



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

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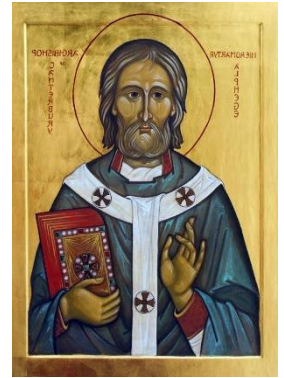
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**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B**

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

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

<b>Sun 28th</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
0900	People of the Parish	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100	Phelim Rowland +	
1800	Alan Stevenson +	
<b>Mon 29th</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Tue 30th</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
1000		
1100	People of the Parish	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St Ignatius Loyola</b>	
1000		
<b>Thur 1st</b>	<b>St Alphonsus Liguori</b>	
1130	Exposition & Rosary	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1730	Exposition & Confession	
1800		
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
12.00		
<b>Sat 3rd</b>	<b>Votive Mass of Our Lady</b>	
1000		
1030	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation	
<b>Sun 4th</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
0900	Parishioners	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100	People of the Parish	
1800	James Reilly +	

**Information**

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass  
Psalter Week 1 / Readings Sun B / Weekdays Year 2  
Baptisms & Marriages - please speak with Fr Robert

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**  
Holy Cross Bedminster

**Second Collection this Sunday**  
For the Bishop of Clifton's Charitable Fund

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August**  
For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Thankyou....**

for such an enjoyable Parish Lunch last Sunday, there was a lovely atmosphere, great food, and the raffle raised over £200 for Parish Funds. A particular thank you to the social committee who got everything ready and did all the clearing up which was much appreciated. As one person said after the lunch "That was fun, let's do it again!" which sounds a good idea to me!

And in a similar vein I would also want to say a big thank all those who maintain and care for the Church in ways that are often unseen, by cleaning our Church, arranging the flowers, and planting and maintaining our gardens.

**Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps**

Thank you for your responses to this. For the week beginning Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July the **Sanctuary Lamp** is offered as a prayer for peace in the world especially in the Holy Land and the Ukraine.

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.

**Back to School**

Although the school holidays have only just started it won't be long before the practical preparation for the next term starts. If you are having problems wish back to school costs, for example, uniform, shoes or stationery the SVP can help. Please get in contact with the SVP (you can find all the members on the SVP notice board) or speak with / email Fr Robert to see what support is available.

**SVP National Raffle**

The national SVP summer raffle is currently underway. If you would like to take part tickets are £1 each. If you would like more information please see the poster on the SVP noticeboard. Lizzie Creevy will be selling them until 1st September (except for the 9th to 16th August)

**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 12th August after the 9.30 mass. Contact Amy on 07872382979 to find out more.

### **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

### **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@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@clifftondiocese.com) and let Fr Robert know as well (cc the e mail or have a word after Mass).

### **Sunday Collection**

Last week Plate £228.83 Gift Aid Envelopes £91

### **Readers**

11.00: Karen, 18:00: Grainne

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

This week: Janet

### **Jubilee 2025**

In last weeks Newsletter I mentioned that the Jubilee of Families, Grandparents and the Elderly will be from the 30th of May until the 1st of June 025. A few people have asked to read more about the Jubilee Year.

"Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the yobel, the ram's horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an "extra" year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a "Holy Year," since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us.

Even though it wasn't easy to organise, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

In his letter about the Jubilee (issued in 2022) Pope Francis wrote this.

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, *Pilgrims of Hope*. This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone.

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realization that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep (cf. *Gen 2:15*), may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the coming Jubilee Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realize that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will.

I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single "heart and soul" (cf. *Acts 4:32*), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread.

Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace and to make the "Our Father," the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples"

We will need to consider how, as a Parish, we can make this coming Jubilee year an expression of the hope which we have and the faith which we share.