



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

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**Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity**

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Mass Times at St Alphege  
& St Joseph's, Peasedown as indicated**

<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>
09.00	People of the Parish <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
11.00	Angela Lewis +
17.00	<b>Exposition, Rosary, and Benediction</b>
18:00	Carmel Carol +
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday of Week 8 of Ordinary Time</b>
No Mass	
<b>Tue 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
10.00	
11.00	Parishioners <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
No Mass	
<b>Thur 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
10:00	
11:30	Exposition & Rosary <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
12.00	
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Memorial of St Justin</b>
10:00	
10.30 Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation	
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Solemnity of Corpus Christi</b>
09.00 Parishioners <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>	
11.00 People of the Parish	
18.00 Friends of the Suffering Souls	

**Information**

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass  
 Choir Practice is at 19.00 on Wednesdays in Hall  
 Psalter Week 4 / Readings Sun B / Weekdays Year 2  
 Baptisms & Marriages - please speak with Fr Robert

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Our Lady & St Alphege and St Joseph P. St John

**First Holy Communion**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our celebration of First Holy Communion such a joyful and prayerful Mass. A big thank you to Lizzie and Karen who, as catechists, led the preparation for First Confession and Communion, supported by parents who are always *'the first teachers of their children in the faith'*

**Rosary and Benediction Feast of The Most Holy Trinity**  
 – This evening, Sunday the 26th of May at 5 pm / 1700, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Benediction in St Alphege Church.

**New Lectionary for use in Church**

As from the first Sunday of Advent 2024 the Bishops of England and Wales have instructed that we are to use a new version of the Lectionary.

This means that we have to buy a set of 4 new Lectionary books for the Church, something I have discussed with the Fabric and Finance Committee. The cost is £150 a volume (after a 15% discount).

While we do have to get these I did want to ask if anyone would like to donate a volume, and have it dedicated in memory of someone, or simply present it as a gift to our Parish Community.

If this is something you would wish to discuss or explore please speak with Fr Robert. If you would like more information about the books and to see what they will look like than this is available on the CTS Website as they are the only supplier authorised by the Bishops-Conference. <https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary-site/>

Until now we have used the Jerusalem Bible translation but we will now be using the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition. The proclamation of the Word of God is central to the Mass and all our Liturgies celebrated in the Church and so these Lectionaries will have a privileged role in enabling this.

At the Second Vatican Council, the Lectionary was revised so that more of the treasures of scripture would be heard at Mass. For example, whereas prior to the Council only 3% of the Gospel of Mark was heard now 96% is read. One consequence of this was that the Lectionary was, once more, a separate volume separated from the prayer texts of the Mass (the Roman Missal). The Lectionary is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued to work through all the other liturgical rites. The changes are intended to make biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, using better, more up-to-date biblical scholarship and a text which may be better proclaimed

## Newsletter

If you have anything you would like included in the Newsletter please e mail it directly to Fr Robert at robert.corrigan@cliftdiocese.com

## Mass Intentions

If you would like to ask for a Mass to be offered for a particular intention, please speak with Fr Robert. Any Mass Stipends you kindly give go to support the ministry of the Parish.

## Special Collection next Sunday

Next Sunday, the 2nd June there will be a retiring collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. A leaflet giving information is in the Church porch. It allows the diocese to help retired priests living on their own with rental costs and utility bills; it goes towards care home fees where needed; and also enables help with medical costs. About £300,000 per year is paid out to support our sick and retired priests. Your generosity is much appreciated.

## Family Masses @ St Alpheges

The next family Mass when young people will help lead the liturgy will be on Sunday the 2nd of June. Please let Lizzie or the Parish Office know if your child is willing to help

## The Society or St Vincent de Paul

The SVP meet on Tuesday evenings in the parish office at 7pm. New members are always welcome. If you are able to give some time for practical assistance please ask the SVP for more information on how you can help. If you know anyone that needs any help from the SVP such as 'befriending, visiting and financial help please contact Lizzie or one of the other SVP members.

## Icon Exhibition Sat 25th to Mon 27th May

Tamara Penwel, who painted the Icon of St Alphege in the Church, is exhibiting her icons at her studio in 19 Hensley Road, Bath BA2 2DR as part of the Bear Flat Artists Open Studios weekend Sat 25th to Monday 27th May - 11 am - > 5 pm daily. The exhibition will include some written explanations, which we have found in the past are much appreciated. This year an icon of Saint Justina of Rome destined for Saint John the Evangelist Church in Bath, which Tamara has recently completed will be exhibited. Everyone is welcome. Details of the all the 40 or so artists exhibiting as part of the event may be found at <https://www.bearflatartists.co.uk/our-trail>

## Lord Teach us to Pray – St John's Church South Parade

*"The prayer of St Benedict"* - a talk given by Fr Mark Hargreaves OSB on the 28 of May at 7.00pm

*"The prayer of St Dominic"* a talk given by Sr Hyacinthe & the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on Tues 25 June at 7.00pm

## Formation for Readers - Saturday 1st June

This day of formation is offered to the whole Pastoral Area and will take place at St. Catherine's Church, Frome BA11 1EU. Any new and not so new readers who would benefit from attending the day would be very welcome. If you are not on the Readers' rota for St Alpheges but are thinking of offering your services, we would encourage you to go. Refreshments 10.00am and finish by around 3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch. Parking available

## The Eucharist - a bond of love which can never be undone – Sat 8 June in St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol.

Reflections & conversations led by Fr. Michael McAndrew; Adoration with words, music & silence. Refreshments 9.30am; please bring a packed lunch. Finish 4pm. <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/>

## Spem in alium Concert – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June

The Paragon Singers, in company with Dutch chamber choir Het Lelikoer from Amsterdam will be singing a concert in the Church on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. The programme will feature Thomas Tallis' 40-part motet Spem in alium together with music by Howells, Sweelinck, Panufnik, Bruckner and Obrecht. Sat 15 June 6pm St Alphege Bath BA2 3NR Tickets: £18 Students £5 [bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://bathboxoffice.org.uk) 01225 463362

## St John's School

Best wishes to staff and pupils as they take a well deserved Half Term break. I was in the school on Monday when they held a very prayerful service to crown Our Lady's statue laying flowers at her feet. There is a picture in the Church porch.

## CAFOD

I have had a letter from CAFOD thanking you for your generosity during Lent when £303.68 was collected by the Parish to support their work.

## Beacons

Despite the glorious sunshine many of us gathered in the hall on Monday afternoon and after a cuppa and a slice of delicious cake we set to do sitting or standing exercise under expert guidance and had a lot of fun. Many chocolates were won at the raffle and we raised £104.20 for Dorothy House. Our next community gathering will be on Monday 17 June where a warm welcome awaits you.

## Anniversary of Ordination

Father Alex McAllister has e mailed to say he will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination at 12.00 mass on Saturday 22nd June at Christ the King Church, Thornbury. All welcome. Please note his new email: [amcallister1956@gmail.com](mailto:amcallister1956@gmail.com).

## Holy Water

There is a container with Holy Water in the Baptistry. Please do take some home to use maybe when making the Sign of the Cross as a reminder each day of Baptism and the calling we have all received. Pope Francis asked *"The Sign of the Cross that I make every day, does it remain a gesture for its own sake, or does it inspire my way of speaking, of encountering, of responding, of judging, of forgiving?"* He then concluded saying *"May Our Lady, daughter of the Father, mother of the Son and bride of the Spirit, help us to welcome and bear witness in life to the mystery of God-Love."*

## Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £371.71 Gift Aid Envelopes £68

## Readers

11.00: Liz, 18:00: Grainne

## Little Church

This week: Janet