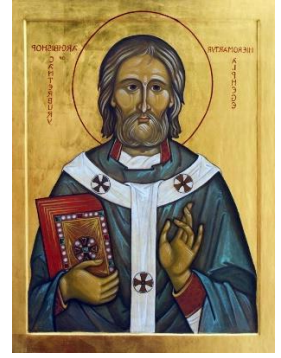


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024

I am the vine, you are the branches

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 27th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Sun 28th	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Ezio Motterle
	18.00	Friends of the Suffering Souls
Mon 29th	St Catherine, Feast	
	No Mass	
Tue 30th	Weekday of Easter	
	10:00	Parishioners
	11.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
Wed 1st	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Thu 2nd	St Athanasius	
	No Mass	
Fri 3rd	Ss Philip and James, Feast	
	10.00	
Sat 4th	English Martyrs, Feast	
	No Mass	
Sun 5th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Creevy Family
	18.00	Allan Stevenson+

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 1
 Sunday Readings:..... Year B
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League.....Chaplaincies to HM forces
 in the diocese

Cycle of Prayer: Easter

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

Think not then, my brethren, that when the Lord says, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another," there is any overlooking of that greater commandment, which requires us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind; for along with this seeming oversight, the words "that you love one another" appear also as if they had no reference to that second commandment, which says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." For "on these two commandments," He says, "hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:37-40 But both commandments may be found in each of these by those who have good understanding. For, on the one hand, he that loves God cannot despise His commandment to love his neighbor; and on the other, he who in a holy and spiritual way loves his neighbor, what does he love in him but God? That is the love, distinguished from all mundane love, which the Lord specially characterized, when He added, "as I have loved you." For what was it but God that He loved in us? Not because we had Him, but in order that we might have Him; and that He may lead us on, as I said a little ago, where God is all in all. It is in this way, also, that the physician is properly said to love the sick; and what is it he loves in them but their health, which at all events he desires to recall; not their sickness, which he comes to remove? Let us, then, also so love one another, that, as far as possible, we may by the solicitude of our love be winning one another to have God within us.

From Tractates on the Gospel of John, #65, by St. Augustine of Hippo.

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.

Worry and frowns pull the heart down

Clifton Diocese, Finance and Property Support Officer

The Clifton Diocese Curia offices are currently looking to recruit a Finance and Property Support Officer to strengthen it's central finance and property functions. The role is a part-time, 2year fixed term contract, to be worked over 25 hours per week and based at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of Microsoft Office, good communication and organisational skills, to include time management and working on various tasks simultaneously. Previous administrative experience and a can-do flexible attitude are essential. For further information please go to Working for us | Clifton Diocese or contact Simon Hussey, Head of Finance on 0117 902 5591. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 10th May 2024.

Clifton Diocese Safeguarding

The Diocese Safeguarding team are currently looking for an individual to join the Safeguarding Committee and sit in on the Risk Allegation Review meetings. Suitable volunteers should have in depth knowledge and experience of safeguarding, particularly health/mental health. The role is voluntary and would require a commitment of one 2hour meeting approximately five times per year for the Safeguarding Committee and also the Risk Allegation Review Meeting. The meetings can be attended in person or online and there will be some pre-reading prior to the meetings. If you are interested, please contact the Safeguarding Coordinator Janice Pearson on janice.pearson@cliftondiocese.com or 07887 990385.

Living the Common Good

Discerning Challenges and Responses will take place 18 May 2024 from 10am to 4pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Brislington, Bristol. It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good. There is no cost to attend. Please register at cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk

CCS Adoption

This year CCS Adoption has reached a terrific milestone, 120 years old. The Annual Appeal takes place next weekend and all the money we raise will go towards their work finding forever families for children who need them and providing them with the specialist lifelong support they need once they are adopted. Your donations and support make such a difference so please give generously.

New Parish Priest

We look forward to welcoming Monsignor Robert Corrigan for his first Sunday Masses on 5th May. Please keep your new parish priest in your prayers as he prepares for his new appointment.

Special Thanks to Fr Tibor and Fr Ian

Deepest gratitude to Fr Tibor and Fr Ian for supporting our parish in these four months. We wish them good health and God's blessings always.

Financial Appeal

Following the discussion of finances at the parish meeting last month, the Fabric and Finance Committee will be making a financial appeal at morning and evening mass on Sunday 28th of April.

Printed copies of the financial appeal are available with this bulletin, and graphs explaining our financial position are on display at the back of the church.



First Holy Communion

The remaining dates for the First Holy Communion sessions are: April 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 not enough just to wish well;

we must also do well.

St. Ambrose Barlow (English Martyr)

The Little Sisters of The Poor

Raffle tickets for their St Joseph's Home Summer Fayre will be for sale in the hall after the 11am Mass for a few Sundays. They are £2.50 each and there are 15 prizes, the 1st being a helicopter tour with bubbly for 2, the second an Apple watch and the third a balloon ride.

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.

Mass Intentions

Please can all Mass intentions come through the Parish Office or directly to Lizzie Creevy who is currently organising and keeping the diary for Mass intentions. She will then be able to find the next availability for a Mass.

Upcoming Special Collections

5th May Children's Society, 12th May Catholic Communications Network, 2nd June Priests' Retirement Fund

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £302.12 Gift Aid Envelopes £71
Second Collections (Clergy Training Fund) £155.75

Readers

11.00: Maureen, 18:00: Seena

Little Church

This week: Janet

Forthcoming Dates

First Communion.....19th May
Beacons.....20th May