



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

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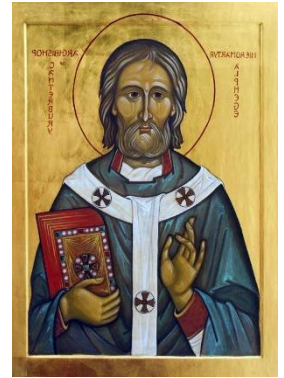
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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B**

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

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

<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
0900	People of the Parish	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100	Diane Taylor +	
1700	Rosary and Benediction	
1800	Christine Douglas +	
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Tue 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St Bridget of Sweden</b>	
	No Mass in St Alphege	
1100	People of the Parish	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
1000		
<b>Thur 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feast of St James the Apostle</b>	
1130	Exposition & Rosary	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1730	Exposition & Confession	
1800	Anne Vickers Intentions	
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saints Joachim and Anne</b>	
12.00		
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Votive Mass of Our Lady</b>	
1000		
1030	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation	
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
0900	Parishioners	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100	Phelim Rowland +	
1800	People of the Parish	

**Information**

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St Bonaventure Bristol

**Second Collection Next Sunday**

For the Bishop of Clifton's Charitable Fund

**Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps**

Thank you for your responses to this. For the week beginning Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July the **Sanctuary Lamp** is offered as a prayer for the Deceased Members of the Monachino Family.

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.

**No Mass on Tuesday Morning**

There will be no 1000 Mass on Tuesday morning at St Alphege as I will be at St Gregory's School offering one of their end of term Masses

**Beacons**

Our Community Beacons on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> was a jolly occasion to meet old and new friends and enjoy delicious home made cakes. The raffle and donations raised £52 for the parish and we thank all of you who came despite of the wet weather! Please note that we will not be meeting in August but Beacons will resume on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. We look forward to see you then.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul**

The SVP are meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 the Evangelist, Bath and then afterwards in the hall to share tea, cake, faith and fellowship. Children are most welcome. It was wonderful to meet so many mothers at our first meeting, and we look forward to coming together again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August after the 9.30 mass. Contact Amy on 07872382979 to find out more.

**“Lord, teach us to pray”**

On Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 prayer. Next meetings are, 6<sup>th</sup> August, and 4<sup>th</sup> September

### **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 any way 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)

### **Confirmation**

Bishop Bosco will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Mary's Church on Friday 6th December. The preparation course for the Sacrament of Confirmation is suitable for those in Year 9-13 (from Sept 2024) and is open to members of St Alphege's Parish and Peasedown St John. The preparation course runs for 6/7 weeks at St Mary's Church on Tuesday evenings 7.00-8.15pm (dates to be finalised). To register your interest please email [bath.stmary@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftodiocese.com) and let Fr Robert know as well (cc the e mail or have a word after Mass). Once the course dates are finalised, St Mary's parish administrator Charlotte Boyall will email an application form to you

### **Sunday Collection**

Last week Plate £272.11 Gift Aid Envelopes £110

### **Readers**

11.00: Maureen, 18:00: Seena

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

This week: Bibian and Veritas

### **The Feast of St Joachim and St Anne**

Celebrated on Friday this is a maybe less well known and quieter feast celebrated in honour of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the the earthly grandparents of Jesus.

As existing information about Saints Anne and Joachim comes from the Gospel of James and Catholic legend, there is debate over the details of their lives. But regardless, it can be agreed that to be the parents of Jesus's earthly mother, Saint Anne and Saint Joachim must have been faithful, devoted parents indeed. The patronage of Saint Anne includes grandparents, couples

without children, women in labour, and women unable to conceive. Likewise, Saint Joachim is considered the patron of grandfathers, fathers, and grandparents.

Anne, in Hebrew, means "God has given grace." According to existing accounts, she was barren for much of her life. One day in her advanced years, she conceived Mary, the mother of Jesus. Saint Anne dedicated the life of her child to the service of God when she was only three – a decision that was undoubtedly formative in the shaping of the future Mother of God.

As we reflect on the legacy of Saints Anne and Joachim, we are also invited to reflect on the vital role played by all grandparents in completing the loving family unit and nurturing the faith of future generations. Grandparents can take a vital part in the training of their grandchildren, teaching them to love the ways of the Lord and honour his commandments. It was Saints Anne and Joachim who cultivated in the young Mary a love for God, preparing her for her role in the story of divine redemption.

Pope Francis remarked of Saints Anne and Joachim:

*In their home, Mary came into the world, accompanied by the extraordinary mystery of the Immaculate Conception. Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!*

There is also something to be said for grandparents' roles as repositories of wisdom and history. Their experience in faith and life has enriched their judgment, rendering them invaluable counsels for the generations that follow. They remember the heritage of the family and share it with future generations.

As Pope Francis has also written: *How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. The Aparecida Document says, "Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives. This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened!"*

Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Sts. Joachim and Anne on a different date, Sept. 9.

During the Jubilee Year 2025 the Jubilee of Families, Grandparents and the Elderly will be from the 30<sup>th</sup> of May until the 1<sup>st</sup> of June