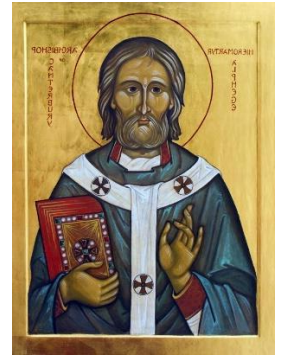


**Parish of
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together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

12th May 2024

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

Sun 12th	7th Sunday of Easter	
09.00	People of the Parish	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
11.00	John & Zosia Mill	
18.00	Friends of the suffering Souls	
Mon 13th	Weekday of Easter	
No Mass		
Tue 14th	St Matthias, Apostle	
10.00		
11.00	Parishioners	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
Wed 15th	Weekday of Easter	
No Mass		
Thur 16th	Weekday of Easter	
10.00		
11.00	Exposition and Rosary	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
Fri 17th	Weekday of Easter	
10.00		
Sat 18th	Votive Mass of Our Lady	
10.00	Creevy Family Intentions	
10.30	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sun 12th	Solemnity of Pentecost	
09.00	Parishioners	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
11.00	First Holy Communion Mass	
18.00		

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass
 Choir Practice is at 19.00 on Wednesdays in Hall
 Psalter Week 3 / Readings Sun B / Weekdays Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages please speak with Fr Robert
 Diocesan Prayer League.....Hospital & Prison
 Chaplaincies

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

All those who minister in Hospital & Prison Chaplaincies

Prayer in Preparation for the Feast of Pentecost

It would be wonderful if we could continue to 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.**

Newsletter

If you have anything you would like included in the Newsletter please email it directly to Fr Robert at robert.corrigan@cliftondiocese.com

Weekday Masses

Please note that there will now be a Mass on Saturdays at 1000 with Confession after Mass. I will also be adding a Mass on Monday or Wednesday though at the moment I am not certain which day it will be.

The reason is that I have been given a Reserve Commission within the Royal Army Chaplains Department and will become Chaplain to 243 Multi Role Medical Regiment which has its HQ in Keynsham. Reserve Regiments normally meet once a week and I need to find out when this will be so that I don't need to keep changing times of Masses in the Parish. It is important that the voice of the Church continues to be part of the life of our Armed Forces, and at the moment there are very few Regular Catholic Chaplains so Reserve Chaplains can support this.

Also it has been suggested that we could return the Friday weekday Mass to 1200 rather than 1000. Please let me know if you have any thoughts about this? Unless I hear otherwise this change would take place after Pentecost.

First Holy Communion

Please do pray for Abigail, Audrey, Chimbudike,
 Eloy, Holly, Isabelle, Mabel and Sofia
 who make their First Confession today
 and who will receive our Lord in Holy Communion
 for the first time on the Feast of Pentecost, next
 Sunday

Retiring Collection

There is a retiring collection today for the Catholic Communication Network. Based at the Bishops Conference HQ in London they offer advice and support to the Church in England and Wales in their dealings with the media.

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>

Feast of Corpus Christi – On Sunday the 2nd of June at 5 pm / 1700 there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Benediction in St Alphege Church.

Family Masses @ St Alpheges

The next family Mass when young people will help lead the liturgy will be on Sunday the 2nd of June. Please let Lizzie or the Parish Office know if your child is willing to help with this.

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

The Bishop will celebrate a Mass in celebration of Marriage and Family life at 1200 noon in Clifton Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

Beacons – Mon 20th of May.

You are all warmly invited to our next Community gathering on the 20th May from 2 to 4 pm in the hall for delicious refreshments, a raffle, friendly company and a surprise! This time we will be raising well needed funds for local charity Dorothy House Hospice. We hope to see you all there.

Spem in alium

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, Brucker and Obrecht,
Sat 15 June 6pm St Alphege Bath BA2 3NR
Tickets: £18 Students £5
Bathboxoffice.org.uk 01225 463362

What is a Dementia Friendly Church?

The Safeguarding Team are supporting this study day 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 would be welcomed. 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 which is on the poster in the

Church porch. If possible please let the Safeguarding Team know so we have an idea about numbers.

The Club at St. John's

On Tuesday 18th June at 2.00 pm Professor Julian Hughes, a parishioner of St. Mary's, will give a talk in St John's Hall entitled "Dementia: the person and ethics" based on his book Dementia and Ethics Reconsidered. He will discuss the idea of personhood and consider an approach to ethical issues that arise from those living with dementia. All welcome.

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

2nd June Priests' Retirement Fund

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £200.94 Gift Aid Envelopes £89

Readers

11.00: Karen, 18:00: Grainne

Little Church

12 May: Bibian

19 May: First Holy Communion mass; no little church

26 May: Janet

Forthcoming Dates

Beacons - Monday the 20th of May

From Pope Francis' Message for World Communication Sunday

This wisdom of the heart lets itself be found by those who seek it and be seen by those who love it; it anticipates those who desire it and it goes in search of those who are worthy of it (cf. *Wis* 6:12-16). It accompanies those willing to take advice (cf. *Prov* 13:10), those endowed with a docile and listening heart (cf. *1 Kg* 3:9).

A gift of the Holy Spirit, it enables us to look at things with God's eyes, to see connections, situations, events and to uncover their real meaning. Without this kind of wisdom, life becomes bland, since it is precisely wisdom – whose Latin root *sapere* is related to the noun *sapor* – that gives "savour" to life