



The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath

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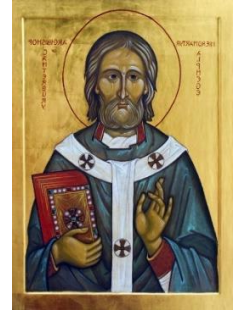
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Also serves the Parish of St Joseph, Peasedown St John



First Sunday of Advent Year C

1st of December 2024

Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

Sun 1st	First Sunday of Advent
1100	People of the Parish
1800	For vocations to the Priesthood
Mon 2nd	Weekday Mass
No Mass	
Tues 3rd	St Francis Xavier
1000	
1900	Christmas Music Concert
Wed 4th	St Osmund
1000	
Thur 5th	Advent Weekday Mass
1715	Exposition & Confession
1800	Ezio Motterle RIP
Fri 6th	St Nicholas
1200	
Sat 7th	St Ambrose
1000	
1030	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 8th	Second Sunday of Advent Year C
1100	People of the Parish
1800	

Masses & Service at St Joseph Peasedown St John

Mass	Sunday at 0900 & Thursday at 1100
Rosary	Tuesday at 1100 during Exposition

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass
Psalter Week 1 / Readings Sun C / Weekdays Year 1

Diocesan Prayer link this week

St Margaret Mary Coleford, Our Lady of Victories
Cinderford & Our Lady of Lourdes Newent

Second Collection Next Sunday For the Poor Missions of the Diocese

This fund enables the Bishop to support some of the financially less fortunate parishes in our Diocese. This is one collection that reminds us of the support and encouragement we give to each other as a Diocesan

family, and our responsibility to care for our wider family in the diocese.

Church Flowers for Christmas

You may have noticed that Christmas is on the horizon, and the wonderful people who do the Church flowers all year round are making plans for flowers within the Church to celebrate the Christmas Feast

To help with this there is a collection box at the back of the Church to help cover the cost of flowers and a Christmas tree in the Church. While I realise it is an expensive time of year it would be wonderful if you are able to help with this and make the Church even more beautiful.

Please pray for the repose of the soul

of Ezio Motterle who died recently and whose funeral took place this week in Italy. We pray too for his family and friends that, they may be comforted by the Lord

Christmas Memorial Service at Haycombe Cemetery & Crematorium – 3pm Sunday 8th December

This service will take place in the Hilltop Chapel and I have been asked to help with the Service. As well as carols tags will be provided which can be personalised and hung on a Christmas Tree and a candle will be lit for each person. You are also invited to send a photograph of someone you would like to remember which will be displayed on the screens during the Service. Full details are on the poster in the website or, if you e mail Fr Robert, he can send it to you

Confession in Preparation for Christmas 18th Dec 1800

On Wednesday the 18th of December there will be an opportunity for Confession with Bishop Declan and myself available. During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for prayer and devotion. This time will conclude with Benediction at around 1845

St John's Family crib service Sunday 15th December at 3pm - a retelling of the Nativity story.

Children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity if they wish. Light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Welcome back ...

to Fr Tibor who will offer the 1000 Mass on Tuesday

Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamp for the Blessed Sacrament is offered this week as a prayer for the Intention of Stephen and Rita Jubbie.

If you wish to donate a Lamp for a prayer intention please put your offering in an envelope & write the chosen lamp, your name & the intention on the envelope, though such a donation can be anonymous as well.

English Monasteries from Earliest Times to 1540

Giles Mercer will give a lecture on this at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, Queen Square, to the Bath and Counties Archaeological Society on Thursday 12 December at 7.30pm. All are warmly welcome and details are on Our Lady's noticeboard.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion sessions will begin on Sunday 12th January, meeting at the front of the church at 10am. Sessions will last for 45 minutes before the 11am Mass. There are registration forms at the back of the Church and these will need to be handed in prior to your child starting.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our last CLOW will be celebrated during the 1100 am Mass on Sunday the 15th Dec '24. We will resume on Sunday 12th Jan '25.

The SVP Christmas Social

would like to warmly invite you to join in our parish festivities after the 11am Mass on the 15th December for a 'Bring and Share'. If you are able please a plate of your favourite food and if you wish a bottle to share. The SVP will be happy to welcome you and provide mince pies, mulled wine and hot drinks. There will be a 'Guess how many sweets in the jar' competition but no raffle. All donations will go towards Fr Leonard's missionary parish in Rwanda.

Online courses

The Diocesan Adult Education Dept is offering an online courses The Happy Life of Virtue: We have seven sessions to discover the virtues of faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance, keys to a holy and happy life, in communion with God and in imitation of Our Blessed Mother Mary. The sessions take place every second Friday of the Month, at 7.30 pm, and begin on the 13 December 2024.- 1: Faith Session 10 January - 2: Hope Session 14 February - 3: Charity Session 14 March - 4: Prudence Session 11 April - 5: Justice Session 9 May - 6: Fortitude Session 13 June - 7: Temperance This course is designed for the Catholic Women's Association and is open to everyone.

To sign up for either course please e mail Fr Robert and he can send you the Zoom link

Beyond the Threshold

"creating safe spaces for people to find out who we are, what we believe and what we're like. A day for all! On Saturday 18 January we will explore the key principles that we need to employ before we embark on any specific programme of catechesis. Our day at St Brendan's College, Brislington, will start at 10am (9.30am refreshments) and will be led by International Speaker and Author, David Wells as our keynote speaker. In addition there will be a series of workshops to look at how we apply the principles of creating a safe space, enabling others to know who we are, what we believe and what we are like! To register for the day please click on the Eventbrite link: <https://beyondthethreshold.eventbrite.co.uk>"

The Pilgrim Cross

This is an Easter pilgrimage for all ages that walks every year to Walsingham - an ancient site of pilgrimage in Norfolk. We live and walk in community seven days before spending an amazing weekend celebrating Easter in the ruins of Walsingham Abbey. The pilgrimage is a way of celebrating Easter like no other and the friendships you make during the week last a lifetime, but what we appreciate most is the opportunity to step out of the busyness of everyday life for a week and just be. Whether you are looking to deepen your faith, find fellowship with friends or just to take some time to think, we look forward to meeting you on Pilgrim Cross. Please e mail Fr Robert if you would like an expression of interest form which also has some FAQ's for the Oxford leg.

Diocesan Adult Education Dept

This Diocesan Dept would like to encourage your parishioners to sign up for our social media accounts. *"It will be within these that they will hear about future events, opportunities for formation and other items which might be of interest. We will send a copy through the post if you require a hardcopy, just let us know"*. A link to their newsletter can be found on our diocesan website can be found on the following link - <https://cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/>

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £154.95 Gift Aid Envelopes £65.02

Readers

Sun 1st December 11.00: Maureen 18:00: Jean

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This Sunday Bibian and Veritas

The Season of Advent

"Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us signs of the attention he has for each one of us. How often does God give us a glimpse of his love! To keep, as it were, an "interior journal" of this love would be a beautiful and salutary task for our life! Advent invites and stimulates us to contemplate the Lord present. Should not the certainty of his presence help us see the world with different eyes? Should it not help us to consider the whole of our life as a "visit," as a way in which he can come to us and become close to us in every situation?"

Advent becomes an opportunity to reawaken within ourselves the true meaning of waiting, returning to the heart of our faith which is the mystery of Christ, the Messiah who was expected for long centuries and was born in poverty, in Bethlehem. In coming among us, he brought us and continues to offer us the gift of his love and his salvation.

Thus, the Advent season "is in a particular way a period of joy, an interiorized joy that no suffering can diminish. It is joy in the fact that God made himself a Child. This joy, invisibly present within us, encourages us to journey on with confidence."

Pope Benedict the 16th