He weaveth steadily.  
 Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;  
 And I in foolish pride  
 Forget He sees the upper  
 And I the underside.  
 Not 'til the loom is silent  
 And the shuttles cease to fly  
 Will God unroll the canvas  
 And reveal the reason why.  
 The dark threads are as needful  
 In the weaver's skilful hand  
 As the threads of gold and silver  
 In the pattern He has planned  
 He knows, He loves, He cares;  
 Nothing this truth can dim.  
 He gives the very best to those  
 Who leave the choice to Him."

**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 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... SS Luke & Teresa, Wincanton

**Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Winter**

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



### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Sundays at 17.30. People are free to say the Stations of the Cross individually or collectively at any time during Lent. Booklets are available at the back of the Church for your use.

**Wisdom is knowing what to do next  
Skill is knowing how to do it  
Virtue is doing it**

Thomas Jefferson



### Canon Harding RIP

Sadly, Canon Anthony Harding died on 5th February. His body will be received into St John's Church, Bath at 16.30 on Sunday 26th with mass at 18.30. The Requiem will be on Monday 27th at 10.30 in St John's with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### 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.

### Easter Egg Hunt



Donations of Easter Eggs are required for the Easter Egg Hunt which will take place after the 11.00 mass on Easter Sunday. Please leave donations in the marked box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

### Little Church

Volunteers are needed to lead Little Church. Ideally the parents of the children who attend should help with leading the sessions. Please let Father Alex know if you can help.

### 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.

**It is better to be a child of God  
than king of the whole world**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga



### 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

Ash Wednesday ..... 22nd February  
Christm Mass ..... 5th April  
Easter Sunday ..... 9th April  
Corpus Christi Procession, Prior Park ..... 11th June

### 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 next 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.

### 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.

### Online Lent Retreat

'Journeying through the Desert' is an online retreat for Lent with guest speakers from around the country. The sessions enable us to reflect and pray our way through Lent with inspirational speakers to guide us. To access please register at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). Poster in the narthex.

### Chrism Mass

Coach picking up from North Parade at 9.15 on 5th April. Register at [bath.stjohntheevangelist@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stjohntheevangelist@cliftondiocese.com)

### First Communion



Classes for our First Communion candidates continue directly after 11.00 Mass each Sunday. It is now too late to join the class. The First Communion Mass itself will take place on Sunday 14th May 2023.

**A true friend is one  
who thinks you're a good egg  
even though you're half cracked.**

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 3rd March is Family Fast Day and we will be taking up a second collection on Sunday 5th March to support their work in the developing countries. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please eat simply on the 3rd and donate the money you save to the collection on the 5th March. CAFOD is also responding with the provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for those affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give).

### 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

12th February Loose £308.59, Gift Aid Envelopes £67.00.