

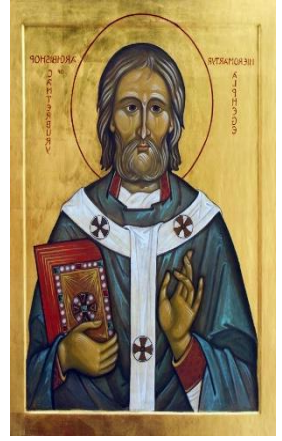


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

2nd June 2024

**Mass Times at St Alphege
& St Joseph's, Peasedown as indicated**

Sun 2nd	Solemnity of Corpus Christi
09.00	People of the Parish <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
11.00	Mr & Mrs Emerson Anniversary +
18.00	Friends of the Suffering Souls
Mon 3rd	Monday of Week 9 of Ordinary Time
No Mass	
Tue 4th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00	
11.00	Parishioners <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
Wed 5th	Memorial of St Boniface
10.00	<i>NB new time</i>
Thur 6th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
10:00	
11:30	Exposition & Rosary <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
Fri 7th	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
12.00	
Sat 8th	Immaculate Heart of Our Lady
10:00	
10:30	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 9th	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	Parishioners <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
11.00	People of the Parish
18.00	Cathy Stevenson Intentions

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass
Choir Practice is at 19.00 on Wednesdays in Hall
Psalter Week 1 / Readings Sun B / Weekdays Year 2
Baptisms & Marriages - please speak with Fr Robert

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St Peter and Paul Coombe Down

New Lectionary for use in Church

Thank you so much for the kind and generous response to the appeal to sponsor the new Lectionaries for use in the Church. I am so very grateful to all of you who responded and it is wonderful to say that the 4 Volumes have been donated to the Parish. These will be blessed and bought into use on the first Sunday of Advent 2024

which is the 1st of December. Again thank you to everyone who responded.

Thank you also...

.. to the person who kindly replanted the flower troughs outside the front of the Church. We are still in need of people who might like to wield a lawn mower occasionally!

Special Collection this Sunday

For the Priests' Retirement Fund. It allows the diocese to help retired priests living on their own with rental costs and utility bills; it goes towards care home fees where needed; and also enables help with medical costs. About £300,000 per year is paid out to support our sick and retired priests. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Newsletter

Please e mail anything for the newsletter directly to Fr Robert at robert.corrigan@cliftondiocese.com

Noticeboards in the Church Porch

This coming week there will be a few changes to the Noticeboards adding additional space and hopefully making events and opportunities easier to see. Please do send any news or information either to Isabella or direct to me.

Celebrant's Lectern

You may notice the new Lectern on the right of the Church. I wanted to reassure you I haven't been out shopping but rather that this was found in a cupboard. This may have been made for the Church as the front, with the small columns, echoes those in the Baldacchino over the Altar. It is in need of some minor restoration, but it is good to again use the inheritance we have received.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to ask for a Mass to be offered for a particular intention, please speak with Fr Robert. Any Mass Stipends you kindly give go to support the ministry of the Parish.

Corpus Christi Procession at Prior Park

A Corpus Christi Procession will take place today starting at 3pm with Evening Prayer followed by a Procession to the front of the College for Benediction. Afterwards the College would like to invite everyone for tea. All are welcome.

The Society or St Vincent de Paul

The SVP meet on Tuesday evenings in the parish office at 7pm. New members are always welcome. If you are able to give some time for practical assistance 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.

Lord Teach us to Pray – St John's Church South Parade

"*The prayer of St Dominic*" a talk given by Sr Hyacinthe & the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on Tues 25 June at 7.00pm

The Eucharist - a bond of love which can never be undone – Sat 8 June in St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol.

Reflections & conversations led by Fr. Michael McAndrew; Adoration with words, music & silence. Refreshments 9.30am; please bring a packed lunch. Finish 4pm. <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Spem in alium Concert – Sat 15th June

The Paragon Singers, in company with Dutch chamber choir Het Lelikoer from Amsterdam will be singing a concert in the Church on the 15th of June. The programme will feature Thomas Tallis' 40-part motet Spem in alium together with music by Howells, Sweelinck, Panufnik, Bruckner and Obrecht. Sat 15 June 6pm St Alphege Bath BA2 3NR Tickets: £18 Students £5 bathboxoffice.org.uk 01225 463362

General Election

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued some "*information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote*". This available online at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Beacons

Our next monthly community gathering, which is open every one of any age (*young families and senior citizens alike!*) will be on Monday 17 June from 2pm to 4pm in the hall. For those of you who have not yet come to Beacons you will be warmly welcomed by members of our parish SVP (St Vincent de Paul group). The refreshments are free though donations are welcome and we will have our usual raffle to raise funds for our parish SVP. A warm welcome awaits you.

Praying with our School Community

Friday 5th July 1200 - 1330

The School would like to invite all members of the Parish to a time of prayer which will be led by the St John's Chaplains who are all students at the school. This time of prayer is linked to their Live Simply commitment and wants to involve the wider community in our Chaplaincy prayer and gather sessions. It is themed with solidarity with all people.

Diocesan Day Sat 6th July

This year's Diocesan will take place on Saturday 6 July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol. The focus of the day will be on Hope – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of

Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025. The day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass. It will finish by 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so anyone wishing to attend is asked to register for the day at the Clifton Diocese Eventbrite link at <https://cliftondiocesanday.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

Growing Seeds of Hope

The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph are returning once more to lead us in our exploration of how we form people in the Faith. Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. I hope it will also enable and inspire anyone who may not yet be a catechist but who cares about the formation of children, young people, and adults, not only for sacramental preparation but in all the in-between stages. The day takes place on Saturday 13 July at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge. Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. Registration is essential for this event, parishioners just need to contact us at the adult.education@cliftondiocese.com email address. Please do let me know if you are intending to attend.

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £233.2 Gift Aid Envelopes £38

Readers

11.00: Veritas, 18:00: Dominic

From 'Ortodoxy' by G K Chesterton

"Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, "*Do it again!*"; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "*Do it again!*" to the sun; and every evening, "*Do it again!*" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we."