

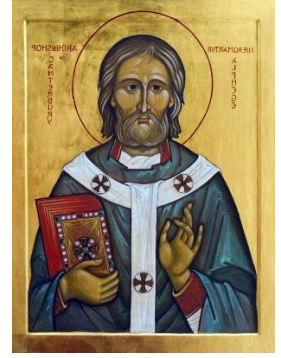
Parish of Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath together with St Joseph's, Peasedown St John

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

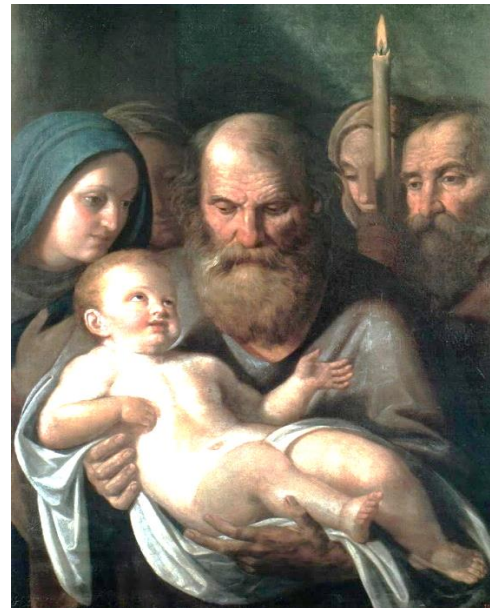
28th January 2024

He taught them with authority

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 27th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 28th	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Ann Alford
	18.00	John Mill
Mon 29th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Tue 30th	Feria	
	10.00	Josie cook+
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 31st	St John Bosco	
	No Mass	
Thu 1st	Feria	
	No Mass	
Fri 2nd	Presentation of the Lord	
	10.00	Moira Horton+
Sat 3rd	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 4th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00 Children's Mass	Jo Zindi+
	18.00	



Simeon the Righteous, Alexei Yegorov

The Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is kept on Tuesday 2nd February and it marks the very end of the Christmas Season. This feast is celebrated forty days after Christmas and it is the day when we remove the Christmas Crib from the Church.

We remember how the baby Jesus was presented by his parents in the Temple and where they made the necessary sacrifice for him. We recall how the Prophet Simeon took Jesus in his hands and sang out the song of praise we know as the Nunc Dimittis: "Now let your servant depart in peace because my eyes have seen your salvation."

This feast is also known as Candlemas because on this day we bless the candles used in the Church during the coming year.

In modern times it is also kept as a special; Day of Prayer for those who have embraced the Consecrated Life. We keep this commemoration on the Feast of the Presentation because of the strong parallels between Christ's consecration to God in the Temple and the special consecration made by those who have entered Religious Orders.

Father Alex McAllister

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Sunday mass
 Confessions..... Sunday 10.30 or on request
 Choir Practice..... 19.00 Wednesdays in Hall
 Psalter..... 4
 Sunday Readings:..... Year B
 Weekday Readings:..... Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages:..... Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League..... Holy family, Swindon, St Joseph, Wroughton

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Winter

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them,
The Unemployed

A Prayer from St Patrick's Breastplate

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

**You can tell more about a person
by what he says about others
than you can by what others say about him**

Father Tibor and Father Ian

We welcome Fr Tibor who will be looking after our Parish until a permanent Parish Priest has been appointed. Masses, as published in the Bulletin, will be shared between Fr Tibor and Fr Ian until further notice.

Father Alex

We continue to be grateful to our supply priests following Fr Alex's departure from the parish. As most - but perhaps not all - know, Fr Alex has had to return to his religious Order on 31 December due to health issues. He is being looked after by his Order. We pray for his full return to good health. Those who would like to send Fr Alex cards and messages of thanks and prayerful good wishes are asked to give them to the parish office, where they will be forwarded to Fr Alex.

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith**

Saint Francis of Assisi

Mass Intentions

At the moment there will only be weekday masses on Tuesday and Fridays at the normal times. All Mass Intentions that have already been booked for other weekdays will be progressively moved to a Tuesday or Friday over the coming weeks. This may take some time to satisfy the current bookings but we hope that you will bear with us in these exceptional circumstances. If you are NOT happy with this arrangement please let the parish office know.

Social Events

There will be a Ploughman's Supper on the evening of Friday 2nd February which will be £5 including a glass of wine, there will also be pizza for children. Please do put your name on the sheet at the back of the church by Sunday 28th January if you would like to come. If you would like to help with this or other social events please do let the social committee know.

Forthcoming Dates

Ploughman's Supper.....2nd February
Beacons.....19th February



First Holy Communion

First Communion classes for children in Year 3 and above commenced on 7th January. Sessions start at 10.00 and last an hour so that parents can go with the children to Sunday mass afterwards.

The remaining dates for the sessions are: January 28th, February 4th and 25th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, April 21st and 28th, May 12th (with an additional practice after Mass). Any changes to these dates will be notified. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on either 18th or 19th of May depending on numbers. Please do pray for the children preparing to make their First Holy Communion.

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has asked us to keep 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. At St John's Church they will be holding a series of talks on prayer. The talks will be held in St John's Church on Tuesdays at 19.00. The remaining dates for the talks are as follows: 20th February The Prayer of Jesus, Fr Dermot Power; 30th April The Prayer of the Desert, Fr John Udri; 28th May The Prayer of St Benedict, Fr Mark Hargreaves OSB; 25th June The Prayer of St Dominic, Sr Hyacinthe OP; 23rd July Window on the Divine -Icons, Tamara Penwell; The Prayer of St Martin & St Clare, Fr Maximilian Martin OFM Conv; 29th October The Prayer of Carmel, Fr Michael McAndrew; 26th November The Prayer of St Ignatius Fr James Hanvey SJ.

**When I dig others out of trouble,
I find a place to bury my own**

Gift Aid

All UK tax paying parishioners are urged to consider gift aiding their contribution to our church. Regardless of how you currently make that contribution, there will be a way in which 25% of its value can be recovered through the Gift Aid scheme, from HM Revenue & Customs, at NO additional cost to yourself. This is additional revenue which our church desperately needs.

Existing gift aid donors are reminded that they have an ongoing responsibility to ensure that they still qualify for the Gift Aid scheme. ie that they pay more tax in a tax year than the sum of their charitable contributions for that year. Any questions please contact Maureen Dyson through the Parish Office.

Children's Mass

There will be a children's mass on Sunday 4th February at 11 am and we hope it will be so well received that it will happen on the 1st Sunday of each month. Guitars will replace the organ and children will be invited to play musical instruments and take part in the liturgy. Thank you for supporting it as we feel it's essential we encourage the children who are the future of the Church.

Upcoming Special Collections

11th February Aid to the Church in Need, 25th February CAFOD

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £252.39, Gift Aid Envelopes £60

Readers

11.00: Liz, 18.00: Seena

Little Church

This week Bibian and Veritas