

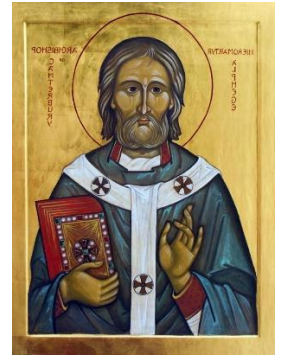


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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**Hall Bookings: Isabella Lo (Parish email above)**



**Solemnity of Jesus Christ, Universal King**

**26th November 2023**

**I was naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me**

**Mass Times at St Alphege**

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

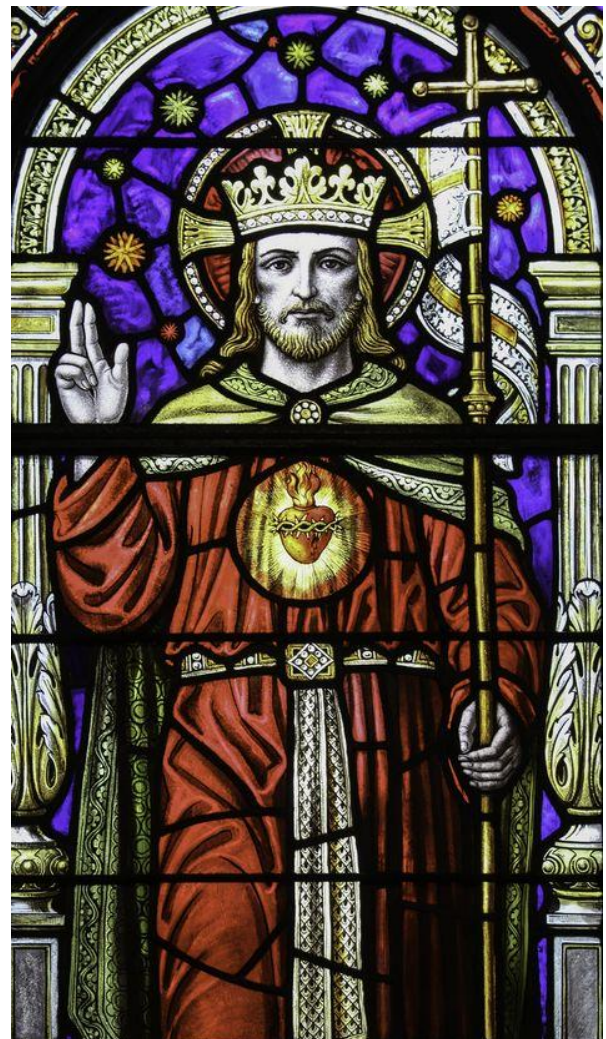
<b>Sat 25th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	Mass at Haycombe Cemetery Top Chapel
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Agnes Melling +
	18.00	
<b>Mon 27th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	Special Intention
<b>Tue 28th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	John Mills
	11.00	(Peasedown)
<b>Wed 29th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Thu 30th</b>	<b>St Andrew</b>	
	18.00	
<b>Fri 1st</b>	<b>St Alexander Briant</b>	
	12.00	
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	

**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 ..... Proper  
 Sunday Readings: ..... Year A  
 Weekday Readings: ..... Year 1  
 Baptisms & Marriages: ..... Contact the Parish Priest  
 Diocesan Prayer League..... St Catherine, Frome  
 St Dominic, Mells

**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



**Prayer for Good Humour by Saint Thomas More**

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I'. Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others. Amen.



**We are like the penny,  
because we have the image of the king  
stamped on us, the divine king**

G.K. Chesterton

**SPUC Branch Launch Meeting**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children are delighted to announce that we will be creating a SPUC Bath Branch and are looking for members to join. The branch launch will take place on Wednesday 29th November at 19.00 at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church hall, South Parade, Bath, BA2 4AF.

**A Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**Faith doesn't get you out of trouble,  
it gets you through it**

**Forthcoming Dates**

OT Talk David ..... 1st December  
 OT Talk Elijah..... 8th December  
 English Wind Consort..... 22nd December  
 First Communion Classes Start ..... 7th January  
 Film Night ..... 19th 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: 1st December, David by Anne Barrett and 8th December, Elijah by Dominic Bailey. £5 donation is suggested to cover expenses.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Clifton Catholic Directories**

Clifton Catholic Directories are available at the back of the Church £6 each.

**We love God because of a twofold reason:  
Nothing is more reasonable,  
and nothing is more profitable**

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

**Sunday Collection**

Plate £305.42, Gift Aid £52

**Readers**

11.00: Liz n/w Anne, 18.00: Moira n/w Grainne

**Little Church**

This week Bibian n/w Helen