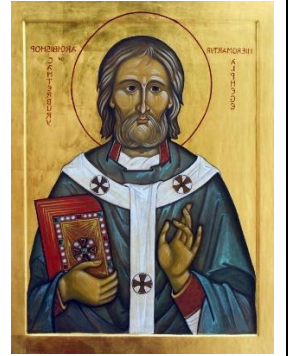


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**30th April 2023**

**I am the gate of the sheepfold**

**Mass Times at St Alphege**  
or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

<b>Sat 29th</b>	<b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	
	10.00	Dorrie White +
<b>Sun 30th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	Tricia Irmiger +
<b>Mon 1st</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Tue 2nd</b>	<b>St Athanasius</b>	
	10.00	
	11.00	
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	<b>SS Philip &amp; James</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Thu 4th</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	
	18.00	Roy Batters +
<b>Fri 5th</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
	12.00	
<b>Sat 6th</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 7th</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Laurie Griffiths
	18.00	Alan Stevenson +



The Good Shepherd

**Prayer for Vocations**

God our Father,  
look in love upon our homes, our families  
and our communities.  
Raise up among us worthy priests,  
to teach the Gospel to all people,  
to minister at your altar  
and to care for your flock.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and make us faithful and inspiring witnesses  
to your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priestly and Religious Vocations**

Vocations are very important in the Church because we need priests to minister to us in their unique way and for Religious to witness to the eternal values of the Kingdom. We have often spoken about a crisis of vocations in the Church but actually the situation with regards to vocations is very variable according to country and diocese. Some countries or dioceses have many vocations while others have few. The reasons for this are complex and not well understood. It is important that we pray for vocations but also that we invite young (and perhaps not so young) people in our parish to consider a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life. It is a valuable calling in the Church and somewhere that you can be sure that you are doing Christ's work in the modern world. *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 4  
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 Mary, Bath

**Cycle of Prayer: Easter**

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work,  
The Right Use of the Media, The Church



### International Evening

We propose to hold an International Evening on Friday 16th June in the Parish Hall. We are looking for parishioners of various nationalities who are willing to cook a dish typical of their region to share with their fellow parishioners. If you would like to cook, please contact emilytlaker@gmail.com, debbie.watson4301@gmail.com or annedangleterre@hotmail.com. If you intend coming, please sign the list at the back of the Church so we can get an idea of numbers

**What you are is God's gift to you,  
what you become is your gift to God**

*Hans urs von Balthasar*

### Coronation Garden Party

The SVP will organise the Coronation Garden Party after 11.00 mass next Sunday 7th May. All welcome. Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church if you are coming or can donate food or raffle items.

### Little Church

We are trying to increase the number of volunteers needed to lead Little Church. Ideally the parents of the children who attend should lead the sessions. Please let Father Alex know if you can help.

### Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for a few new Eucharistic Ministers who could bring communion to one of the housebound once a month. Please talk to Father Alex.

### Easter Duties

You will be aware that Easter Duties are still an obligation for all Catholics. This means that we are required to go to Confession and to receive Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

### The Portrait

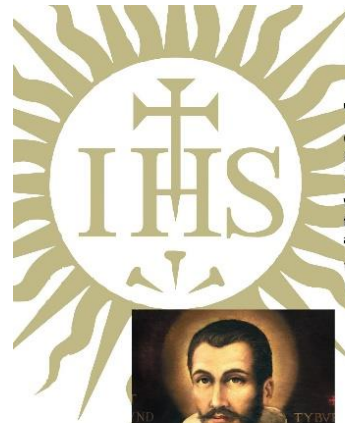
A travelling portrait painter passed through a small town, set up his easel but could get no custom. The main street was practically empty. A drunk was thrown out of a pub and collapsed in the gutter. The painter moved his easel over and began to paint the drunk. After a while the drunk came round got to his feet and took a look at the painting. He was amazed at the picture, it was him but cleanly shaven, better looking, smartly dressed and looking prosperous. 'That's not me.' he shouted. 'No', came the reply, 'but it's the man you could be!'

**The Eternal Eye that sees the whole  
May better read the darkened soul,  
And find, to outward sense denied,  
The flower upon its inmost side!**

*John Greenleaf Whittier*

### Forthcoming Dates

Elizabethan Jesuits Talk .....	5th May
Coronation Garden Party .....	7th May
First Communion .....	14th May
Elizabethan Jesuits Talk .....	19th May
Readers Course .....	3rd June
Corpus Christi Procession, Prior Park .....	11th June
International Evening .....	16th June



## Elizabethan Jesuits

Church of Our Lady and St Alphege  
Parish Hall  
19.00

We will be having a series of talks on four important Elizabethan Jesuits and their exciting stories.

Voluntary donations



**Edmund Campion**

by Professor Gerard Kilroy  
Tuesday 4th April



**John Gerard**

by Father Alex McAllister  
Friday 28th April



**Robert Southwell**

by Duncan McGibbon  
Friday 5th May



**Nicholas Owen**

by Monsignor Jeremy Rigden  
Friday 19th May

### Confirmation

The Deanery Confirmation Mass 2023 will take place on Friday 10th November, celebrated by Mgr Liam Slattery at St Mary's Church, Bath. The preparation course for young people in Year 9-13 (under 19) will begin in September at St Mary's. Register at their parish office bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com with the name of the young person and contact details.

**The Father is the goal,  
the Son is the way  
and the Spirit is the guide**

### Prior Park

Are you the right person to become the new Chair of Trustees for Prior Park Schools? Details are available at [www.chalkdownresearch.com/pps](http://www.chalkdownresearch.com/pps).

### Beacons

Thank you to all those who enjoyed refreshments and cakes at our Spring Community Beacons on the 24th April and helped to raise over £80 for Ripple effect, previously known as Send a cow. You are all warmly invited to our next Beacons on the 15th May in the hall.

### Readers Course

Together with the Diocese we have organised a course for readers from all the parishes in Bath here at St Alphege on Saturday 3rd June from 11.00 to 15.00. Please bring a packed lunch.

### Upcoming Special Collections

Next Sunday 7th May Clergy Training

### Readers

11.00: Relston n/w Veritas; 18.00 Moira n/w Dominic