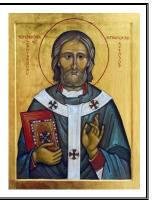


# Parish of Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath together with St Joseph's, Peasedown St John

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# **Sunday of the Resurrection**

31st March 2024

# He must rise from the dead

Mass Times at St Alphege or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated				
Sat	30th	Holy Saturday		
		19.00 Easter Vigil		
Sun	31st	Sunday of the Resurrection		
		9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)	
		11.00	Fr Alex McAllister	
		18.00 No Mass		
Mon	1st	Monday Within the Octave of Easter		
		No Mass		
Tue	2nd	Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter		
		10:00		
		11.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)	
Wed	3th	Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter		
		No Mass		
Thu	4th	Thursday Within the Octave of Easter		
		No Mass		
Fri	5th	Friday Within the Octave of Easter		
		10.00		
Sat	6th	Saturday Within the Octave of Easter		
		No Mass		
Sun	7th	Second Sunday of Easter		
		9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)	
		11.00	Evelyn Jubbie+	
		18.00		

# Information

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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		
Sunday Readings:	Year B		
Weekday Readings:	Year 2		
Baptisms & Marriages:	Contact the Parish Priest		
Diocesan Prayer League	St Luke and St Teresa,		
	Wincanton, with Milbourne		
F	Port, Castle Carey and Bruton		

#### Cycle of Prayer: Easter

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The right Use of the Media, The Church

The faith of the first community of believers [in the Resurrection of the Jesus Christ] is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them. Peter and the Twelve are the primary "witnesses to his Resurrection", but they are not the only ones - Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the apostles (1 Cor 15:4-8; cf. Acts 1:22.). Given all these testimonies, Christ's Resurrection cannot be interpreted as something outside the physical order, and it is impossible not to acknowledge it as an historical fact. It is clear from the facts that the disciples' faith was drastically put to the test by their master's Passion and death on the cross, which he had foretold (cf. Lk 22:31-32). The shock provoked by the Passion was so great that at least some of the disciples did not at once believe in the news of the Resurrection. Far from showing us a community seized by a mystical exaltation, the Gospels present us with disciples demoralized ("looking sad", (Lk 24:17; cf. In 20:19) and frightened. For they had not believed the holy women returning from the tomb and had regarded their words as an "idle tale" (Lk 24:11; cf. Mk 16:11,13). When Jesus reveals himself to the Eleven on Easter evening, "he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen" (Mk 16:14). Even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples are still doubtful, so impossible did the thing seem: they thought they were seeing a ghost. "In their joy they were still disbelieving and still wondering" (Lk 24:38-41). Thomas will also experience the test of doubt and St. Matthew relates that during the risen Lord's last appearance in Galilee "some doubted" (Cf. In 20:24-27; Mt 28:17). Therefore, the hypothesis that the Resurrection was produced by the apostles' faith (or credulity) will not hold up. On the contrary their faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of divine grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paras. 642 - 644

#### **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: 30th April The Prayer of the Desert, Fr John Udris; 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.

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C.S. Lewis

#### **Essential Training for Catechists**

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering an introduction to the fundamental aspects of catechesis. There are six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening from 11 April to 16 May.

To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcuqrrzgjGN37LSeebdWnINfmSvURJRVk#/registration

#### Invited

Twelve-week course will enable us to explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. The course will take place at The Immaculate Conception, Stroud. The Wednesday evening dates are: 17 April, 24 April; 1 May, 15 May, 22 May; 5 June, 12 June, 19 June, 26 June; 3 July, 10 July, 17 July. For the full outline of the course please see here: cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/.

#### **SKYDIVE**

Sharon Wiseman has been supporting the homeless community for many years and this year will be doing a SKYDIVE on April 6 in support of Genesis Trust. Please give if you are able - even the smallest amount can make a difference. Full details on how to sponsor are on the notice board. Many thanks.

#### **Beacons**

A big thank you to all of you who joined in St Patrick's Beacons last week. Thanks to a challenging but fun quiz, yummy refreshments, Irish music and the raffle we raised £114.35 for our Bath Carer's Centre. Emma who gave the talk stressed that "anyone who may benefit from their support can contact them via their website or their email Info@banescarerscentre.org.uk.

Next Beacons will be on 15 April. Watch this space

## **Electronic Copy of Newsletter**

Anybody who wants to receive an electronic copy of Our Parish Newsletter every week should email the parish email address with their email addresses and ask to be added to the distribution lists.

#### **New Parish Priest**

The Bishop has appointed Monsignor Robert Corrigan to be Parish Priest at Our Lady & St Alphege, together with St Joseph, Peasedown. Since 2008 Mgr Corrigan has been serving as a member of the Bishopric of the Forces within the Royal Army Chaplains Department. His current post is as Senior Chaplain at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, where all Officers for the Army undertake their training. Having reached the mandatory retirement age for Regular service in the Forces, he is returning to the Diocese and is due to take up his ministry in the Parish at the start of May.



# **First Holy Communion**

The remaining dates for the First Holy Communion sessions are: April 21st and 28th, May 12th (with an additional practice after Mass). The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 19th May 2024.

Please do pray for Abigail, Audrey, Chimbudike, Eloy, Holly, Isabelle, Mabel and Sofia who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion.

#### **Family Mass**

There will be a family mass on Sunday 7th April at 11 am All children are invited to come forward at the beginning and also at the end of Mass and pick up an instrument to accompany the first and the last hymns.

There will be a rota for the children wishing to read the bidding prayers within the Mass and a practice the week before their turn. Please encourage your child to volunteer and let Lizzie or the Parish Office know.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair.

We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

St John Paul II

#### Volunteers Needed

There are many ministries within our parish that need more volunteers. Please look out for more information over the next couple of months about ministries you may want to get involved with. If you already know an area of parish life you would like to be volunteer with, please let the parish office know.

# **Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass to be said for a particular intention before Friday 3rd May please contact Lizzie Creevy before Sunday 7 April to make your request.

### **Upcoming Special Collections**

31st March Holy See, 21st April Clergy Training Fund **Sunday Collection** 

Last week Plate £179.35 Gift Aid Envelopes £62

Readers

11.00: Anne

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