



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

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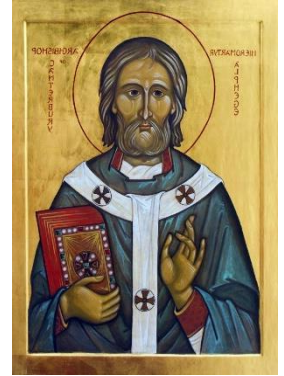
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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B**

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege  
& St Joseph's, Peasedown**

<b>Sun 14th</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
0900	People of the Parish <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100	Mass & Baptism of Eha Tresa Thomas
1800	People of St Alphege Parish
<b>Mon 15th</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
	No Mass
<b>Tue 16th</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>
1000	
1100	People of the Parish <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
<b>Wed 17th</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
1000	
<b>Thur 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
1000	<b>St Johns School End of Term Mass</b>
1130	Exposition & Rosary <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1730	Exposition & Confession
1800	Kashia Mill Intentions
<b>Fri 19th</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
12.00	
<b>Sat 20th</b>	<b>Votive Mass of Our Lady</b>
1000	
1030	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
0900	Parishioners <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100	Diane Taylor +
1800	People of the Parish

**Information**

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass  
Psalter Week 3 / Readings Sun B / Weekdays Year 2  
Baptisms & Marriages - please speak with Fr Robert

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Holy Family Patchway

**Second Collection Today for Stella Maris**

Formally known as the Apostleship of Sea, 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. The Appeal on their website says "*Stella Maris' ship visits are only possible because of your support through this collection, and your generosity helps their chaplains and volunteers to assist 125,000 seafarers in UK ports and to*

*reach up to 70,000 ships worldwide per year. Please pray for and stand alongside seafarers and fishers so that they will always have a friend in port who they can turn."*

**St Alphege Summer Celebration 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Before the summer break happens we are having a bring and share lunch after 1100 Mass on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. as a chance for us all to get together

Please find a sign-up list at the back of the church where you can let us know what you are able to bring along on the day. Raffle prizes are welcome - there will be a donation box in the Narthex. We are looking forward to having a lovely get together!!

There will also be Rosary & Benediction at 1700.

**Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps**

Thank you for your responses to this. For the week beginning Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July the **Sanctuary Lamp** is offered as a prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. If you wish to donate a Lamp for a prayer intention please put your offering in an envelope & write the chosen lamp, your name & the intention on the envelope, though such a donation can be anonymous as well.

**St John School End of Term Mass Thurs 1000**

The School community will be coming to the Church on Thursday morning at 1000 for the end of Term Mass, to pray for those moving to new schools and classes, for a restful summer of recreation and renewal, and in thanksgiving for all the work and dedication the staff. Everyone is welcome to attend and pray with our young people.

**Servers Guild of St Stephen Medals**

There is a picture on Our Lady's noticeboard of the Servers who received their medals at the 1100 Mass on the Feast of St Peter and Paul. Congratulations again!

**St Alphege- A lecture on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July at 1930**

Giles Mercer has been invited to give a lecture on St Alphege, one in a series on medieval Bath, by the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (BRLSI), 16-18 Queen Square. It will be on Wednesday 17 July at 7.30pm; entrance £3 for BRLSI members and £6 for non-members. All are welcome.

## Beacons

Our next community gathering will be on Monday 15 July from 2pm to 4pm in the hall and we will be raising much needed funds for our Parish. You are all welcome to join us for refreshments, light live music and a raffle. Bring your family and friends.

## The Society of St Vincent de Paul

The SVP are meeting on the 16th and 23rd July in the parish office at 7pm. We will then be taking a break from meeting for August but will still have members around that can help during the summer. New members are always welcome. If you are able to give some time for practical assistance eg. gardening please ask the SVP for more information on how you can help. If you know anyone that needs any help from the SVP such as befriending, visiting and financial help please contact Lizzie or one of the other SVP members.

## Catholic Mothers Bath and West Wilts

A new group for mothers to meet once a month for Mass at St John's Church, & gather afterwards in the church hall to share tea, cake, faith, fellowship. Children are most welcome. Part of the wider 'Catholic Mothers' network. Meet after 9.30am Mass on Mon 15<sup>th</sup> of July. More info: Contact Amy 07872382979

## "Lord, teach us to pray"

On Tues 23rd July 7.00pm in St John's Church, South Parade Tamara Penwell will give a talk on "Windows on the Divine: praying with icons"

## Taize at Ammerdown

On the first Weds of the Month between 7 – 8 pm there is a Taize event with time for worship, prayer, and meditation with music and readings as well as time of stillness and payer. Next meetings are, 6<sup>th</sup> August, and 4<sup>th</sup> September

## Ad Hoc Gift Aid Donations( Green envelopes)

We are very grateful for the gift aiding of ad hoc donations which are always a valued source of additional income for the Parish. This is generally done through the use of the pale green envelopes at the back of the church. Donors are asked to ensure that their name and address are clearly legible when completing the green envelope as the gift aid cannot be reclaimed in the absence of this information.

## Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Formation course

A new course begins in the Autumn 2024. It is ideal for any parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are interested then you are invited to an information evening, the details of the two nearest are below. At these meetings more detail will be given about what is being offered, time commitment involved, interview process and costs including the role of parishes to support those who are successful in obtaining a place.

Each session starts at 7pm, no need to book, just turn up on the evening. Tue 11/6: St Johns, Bath Thurs 27/6: St Catharine, Frome

## March for Life

Sat 7 September in London. Mass at St George's, Cathedral Southwark at 11am. The March commences from The Emmanuel Centre at 1.30pm ending at

Parliament Square. The dangers of pills by post abortions, buffer zones and censorship of pro-life students at universities are some of the subjects highlighted at this year's March for Life - the theme being Abortion isn't Healthcare. More information at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

## Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £180.19 Gift Aid Envelopes £53

## Readers

11.00: Bibian, 18:00: Grainne

## Children's Liturgy of the Word - Little Church

This week: Alexia

## St Joseph Statue

You may have noticed that the Statue of St Joseph has moved from its "temporary" home to its original location at the back of the Church by the door to the Hall. It was moved after it got damaged but now has been replaced in its original spot. The plan is, once funds permit, to get a proper small embroidered cloth made for the table and also to add a light to the track above it.

St Joseph is an important figure in the life of the Church. Though no words of his are recorded in scripture St Joseph is the foster father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is the patron saint of fathers. Joseph is also the protector of the Church. He is one of the patrons of refugees, because he took Mary and Jesus, when Jesus was a baby, to safety in Egypt, to flee the wrath of the tyrannical King Herod. Joseph is also the patron saint of labourers, because he was a working man, a carpenter. He's the patron saint of families and he is the patron saint of those who are dying.

Pope Francis has written "*While Jerusalem was "the city loved by the Lord, the 'holy city', it was Bethlehem and Nazareth, both outlying villages, far from the clamour of the news and the powers of the time that are most associated with Saint Joseph. The choice of Bethlehem and Nazareth tells us that the periphery and marginality are preferred by God, and failure to take this fact seriously is equivalent to not taking seriously the Gospel and the work of God.*"

Pope Francis also has a statue of the Sleeping Saint Joseph, an unusual statue for Europeans but very famous among the faithful from South America. Many times Pope Francis has spoken about his habit of putting underneath the Sleeping St Joseph statue some little notes with requests for grace and prayers of the faithful, trying to invite the Saint to sleep on it and put it a good word with God.

The Pontiff himself declared in 2015 he particularly loves Saint Joseph, as he is such a strong and silent man, the man of the dreams, that protects and helps everyone even in his sleep.

There is a small statue of the Sleeping St Joseph on a stand near the big statue and if you also wish to put an intention or a prayer there then Mass will be offered for these once a month.