

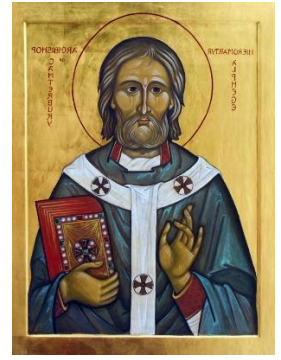


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

**Parish Priest: To Be Appointed
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First Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 17th	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	
	No Mass	
Sun 18th	First Sunday of Lent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Josie Cook+
	18.00	
Mon 19th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Tue 20th	Feria	
	10:00	Moira Horton+
	11.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
Wed 21st	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 22nd	Chair of St Peter the Apostle	
	No Mass	
Fri 23rd	Feria	
	10.00	Lilian Hanson+
Sat 24th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 25th	Second Sunday of Lent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Moira Horton+
	18.00	



Forty Days in the Desert

To Keep a True Lent

Is this a fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick 1648

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: St George, St Teresa of
Lisieux, St John Fisher,

Cycle of Prayer: Lent

Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry
of the World, Women's World Day of Prayer, Survivors of
Sexual Abuse, Penitents and Wanderers



Beacons (community gathering)

Monday 19th February

2pm – 4pm

St Alphege's Church Hall,

Oldfield Lane, BA2 3NR

CAKE



RAFFLE



Father Tibor will be talking about his life and raising money for St Alphege's parish.

TEA AND COFFEE



LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT



CAFOD

Family Fast day is on Friday 23rd February, and we will be taking up a second collection on Sunday 25th February to support their work in the developing countries. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please eat simply on the 23rd and donate the money you save to the collection on 25th February.

**The saints did not all begin well,
but they all ended well**

St John Vianney

Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Mrs Hilary Cornwell will take place at St John's on Friday 1 March at 1.30, followed by a reception in the Guildhall at 2.45 to which all are invited. Hilary's late husband, Fr Peter, as many will remember fondly, was chaplain at Prior Park College and then assistant priest at St John's and St Mary's. He also helped us at St Alphege's from time to time when a supply priest was needed. Hilary was a great support.

Parish Meeting

We will be having a Parish Meeting on the evening of Friday 15th March in the Parish Hall, time to be confirmed next Sunday. Everyone is welcome and we will be gathering questions and agenda items by Friday 8th March. If you would like to bring up any items for the meeting, please either send an email to the Parish Office or speak/contact Lizzie Creevy.

Easter Egg Hunt



Donations of Easter eggs required for the Easter egg hunt which will take place after the 11am mass on Easter Sunday. Please leave donations in the marked box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

Forthcoming Dates

Beacons.....19th February
Easter Sunday.....31st March



First Holy Communion

The remaining dates for the First Holy Communion sessions are: February 25th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, 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.

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: 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 Harvey SJ.

**A good deed is never lost;
he who sows courtesy reaps friendship
and he who plants kindness gathers love**

St Basil

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.

Easter Flowers

As a gesture of our faith and commitment to the future of our Parish we would like to make a special celebration of the Easter Flowers. In support of this we will be having a little extra collection for Easter Flowers on Sundays 17th & 24th March. There will be a clearly marked box on the table-at the back of the church. If everyone gave only £1 our talented, & much appreciated, flower arrangers could make a really wonderful display! Thank you in advance!

Family Mass

The Family Mass on 4th February was a great success. If your child would like to read the bidding prayers within the Mass, please can you let Lizzie Creevy, or the Parish Office know. There will be a rota for the children moving forward and a practice the week before their turn to Mass.

Upcoming Special Collections

25th February CAFOD, 29th March Holy See, 21st April Clergy Training Fund

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £188.87, Gift Aid Envelopes £62

Readers

11.00: Bibian, 18.00: Dominic

Little Church

This week: Janet