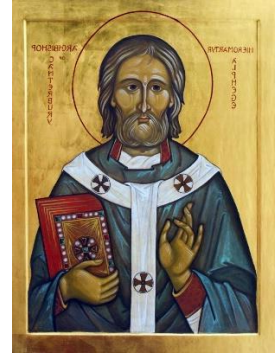


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Second Sunday of Lent

25th February 2024

This is my son, the Beloved

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 24th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 25th	Second Sunday of Lent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Moira Horton+
	18.00	
Mon 26th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Tue 27th	Feria	
	10:00	Moira Horton+
	11.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
Wed 28th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 29th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Fri 1st	St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	
	10.00	Giles and Caroline Mercer (Golden Wedding)
Sat 2nd	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 3rd	Third Sunday of Lent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Joe Ryan+
	18.00	



The Transfiguration, *Raphael 1516-1520*

The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration is one of the few Gospel narratives that is repeated more than once throughout the liturgical year. It has its own feast day in August. Why then do we hear it again during Lent?

One reason is that it points towards the whole aim of the penitential season of Lent: it gives us a glimpse of the Resurrection. Jesus permits the select group of disciples to see his future glory.

We are given this text about the Transfiguration to sustain us as we do penance and give us sight of the Easter victory that we are preparing to celebrate. The glory shows us that Jesus is God. The appearance of Moses and Elijah tells us that Christ himself is the fulfilment of the whole of Salvation History.

It is these facts that we should not lose sight of. Whilst the solemnity of the season of Lent is important; it loses all its potency if we forget that it leads us to the glory and joy of Easter.

Father Alex McAllister

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.....2
 Sunday Readings:..... Year B
 Weekday Readings:..... Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages:..... Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League: Christ the King, Thornbury,
 Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge

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



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.

**Do not go where the path may lead,
go instead where there is no path
and leave a trail**

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.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Sundays at 5.15pm.

**We shall not cease from exploration, and
the end of all our exploring
will be to arrive where we started
and know the place for the first time**

TS Eliot

Beacons

There was a real sense of community at Beacons on Monday when we gathered to listen how Fr Tibor succeeded to escape his native Hungary in 1967 and seek asylum in Sweden. Thank you Father for sharing your amazing story and thank you to all the lovely people who contributed to raise £173 for the Parish funds.

The next Beacons will be on March the 18th when we celebrate St Patrick's day. All welcome.

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.....18th March
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: 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.

**It is best to learn to silence the faculties
and to cause them to be still so that God
may speak**

St John of the Cross

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 on Sunday 3rd March, please can you let Lizzie Creevy, or the parish office know by Sunday 25th February and be at Mass for a short practice afterwards. For this month it will be the first two children who come forward and there will be a rota for the children moving forward and a practice the week before their turn to read.

Upcoming Special Collections

25th February CAFOD, 31st March Holy See, 21st April Clergy Training Fund

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £195.72 Gift Aid Envelopes £42

Readers

11.00: Bibian, 18.00: Dominic

Little Church

This week: Janet