

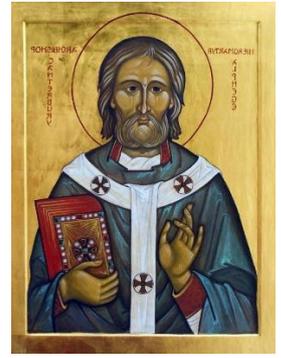


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Feast of the Transfiguration

6th August 2023

His face shone like the sun

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 5th	Feria	
	10.00	
Sun 6th	Feast of the Transfiguration	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	
Mon 7th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Tue 8th	St Dominic	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 9th	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	
	No Mass	
Thu 10th	St Lawrence	
	No Mass	
Fri 11th	St Clare	
	12.00	
Sat 12th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 13th	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



The Transfiguration, Giacinto Calandrucci (1646–1707) Fitzwilliam Museum

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 of Feast
 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 Edmund, Calne,
 St Anthony of Padua, Melksham

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

Dear Jesus,
 help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go.
 Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.
 Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly,
 that my life may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through me, and be so in me
 that every soul I come in contact with
 may feel your presence in my soul.
 Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine,
 so to shine as to be a light to others;
 the light, O Jesus will be all from You;
 none of it will be mine;
 it will be you, shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise you the way you love best,
 by shining on those around me.

Let me preach you without preaching,
 not by words but by my example,
 by the catching force
 of the sympathetic influence of what I do,
 the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you. Amen.

John Henry Cardinal Newman

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@cliftondiocese.com with the name of the young person and contact details.

**It is not necessary to teach others,
to cure them or to improve them;
it is only necessary to live among them,
sharing the human condition
and being present to them in love**

St Charles de Foucauld

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.

Free Money for your Church!

Any Church-goer who is a UK Taxpayer can Gift Aid their contribution and secure an additional 25% for the Church. This costs you nothing extra! The easiest way to do this is by setting up a standing order to pay directly into the St Alphege bank account. If you do not wish to set up a standing order, or commit to a regular weekly or monthly donation, then you can use the Gift Aid envelope system. Numbered Gift Aid envelopes can be put into the collection whenever you attend church, but do not have to contain the same amount, or be put in the collection, every week e.g. if you are away or on holiday etc. This gives you complete flexibility over the amount and timing of your donation. All donations are treated in strictest confidence. For the truly Ad Hoc donation there are envelopes at the back of the church which allow you to Gift Aid one off contributions. Please do use the Gift Aid system if you are eligible to do so – it really will bring in much needed income for the Church – for which we are very grateful. If you wish to pursue either of these options please contact Maureen Dyson, either via Fr Alex or by email at GA.bath.stalphege@cliftondiocese.com.

Holiday Arrangements

Father Alex is on holiday during August. Please note that there will be no mass on weekday mornings during August except for Tuesdays and Fridays. Father Ian McCarthy from St John's, will be covering while Fr Alex is away.

**We are only learning to know God
when we realise that he cannot be known**

Thomas Aquinas

Forthcoming Dates

Quiz 29th September
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: 27th 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. Please come along to rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 19.00.

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.

**Always and never
are two words to always remember
never to use together.**

A Prayer before Mass

Lord, let me be still and reverent
as I come into your presence.
Let my heart be open to your Spirit.
Let my mind be attentive
to the readings from scripture.
Let me offer myself
with the gifts of bread and wine.
Let me give you greater glory
in prayer and praise. Amen.

Adrian Porter SJ

Heritage Open Days

The Church will be participating once again in the annual Heritage Open Days. The Church will be open all day 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. The Eyre Chapel at Perrymead Cemetery is also open 9th & 10th September from 11.00 to 16.00.

Beacons

The next meeting of the Beacons will be on the 19th June in aid of 'Move the Mind'.

Upcoming Special Collections

De La Salle Brothers Mission Appeal 13th August, Home Missions 17th September

Sunday Collection

Last week loose: £161.3, Gift Aid Envelopes £36.9

Readers

11.00: Maureen n/w Nkechi, 18.00: Grainne n/w Duncan