

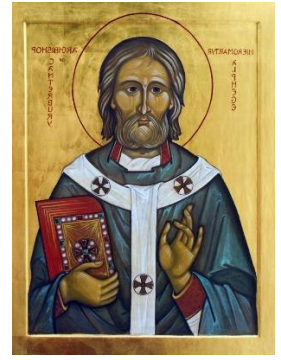


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

**Parish Priest: To Be Appointed
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Third Sunday of Easter

14th April 2024

The Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 13th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Sun 14th	Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Lori Griffiths
	18.00	Gabriel Muldoon+
Mon 15th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Tue 16th	Weekday of Easter	
	10:00	
	11.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
Wed 17th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Thu 18th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Fri 19th	Solemnity of Saint Alphege	
	10.00	Parishioners
Sat 20th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Sun 21st	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Christian Sherrel
	18.00	Janet Newman+

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 3
 Sunday Readings: Year B
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League..... St Ambrose, Diocesan Curia,
 Diocesan Services

Cycle of Prayer: Easter

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The 'Resurrection' to which [the Apostles] bore witness was, in fact, not the action of rising from the dead but the state of having risen; a state, as they held, attested by intermittent meetings during a limited period (except for the special, and in some ways different, meeting vouchsafed to St Paul). This termination of the period is important, for, as we shall see, there is no possibility of isolating the doctrine of the Resurrection from that of the Ascension.

The next point to notice is that the Resurrection was not regarded simply or chiefly as evidence for the immortality of the soul. It is, of course, often so regarded today: I have heard a man maintain that 'the importance of the Resurrection is that it proves survival'. Such a view cannot at any point be reconciled with the language of the New Testament. On such a view Christ would simply have done what all men do when they die: the only novelty would have been that in His case we were allowed to see it happening. But there is not in Scripture the faintest suggestion that the Resurrection was new evidence for something that had in fact been always happening. The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits', the 'pioneer of life'. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has opened.

Taken from 'Miracles', Chapter 16, by C.S. Lewis

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.

Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain.

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Garden Mass with Fr Denis McBride

Redemptorist Publications is delighted to bring the Garden Mass, celebrated by Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R. into your home every Sunday. Redemptorist Publications is pleased to continue to offer Sunday Mass online, especially for those who cannot return to their parish church. We pray that this will enable the faithful to feel connected to their faith and church community.

Please visit Redemptorist Publications' Holy Mass Online

Let's stand together for life

Help us mark the anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act by joining the Pro-Life Silent Witness at the junction of London Road and Cleveland PI, Bath, BA1 5NF on Saturday 27th April between 11am and 1pm. Contact Gail Mills on 07851 311910

Mass in the Clifton Cathedral as a celebration of Marriage & Family Life

The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 25 May (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples celebrating a significant anniversary during 2024. If you are or know of a couple celebrating special anniversaries during 2024 please do let us know. You just need to send names to this email (adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) with the address so that a personal invitation can be sent to them from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, and it is always good to see so many of you there.

Mothers Prayers Day

Mothers Prayers is a beautiful way of praying together for our children which we mothers have found very helpful and comforting. 11am till 3.30pm on 25th May 2024, Sacred Heart Church, Royal Wootton Bassett. Tea/coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Mothers prayers booklets and materials available. Limited free parking in the Church grounds. For information please contact: Pat Connolly 07854566735 patcon60@gmail.com

The Eucharist: a bond of love which can never be undone

There is an opportunity on Saturday 8 June at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist. Fr. Michael McAndrew will lead us in our reflections and conversations.

Please use the Eventbrite link to register for the day. <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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.

**It is easy to find truth,
though it is hard to face it,
and harder still to follow it.**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Beacons

On 15 April you are all invited to the hall from 2 to 4pm for a Spring celebration with refreshments and a raffle. We will be raising much needed funds for the Little Sisters Of The Poor in Bristol. Please do come and enjoy a fun afternoon, it's a great way of meeting with old friends and making new ones!

Family Mass

There will be family mass on 5th May, 2nd June and 7th July. Please encourage your child to volunteer and let Lizzie or the Parish Office know.

Upcoming Special Collections

21st April Clergy Training Fund, 5th May Children's Society

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £149.84 Gift Aid Envelopes £73
Second Collections (Holy Place) £212.27
Easter Flowers £179.93

Readers

11.00: Nkechi, 18:00: Dominic

Little Church

This week: Janet

Forthcoming Dates

Beacons.....15th April
First Communion.....19th May