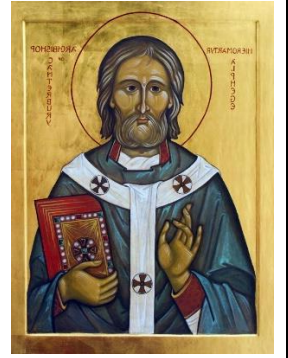


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Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

7th May 2023

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

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

Sat 6th	St Catherine of Siena	
	10.00	
Sun 7th	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Laurie Griffiths
	18.00	Alan Stevenson + (anniv)
Mon 8th	Weekday of Easter	
	10.00	
Tue 9th	St Athanasius	
	10.00	Matilda Patterson
	11.00	
Wed 10th	SS Philip & James	
	No Mass	
Thu 11th	The English Martyrs	
	18.00	
Fri 12th	Weekday of Easter	
	12.00	
Sat 13th	Weekday of Easter	
	10.00	Holy Souls
Sun 14th	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Sara Timothy
	18.00	Bernadette McKee (ill)



I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

The Burning Babe

Robert Southwell SJ

As I in hoary winter's night stood shivering in the snow,
Surpris'd I was with sudden heat which made my heart to glow;
And lifting up a fearful eye to view what fire was near,
A pretty Babe all burning bright did in the air appear;
Who, scorched with excessive heat, such floods of tears did shed
As though his floods should quench his flames which with his
tears were fed.

"Alas!" quoth he, "but newly born, in fiery heats I fry,
Yet none approach to warm their hearts or feel my fire but I!
My faultless breast the furnace is, the fuel wounding thorns,
Love is the fire, and sighs the smoke, the ashes shame and scorns;
The fuel Justice layeth on, and Mercy blows the coals,
The metal in this furnace wrought are men's defiled souls,
For which, as now on fire I am to work them to their good,
So will I melt into a bath to wash them in my blood."
With this he vanish'd out of sight and swiftly shrunk away,
And straight I called unto mind that it was Christmas day.

*On Friday we had a very interesting talk by Duncan McGibbon
on the poet and martyr St Robert Southwell.*

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 1
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 Thomas More,
Bradford on Avon

Cycle of Prayer: Easter

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



International Evening

We are holding 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 wish to cook, please contact emilytlaker@gmail.com, annedangleterre@hotmail.com or debbie.watson4301@gmail.com. If you intend coming, please sign the list at the back of the Church so we can get an idea of numbers

**Nothing great is ever achieved
without enduring much**

St Catherine of Siena

Feast of the Ascension

Thursday 18th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass is at 18.00.

Coronation Garden Party

This Sunday after the 11.00 Mass we will be holding a Garden Party to celebrate the Coronation. All welcome.

Petition

There is a petition at the back of the Church and some leaflets about proposed local parking restrictions. One of the aims of the petition is to get the Council to restrict parking only Monday to Friday instead of a seven-day restriction. This could have a serious impact on those attending Church.

National Gallery Exhibition

There is an exhibition on at the National Gallery from 6th May to 6th July on St Francis of Assisi which looks to be worth a visit. www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi. For more information: www.telegraph.co.uk/art/what-to-see/saint-francis-of-assisi-national-gallery-modern-eco-saint.

Clergy Training Fund

This Sunday we have a second collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund. This annual collection helps support our seminarians training for the priesthood for Clifton Diocese. It costs £30,000 per year for each seminarian. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Paragon Singers

The Paragon Singers are holding a concert of liturgical music on Saturday 1st July in our Church entitled 'The Devil in Music – Exploring the harmony in William Bird'.

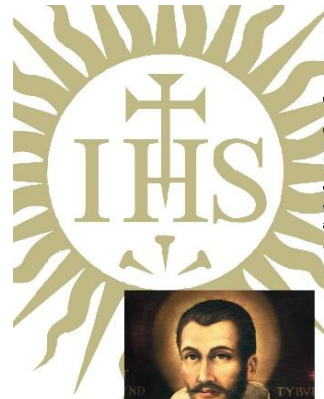
Beacons

15th May will be our Coronation Beacons in aid of St John's Rosemary Community, previously called Faith and Light. There will be refreshments and live music with the 'Now and There' band. All welcome.

**Success is getting what you want
happiness is wanting what you get**

Forthcoming Dates

First Communion	14th May
Beacons	15th 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

First Communion

We will celebrate our First Communion Mass next Sunday at the 11.00 mass. The children receiving First Holy Communion are Emmanuel Aisagbonhi, Isabel Bowen, Jeremy Aisagbonhi, Esmée Dancey, Cora Molloy, Adam Poreba, Helena Radwan, Ioan Robinson, Gabrielle Rowland, Henry Smith, Johan Soby and Khienn Uzziah. We offer them our congratulations and assure them of our prayers.

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. Email bath.stmary@clifftondiocese.com with the name of the young person and contact details.

**The great gift of Easter is hope –
Christian hope which makes us have
that confidence in God,
in his ultimate triumph,
and in his goodness and love,
which nothing can shake.**

Cardinal Basil Hume

Readers Course

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

7th May Clergy Training Fund

Sunday Collection

Last week: Loose £284.14, Gift Aid Envelopes £84.

Readers

11.00: Veritas n/w Karen, 18.00; 18.00 Dominic n/w Grainne