

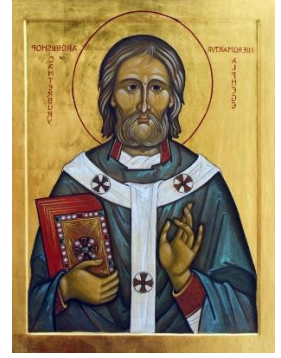


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 4th	English Martyrs, Feast	
	No Mass	
Sun 5th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	St Joseph's PSJ Parishioner(Peasedown)
	11.00	Family Mass Creevy Family
	18.00	Allan Stevenson +
Mon 6th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Tue 7th	Weekday of Easter	
	10:00	Parishioners
	11.00	St Joseph's PSJ Parishioners (Peasedown)
Wed 8th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Thu 9th	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity	
	10:00	Joined by St John's Catholic School
	11:30	St Joseph's PSJ (NB)
Fri 10th	Weekday of Easter	
	10.00	
Sat 11th	Votive Mass of Our Lady	
	10:00	Bishop Declan's Intentions
Sun 12th	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	John & Zosia Mill
	18.00	Friends of the Suffering Souls

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Sunday mass
 Confessions.....Saturday 10.30 or on request
 Choir Practice.....19.00 Wednesdays in Hall
 Psalter 2
 Sunday Readings:.....Year B
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages:Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League.....Hospital & Prison
 Chaplaincies

Cycle of Prayer: Easter

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

I'm really glad to finally arrive in Bath and be able to take up my appointment as Parish Priest of St Alphege and Peasedown St John. After almost 16 years as a Regular Chaplain in the Army I am of course sad to leave behind a community of people and friends I have come to know and love so well – I will certainly miss them. However now I'm looking forward to meeting you and becoming part of this (our) community in the months ahead.

Of course, this week marks change in the life of our Diocese. Bishop Elect Bosco will be consecrated to his new ministry and Bishop Declan will move to a well deserved quieter pace of life after so much devoted service to the Diocese. Please keep them both in your prayers.

In fact, I have known St Alphege Church for a while. When I was younger (admittedly a long time ago) my mother and I lived outside Norton St Philip and though I learnt to serve Mass in the Church there, for some big Sundays we would come to St Alphege for Mass as a treat. I also nearly joined Downside Abbey rather than the Diocese so being in Churches and Parishes with a Benedictine heritage is a real joy for me.

On Thursday this week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Lord's return to the Father, and his great commission to each of us to "*proclaim the Good News to all creation*". The Church then begins a novena of prayer to prepare for our celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, praying that the gifts of the Holy Spirit might be renewed within each one of us to fulfil this mission.

It would be wonderful if we could, from Thursday, join together in this time of prayer and each day, wherever we are, pray the great prayer of St Pope John the 23rd.

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us, and your Kingdom come: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weekday Masses

Please note that there will now be a Mass on Saturdays at 1000 with Confession after Mass.

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: 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.

Bishop Declan - Retirement Gift

The Clifton diocese has received a number of requests from individuals wanting to contribute towards a retirement collection for Bishop Declan. Therefore, it has set up an online donation button on the Diocesan website under Finance and the Dona page. The direct link to the Dona: <https://donate.mydona.com/clifton-diocese>

Family Masses

There will be Family Masses on the 2nd of June and 7th of July when younger members of the Parish will be helping lead our Sunday Mass. Please do let Lizzie or the Parish Office know if your child is willing to help with this!

CCS Adopting Retiring Collection today

This year CCS Adoption has reached a terrific milestone, 120 years old. The Annual Appeal takes place this 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.

Spem in alium

A British-Dutch choral collaboration featuring Thomas Tallis' 40-part motet and music by Howells, Sweelinck, Panufnik, Bruckner and Obrecht.

Paragon Singers, in company with Dutch chamber choir Het Lelikoer from Amsterdam are looking forward to singing Spem in alium by Thomas Tallis.

Sat 15 June 6pm St Alphege Bath BA2 3NR

Tickets £18 Students £5 bathboxoffice.org.uk 01225 463362

St. Marys Julian Road Open Church and Coffee Morning Thursday of every month 10-12

We invite you to join us for private Prayer, Men's and Ladies Groups, a new venture of a Knit and Natter Group or the craft you enjoy. Those who wish can support various people in need of knitting/crochet/ sewing items EG. Ukraine various items, hats, glove, scarfs, jumpers, blanket squares RUH hearts for palliative care, items for Babies born sleeping, blankets for NICU. Come and join us and meet others and socialise Everyone is welcome. If possible please email Pat and Joy if you will be coming or popping in so we have an idea of numbers. patjoy.kelly@gmail.com

Dementia Friendly Church, 8th June 2024

The Safeguarding Team are supporting this initiative for Clifton Diocese having seen an increase in concerns from Parishes where Dementia is present. This is a great opportunity for the Parish to attend and learn more about how we can support our aging population to continue to worship safely in the Catholic Church. The Safeguarding Team will be attending the event but it is important that this event is supported at Parish level so your attendance will be very much appreciated. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Coordinator on 01179540993. Please book direct by using the Eventbrite link on the poster in the church porch and it would be really helpful if you can let the Safeguarding Team know so we have an understanding of attendance.

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.



First Holy Communion

The remaining dates for the First Holy Communion sessions are: 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 Confession and to receive our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time.

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.

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

12th May Catholic Communications Network,
2nd June Priests' Retirement Fund

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £220.66 Gift Aid Envelopes £31

Readers

11.00: Kayron, 18:00: Dominic

Forthcoming Dates

First Holy Communion - Sunday the 19th of May

Beacons - Monday the 20th of May

Pope Francis Prayer intention for May: For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Let us also pray for vocations to the Priesthood in our own Diocese of Clifton.