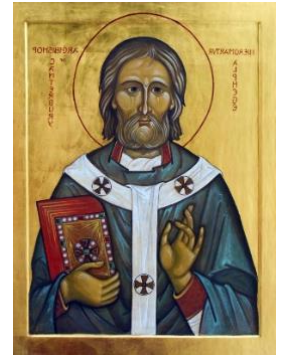


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

**Parish Priest: To Be Appointed  
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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

**Mass Times at St Alphege**

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

<b>Sat 23th</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Sun 24th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Margaret Simpson+
	18.00	Parishioners
<b>Mon 25th</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Tue 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	
	10:00	
	11.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	19.00	Reconciliation Service
<b>Wed 27th</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Thu 28th</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
	19.00 Mass (watching at Altar of Repose until 22.00)	
<b>Fri 29th</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
	10.30 Children's Stations of the Cross	
	15.00	
<b>Sat 30th</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
	19.00 Easter Virgil	
<b>Sun 31st</b>	<b>Sunday of the Resurrection</b>	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Fr Alex McAllister
	18.00	No Mass

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7pm on Tuesday 26 March in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Everyone is encouraged to come.**

**Maundy Thursday and Easter Virgil: Please do bring a bell with you which you are invited to ring during the Gloria.**

**There will be a Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10.30am in the Church. All are welcome.**

*No pain, no palm;  
no thorns, no throne;  
no gall, no glory;  
no cross, no crown*

**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..... Corpus Christi, Our Lady  
 ..... of Lourdes, St Joseph

**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

**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.

***This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.***

***The 11 o'clock Mass will start in the parish hall for the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. The palms (provided) will be blessed and then we will process to the church.***

***The Passion of the Lord according to St Mark will be read in three parts.***

## Resignation of the Bishop of Clifton and Appointment of New Bishop

The Right Rev Bishop Declan Lang has announced his resignation after 23 years of loving and faithful service as Bishop to the Diocese of Clifton. His successor will be Bishop elect Bosco Macdonald, currently Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Peter & Paul, Bristol. May God grant them health and strength.

### St Marys Open Church

We invite you to join us as we are opening our church on the last Thursday of every month starting 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am-12 noon for private prayer and a new venture of a knit and natter group. Everyone is welcome. Please email Pat and Joy if you would like to come. patjoy.kelly@gmail.com

*Palm Sunday tells us that  
it is the Cross  
that is the true tree of life*

### Essential Training for Catechists

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering an introduction to the fundamental aspects of catechesis: What it is, how to use the catechism and Scripture as foundations, and what methods to use. This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. There are six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening from 11 April to 16 May. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

#### Invited

God offers us a radical invitation but what does it mean to say yes? What does it mean to be a Catholic? What do we believe and how do we grow deeper in our Faith? This twelve-week course will enable us to explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. The course will take place at The Immaculate Conception, Stroud. The Wednesday evening dates are: 17 April, 24 April; 1 May, 15 May, 22 May; 5 June, 12 June, 19 June, 26 June; 3 July, 10 July, 17 July.

For the full outline of the course please see here: [cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/](http://cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/). To express your interest please complete the booking form on the diocesan website and send to [catechists@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:catechists@cliftondiocese.com) or post to the Department of Adult Education & Evangelisation, Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX.

*The cross bears those  
who bear the cross*

### SKYDIVE

Sharon Wiseman has been supporting the homeless community for many years and this year will be doing a SKYDIVE on April 6 in support of Genesis Trust. Please give if you are able - even the smallest amount can make a difference. Full details on how to sponsor are on the notice board. Many thanks.

### Parish Meeting

We had a very successful parish meeting on Friday 15th March. Please find a few printed copies of the minutes from the meeting at the back of the church. We will be starting to implement some changes within the parish, for example we will start printing the bulletins in black and white except for special occasions.

### Stations of the Cross

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

### Easter Offerings

The Easter Offertory Collection customarily goes to the priest and forms a considerable portion of his annual income. This year, in the absence of a permanent Parish Priest, the Easter offering will go to Fr Tibor and Fr Ian in appreciation for all their support over the last 3 months.

### Volunteers Needed

There are many ministries within our parish that need more volunteers. Please look out for more information over the next couple of months about ministries you may want to get involved with. If you already know an area of parish life you would like to be volunteer with, please let the parish office know.

### Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass to be said for a particular intention before Friday 3rd May please contact Lizzie Creevy before Sunday 7 April to make your request.

### 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.

### Electronic Copy of Newsletter

Anybody who wants to receive an electronic copy of Our Parish Newsletter every week should email the parish email address with their email addresses and ask to be added to the distribution lists.

### Upcoming Special Collections

31st March Holy See, 21st April Clergy Training Fund

#### Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £235.77 Gift Aid Envelopes £32

#### Readers

11.00: Liz, 18.00: Grainne & Seena Saj

#### Little Church

This week: Bibian and Veritas

### Easter Ceremonies St Alphege

Tuesday of Holy Week (Reconciliation Service) ..	19.00
Mundy Thursday.....	19.00
Good Friday (Children's Stations of the Cross) ...	10.30
Good Friday .....	15.00
Easter Vigil .....	19.00
Easter Sunday .....	11.00