

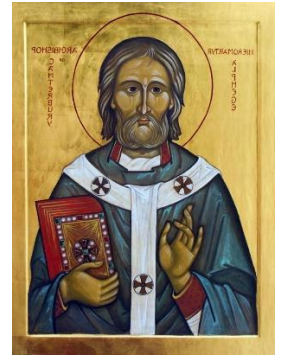


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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The Epiphany of the Lord

7th January 2024

Where is the infant king of the Jews?

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 6th	Weekday of Christmas Time	
	10.00	Cadell Family
Sun 7th	The Epiphany of the Lord	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Nell Pestel +(anniv)
	18.00	Bernadette McKee
Mon 8th	Baptism of the Lord	
	No Mass	
Tue 9th	Feria	
	10.00	Ann Alford
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 10th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 11th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Fri 12th	Feria	
	12.00	Doris Hawley
Sat 13th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 14th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Sean Quinn
	18.00	

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Sunday mass
 Confessions..... Saturday 10.30 and at Call
 Choir Practice..... 19.00 Wednesdays in Hall
 Psalter Solemnity
 Sunday Readings: Year B
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League..... Salisbury Parishes

Cycle of Prayer: Advent and Christmas

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,
 Expectant Mothers



The Adoration of the Wise Men, Fra Angelico 1440

**Hymn from the Divine Office
for the Feast of the Epiphany**

Fairer than the sun at morning
 was the star that told his birth;
 to the lands their God announcing,
 hid beneath a form of earth.

By its lambent beauty guided,
 see, the eastern kings appear;
 see them bend, their gifts to offer,
 gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.

Solemn things of mystic meaning:
 incense doth the God disclose;
 gold a royal Child proclaimeth;
 myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
 to the Gentile world displayed,
 with the Father and the Spirit
 endless praise to thee be paid.

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus
may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you,
the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

Frank Colquhoun

*Lord, I confess I am not
what I ought to be,
but I thank you, Lord,
that I'm not what I used to be;*

Diocese of Clifton Year Book

The Diocesan Yearbook is now available at the back of the Church. Copies cost £6 each.

SPUC

The annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will take place on Sunday 7th January.

Legacies

Please think about the parish when drawing up your last will. Our beautiful Church was built through the generosity of parishioners often by means of legacies. Think of a legacy as a gift to the next generation of Catholics enabling them to maintain a truly worthy place of worship. Explanatory leaflets are available at the back of the Church.



IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to the 25th January. Church Unity Week always concludes with the Feast of St Paul.

Talk on 'Benedictine Bath'

Talk on 'Benedictine Bath' by Giles Mercer, Parish Hall, St John's, Tuesday 16 January 2pm: all are warmly welcome.

*We are only learning to know God when
we realise that he cannot be known.
Thomas Aquinas*

Father Alex

As the Bishop mentioned last week, we would like to thank Father Alex for his ministry and pastoral care for our parish. There will be more information about how we may do this particularly in the coming weeks.

Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

Forthcoming Dates

First Communion Classes Start 7th January
Social Event 2nd February



First Holy Communion

First Communion classes for children in Year 3 and above will commence on 7th January.

Sessions start at 10.00 and last an hour so that parents can go with the children to Sunday mass afterwards. Please note that going to mass is an essential part of the package. The dates for the sessions are: January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, February 4th and 25th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, April 21st and 28th, May 12th (with an additional practice after Mass). Any changes to these dates will be notified. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on either 18th or 19th of May depending on numbers. Application forms are at the back of the Church. Please return as soon as possible with a copy of the Baptismal certificate and £10 for the book, etc.

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 throughout next year. The talks will be held in St John's Church on Tuesdays at 19.00. The talks are as follows: 23rd January Lord Teach us to Pray, Fr Tom Dubois; 20th February The Prayer of Jesus, Fr Dermot Power; 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.

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience

Social Events

There will be no film night on Friday 19 Jan. At the moment we are hoping to continue with a social event on Friday evening 2 Feb but please do let the social committee know if you are able to help. There will be more information about February's social event in the next couple of weeks.

Mass Intentions

At the moment there will only be weekday masses on Tuesday and Fridays at the normal times. All Mass Intentions that have already been booked for other weekdays will be progressively moved to a Tuesday or Friday over the coming weeks. This may take some time to satisfy the current bookings but we hope that you will bear with us in these exceptional circumstances. If you are NOT happy with this arrangement please let the parish office know.

Parish Flower Arrangers

St Alphege Parish flower arrangers are looking for a volunteer to join their team. No experience necessary and it will be once a month. If you can help please contact Diana Shinn on 07983136369

Upcoming Special Collections

7th January SPUC, 11th February Aid to the Church in Need, 25th February CAFOD

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £223.01, Gift Aid Envelopes £37

Readers

11.00:Veritas , 18.00:Dominic