

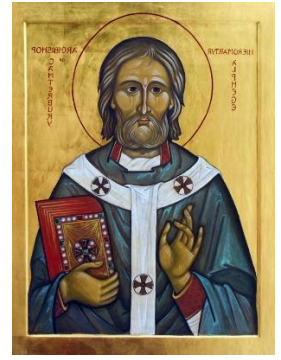


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023

Prepare a way for the Lord

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 9th	Advent Weekday	
	10.00	
Sun 10th	Second Sunday of Advent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Nursing Exam Candidates
	18.00	
Mon 11th	Advent Weekday	
	10.00	
Tue 12th	Advent Weekday	
	10.00	Leonard Mercer + (anniv)
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 13th	St Lucy	
	No Mass	
Thu 14th	St John of the Cross	
	10.00	School Mass
	18.00	
Fatrheri	15th	Advent Weekday
	12.00	
Sat 16th	Advent Weekday	
	10.00	
Sun 17th	Third Sunday of Advent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



St John the Baptist, Chartres Cathedral (13th Century)

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
 Psalter2
 Sunday Readings: Year B
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League..... St Augustine, Matson
 English Martyrs, Tuffley

Cycle of Prayer: Advent and Christmas

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

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
 born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release us,
 let us find our rest in thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art;
 dear desire of every nation,
 joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
 born a child and yet a King,
 born to reign in us forever,
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal spirit
 rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all sufficient merit,
 raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1744



Christmas Mass Times		
Sun 24th	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve)	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	St Alphege
	18.30	First Mass of Christmas..... (Peasedown)
	22.00	First Mass of ChristmasSt Alphege
Mon 25th	Christmas Day	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	St Alphege
Tue 26th	St Stephen	
	10.00	St Alphege
	11.00	(Peasedown)

Christmas Social
 The Social Committee would like to serve bacon rolls and Christmas treats after the 11.00 Mass this Sunday 10th December alongside selling Christmas goods and cards. There will be a £3 charge for food. Donations for raffle prizes is appreciated.

Year of Prayer
 Pope Fatrherancis has asked us to keep 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. At St John's Church they will be holding a series of talks on prayer throughout the Year of Prayer. The talks will be held in St John's Church on Tuesdays at 19.00. The talks are as follows: 23rd January Lord Teach us to Pray, Father Tom Dubois; 20th February The Prayer of Jesus, Father Dermot Power; 30th April The Prayer of the Desert, Father John Udris; 28th May The Prayer of St Benedict, Father Mark Hargreaves OSB; 25th June The Prayer of St Dominic, Sr Hyacinthe OP; 23rd July Window on the Divine -Icons, Tamara Penwell; The Prayer of St Martin & St Clare, Father Maximilian Martin OFM Conv; 29th October The Prayer of Carmel, Father Michael McAndrew; 26th November The Prayer of St Ignatius Father James Hanvey SJ.

**Education is not the filling of a pail,
 but the lighting of a fire**

WB Yeats

First Holy Communion
 Sessions will start at 10.00 and last an hour so that parents can go with the children to Sunday mass afterwards. Please note that going to mass is an essential part of the package. The dates for the sessions 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.

Beacons

We will not be meeting at Beacons this month but we hope you will be able to join us this Sunday 10th December after the 11.00 Mass for the Parish Christmas party. Watch this space for the January Beacons and a big thank you to all of you who supported our Community gatherings this year.

**The minute you walk outside
 of your church on Sunday
 you're in mission territory**

Bishop Robert Barron

Forthcoming Dates

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

**Advent is a time to wait,
 listen and ponder
 the awesome wonder of God**

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. Explanatory leaflets are available at the back of the Church.

Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Clifton Children's Society. Please support the important work of our adoption agency as generously as you can.

Upcoming Special Collections

Today Poor Missions of the Diocese 10th December

Sunday Collection

Loose: £275.07, Gift Aid Envelopes £32

Readers

11.00: Maureen n/w Nkechi, 18.00; Seena n/w Moira

Little Church

This week Janet n/w Helen