

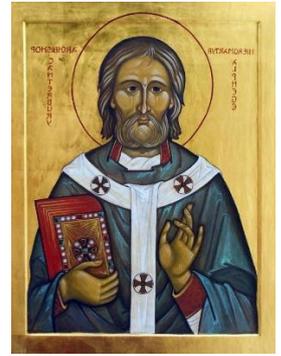


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2023

Stay awake because you never know when the time will come

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 2nd	Feria	
	10.00	
Sun 3rd	First Sunday of Advent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	
Mon 4th	St Osmund	
	10.00	
Tue 5th	Feria	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 6th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 7th	St Ambrose	
	18.00	
Fri 8th	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	
	10.30	(Peasedown)
	12.00	
	18.00	
Sat 9th	Feria	
	10.00	
Sun 10th	Second Sunday of Advent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



The Immaculate Conception, Rubens 1628

Information

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 B
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League..... St Peter, Gloucester

Cycle of Prayer: Advent and Christmas

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,
 Expectant Mothers

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
 Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
 Mother of Him Who thee from nothing made,
 Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;
 Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
 Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

Marian Prayer for Advent



English Wind Consort

In Dulci Jubilo

Music for the season of Advent and Christmas

St Alphege's Church

Bath

BA2 3NR

22nd December 2023

7:30 pm

**It is easy to find truth,
though it is hard to face it,
and harder still to follow it**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Legacies

Please think about the parish when drawing up your last will. Our beautiful Church was built through the generosity of parishioners often by means of legacies. Think of a legacy as a gift to the next generation of Catholics enabling them to maintain a truly worthy place of worship. A leaflet is available at the back of the Church

Starting School?

If you have a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 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 that is available from the school admissions team of the 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 15 January 2024

**Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem
May we let ourselves be drawn
by the light of God made man**

Pope Francis

Forthcoming Dates

OT Talk Elijah..... 8th December
English Wind Consort..... 22nd December
First Communion Classes Start 7th January
Film Night 19th January
Beetle Drive..... 2nd February

Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December is the feast of the Immaculate Conception which is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 10.30 in Peasedown and 12.00 & 18.00 at St Alphege.

Autumn Talks

The last in the series of talks on 'Important Figures from the Old Testament' is on 8th December at 19.00. The topic is Elijah by Dominic Bailey. £5 donation is suggested to cover expenses.

A Prayer by John Donne (1572 - 1631)

Bring us, o Lord God,
at our last awakening into the house and gate of Heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one
equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears or hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity,
in the habitations of thy glory and dominion,
world without end.

First Holy Communion

Classes will start at 10.00 and last an hour so that parents can go with the children to Sunday mass afterwards. Going to mass is an essential part of the package. The dates are: January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, February 4th and 25th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, April 21st and 28th, May 12th (with an additional practice after Mass). Any changes to these dates will be notified. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on either 18th or 19th of May depending on numbers. Application forms are at the back of the Church. Please return as soon as possible.

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. If you are coming, please sign up by Sunday 3rd December so we know numbers? We will charge £3 for food. We also need volunteers who could help with the food. If so, please inform Fr Alex asap so arrangements can be finalised. Donations for raffle prizes appreciated.

**Honesty pays,
but not enough to suit some people**

Papal Nuncio

The Pope's representative in Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía comes to visit St John's and celebrate Mass on Sunday 3rd December at 18.30 in order to spend time with the University students.

Benedictine Bath

Dr Giles Mercer will be giving a talk on 'Benedictine Bath from earliest times to the present' in the parish hall of St John the Evangelist on Tuesday 16th January at 14.00. All are warmly welcome.

Treasurer

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.

Sunday Collection

Loose: £207.60, Gift Aid Envelopes £37, Catholic Youth £58.80

Readers

11.00: Anne n/w Maureen, 18.00; Grainne n/w Dominic

Little Church

Next week Janet