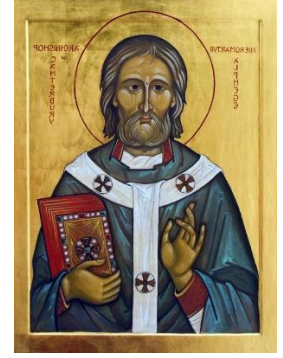


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

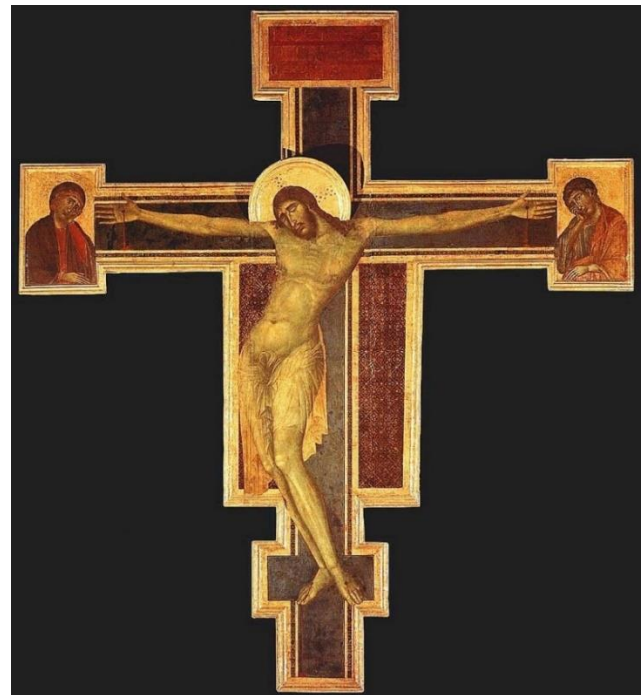
9th July 2023

Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 8th	Feria	
	10.00	
Sun 9th	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	Christine Wright +
Mon 10th	Feria	
	10.00	
Tue 11th	St Benedict	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 12th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 13th	Feria	
	18.00	
Fri 14th	Feria	
	12.00	
Sat 15th	St Bonaventure	
	10.00	
Sun 16th	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



Crucifix, Cimabue 1287-88

Touch Wood

'Touch wood' is a saying which has remained very popular down through the ages. It goes back to the Middle Ages and originated, of course, from the practice of touching the wood of the Cross, the most prized relic of all.

Many a Catholic would venerate a relic of the Cross before beginning a journey or undertaking a hazardous task or whenever they encountered a severe danger such as the plague. If they couldn't touch an actual relic of the Cross then any small crucifix would do, such as those attached to a rosary which many people would carry with them.

Today most people are satisfied with touching any piece wood as a substitute and, being ignorant of its spiritual origins, they regard it as a superstition which might help them to avoid something bad happening.

There is another tradition that the wood of the Cross came from the aspen tree, and it is said that this explains why the aspen always trembles.

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 2
 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 Teresa, Filton,
 St Vincent de Paul, Southmead

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Summer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews,
 Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of
 Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers



Parish Barbecue

We will be holding a Barbecue in the Parish Garden after 11.00 mass on Sunday 16th July
Admission by ticket only:
£7 adults £4 children
available after masses
Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks

If you have no sympathy for human pain
the name of human you cannot retain

Saadi

Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage

Each year the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton organises a walking pilgrimage to a place, shrine or area exploring a particular theme or aspect of faith and Christian heritage. This year they are walking from Bristol to Arundel and Sunday 13th August they will stay overnight here at St Alphege. We will, undoubtedly, make them very welcome.

Today is Sea Sunday

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. The number of crews abandoned by their employers is still at a record high. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Stella Maris is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Please stand alongside seafarers so that they will always have a friend in port who they can turn to. Please pray for seafarers today and give online or in the collection at Mass

Going to University this Autumn?

Each University and Higher Education Institute in the country has a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in the local parish.



The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. For addresses see www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk.

Simplicity
is the ultimate sophistication

Leonardo da Vinci

Forthcoming Dates

Glastonbury Pilgrimage..... 9th July
Diocesan Day..... 7th October
OT Talk Abraham..... 27th October
OT Talk Moses..... 17th November
OT Talk David..... 1st December
OT Talk Elijah..... 8th December

Autumn Talks

The two series of talks that we have held on Matthew in Autumn 2022 and on the Elizabethan Jesuits in Spring 2023 have both proved to be successful so we would like to continue with another four talks in the Autumn. This time the theme will be 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 dates, topics and speakers: 20th October, Abraham by Monsignor Jeremy Rigden; 17th November, Moses by Father Alex McAllister; 1st December, David by Anne Barrett and 8th December, Elijah by Dominic Bailey.

Choir

We could do with a few new members of the Choir to enhance the singing at Sunday Masses. If you would like to join then please come along to rehearsals on Wednesday nights in the Hall at 19.00.

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, Julian Road, Bath. The application forms are at the back of the Church.

I always advise people
never to give advice

PG Wodehouse

Flower Arrangers

We are looking for a couple of people who are willing to join the flower arranging rota. If you are interested, please ring Diana on 07983 136369. It should be only once a month. Training can be given by the existing flower arrangers.

Heritage Open Days

The Church will be participating once again in the annual Heritage Open Days. The Church will be open on Saturday 9th, Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th September. Dr Giles Mercer will give a guided tour of the Church at 14.30 on those days. All welcome.

A Prayer by St Benedict

O gracious and holy Father,
Give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to see you,
a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sister Pontiana

Sr Pontiana has been visiting Bath for the last few weeks. She returns home in August. We will take up a collection for the work of her Order with poor and abandoned children and mothers in Zimbabwe on Sunday 23rd July.

Upcoming Special Collections

Apostleship of the Sea 9th July, Sister Pontiana 23rd July

Sunday Collection

Last week loose: £268.56, Gift Aid Envelopes £42

Readers

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