

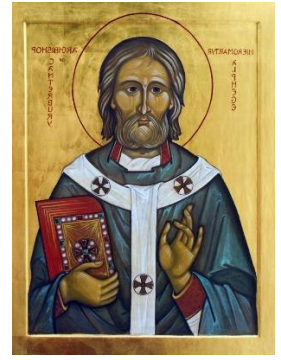


Parish of Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath together with St Joseph's, Peasedown St John

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Third Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 2nd	Weekday of Lent	
	No Mass	
Sun 3rd	Third Sunday of Lent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Family Mass Joe Ryan+
	18.00	
Mon 4th	Weekday of Lent	
	No Mass	
Tue 5th	Weekday of Lent	
	10:00	Doris Hawley+
	11.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
Wed 6th	Weekday of Lent	
	No Mass	
Thu 7th	Weekday of Lent	
	No Mass	
Fri 8th	Weekday of Lent	
	10.00	Sara Timothy
Sat 9th	Weekday of Lent	
	No Mass	
Sun 10th	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Doris Hawley+
	18.00	Allan Stevenson+

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.....3
 Sunday Readings:..... Year B
 Weekday Readings:..... Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages:..... Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League..... Sacred Heart,
 Tisbury, with Wardour

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



Christ Driving the Moneychangers out of the Temple,
El Greco 1570

The Cleansing of the Temple

This is a very dramatic and startling episode in the Gospel narrative. The image of meek and mild Jesus is put into the shade by this driving out of the traders with a whip. Our Lord of course is totally justified. The commerce going on in the courtyard was supposed to be to enable people to buy animals for the ritual sacrifice commanded by God in the Law of Moses but the sellers had lost sight of the goal and turned it into a purely money-making enterprise.

As Temples of the Holy Spirit each one of us also has a duty to make sure that our own 'house is in order'. The season of Lent gives us a focused opportunity to cleanse the sanctuary of our souls. We can ask ourselves what things in our life stop us from being God's Temple? What things do we let block our hearts from God and his spirit? During this season we should all take stock and if needed clear out all that stops us from being flourishing member of the Church.

Father Alex McAllister



Little Sisters of the Poor

Caring for the elderly - inspired by our faith

We care for the elderly poor here in St Joseph's Home at 66 Cotham Hill in Bristol in the spirit of humble service which we have received from St. Jeanne Jugan. We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ Himself and serve them with love and respect until death. We always adhere to the Philosophy, Ethics and Moral Law of the Catholic Church, from whom the Congregation has received its mission.

Sister Paul or a Little Sister will come on this Sunday to make church appeals to support their on-going work through fundraising.

Missio

Red box (Missio) holders are asked to bring their boxes and leave it in the sacristy for counting. Thank you for your continuing generous supports, in 2023 our parish raised £795.74 towards helping and support Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in their work. The spring magazines and some spare red boxes are now available in the narthex, please help yourself. Thank you.

**You can fail so very often,
but you are not a failure
until you give up**

Parish Meeting

We will be having a Parish Meeting on the evening of Friday 15th March in the Parish Hall. 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.

Beacons

The next Beacons will be on March the 18th when we celebrate St Patrick's day. There will be a quiz and we will be raising funds for the Carer's Centre in Bath. All welcome.

Easter Flowers

We are having a little extra collection for Easter Flowers. There is 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!

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: 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.

**What counts can't always be counted;
what can be counted
doesn't always count**

Family Mass

All children are invited to come forward at the beginning and also at the end of Mass and pick up an instrument to accompany the first and the last hymns.

There will be a rota for the children wishing to read the bidding prayers within the Mass and a practice the week before their turn. Please encourage your child to volunteer and let Lizzie or the Parish Office know.

Stations of the Cross

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

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for 12 volunteers for feet washing on Maundy Thursday and Welcomers for the 11am Mass. If you are interested, please sign your name on the form at the entrance of the Church.

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

3rd March Little Sisters of the Poor, 31st March Holy See, 21st April Clergy Training Fund

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £202.07 Gift Aid Envelopes £64.5
CAFOD Lent Collection £157.15

Readers

11.00: Simon, 18.00: Grainne

Little Church

This week: Alexia