



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

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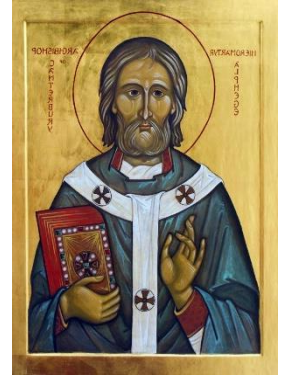
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19th Sunday of the Year B

11th August 2024

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

Sun 11th	19th Sunday of the Year	
0900	People of the Parish	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100		
1800	People of the Parish	
Mon 12th	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	No Mass	
Tue 13th	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	<u>No Mass</u>	
1100	Exposition & Rosary	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
Wed 14th	St Maximilian Kolbe	
1000		
Thur 15th	Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	
0700	Mass in the Lady Chapel	
1000	Mass	
1100	Mass	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1730	Exposition & Confession	
1800	Mass	
Fri 16th	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
12.00		
Sat 17th	Votive Mass of St Joseph	
1000		
1030	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sun 18th	20th Sunday of the Year	
0900	Parishioners	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100		
1800		

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

St Augustine Downend, Our Lady Kingswood,
St Lawrence Chipping Sodbury & St Paul Yate

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.

Holyday of Obligation

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of The
Blessed Virgin Mary which is a Holyday of Obligation. The
Mass times listed in the Diocesan Directory are 1000 and
1800

However I am conscious that these times might be too late
or too early for some people. So there will also be a 0700
Morning Mass which will be offered in the Lady Chapel, as
this might suit some people better before work or travel.

Congratulations....

...and welcome to Ange Tchikou Lowa whose Baptism
was celebrated yesterday. Prayers and best wishes also
to his family and friends.

Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps

For the week beginning Sunday the 11th of August the
Candle Lamp is offered as a prayer in celebration of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

Consecration Candlestick

Very many thanks to everyone who offered to help with the
cost of replacing the missing candlestick. Your kindness
and generosity is very much appreciated.

Open Days

St Alphege Parish will again participate in the Heritage
Open Day scheme organised by BANES Council, by
which buildings of special heritage importance are opened
to the public. At 2.30pm for one hour on Friday 6
September, Thursday 12 September, and Saturday 14
September Giles Mercer will give a guided tour of the
church to members of the public. The architect's
intentions, focused on worship, prayer, Our Lady and St
Alphege, will be explained. This proved popular last year.
Parishioners are warmly welcome to join one of the
groups. Please do advertise this in advance.

Clifton Diocesan Directories & Liturgical Yearbook.

We need to put an order in for the Parish for these two
books which will be published later in the year. I notice
we have quite a few Diocesan Directories left over from

this year. So rather than do a bulk order and just hope they sell could I ask anyone who would like a copy either to e mail me / sign up on the sheet on the table at the back of the Church under the organ gallery. Many thanks

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 with 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.

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 prayer. Next meetings are, 6th August, and 4th 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

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £246.53 Gift Aid Envelopes £40

Readers

11.00: Liz, 18:00: Seena

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Little Church

This week: Janet

The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the oldest holy days in the Church, with accounts of celebrations going back to the sixth century. Christians in the East, both Catholic and Orthodox refer to it as the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, or "the falling asleep of the Mother of God."

The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "*The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God.*" The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and it recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in an Apostolic constitution known as the *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics. Anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

The question of whether Our Lady died before the Assumption is a matter of theological debate. Some believe Mary did indeed die, like all humans do, and was then transported to heaven. Still others believe she simply "completed the course of her earthly life," which leaves open the possibility that she ascended to heaven before actually dying. Pope Pius XII, in the text explaining his definition of the dogma of the Assumption, refers repeatedly to the Blessed Virgin's death before her Assumption, and the consistent tradition in both the East and the West holds that Mary did die before she was assumed into Heaven. However, the definition of the Assumption is silent on this question

Prayer to Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven

O Immaculate Mary, Assumed into heaven,
you who are most blessed in the vision of God:
of God the Father who exalted you
among all creatures,
of God the Son who willed that you bear Him as your
Son and that you should be His Mother,
of God the Holy Spirit who accomplished the human
conception of the Saviour in you.

O Mary, most pure, O Mary, most sweet and beautiful,
O Mary, strong and thoughtful woman

O Mary, poor and sorrowful, O Mary, virgin and mother
woman very human like Eve, more than Eve.
You are near to God by your grace and by your
privileges in your mysteries in your mission,
in your glory.

O Mary, assumed into the glory of Christ in the
complete and transfigured perfection
of our human nature.

O Mary, gate of heaven mirror of divine light ark of the
Covenant between God and mankind,
let our souls fly after you,
let them fly long your radiant path, transported by a
hope that the world does not contain eternal beatitude.

Comfort us from heaven, O merciful Mother,
and guide us along your ways of purity and hope
till the day of that blessed meeting with you and with
your divine Son our Saviour, Jesus. Amen!

Pope Saint Paul 6th