



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

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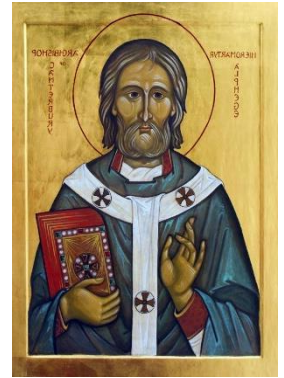
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21st Sunday of the Year B

25th August 2024

**Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege
& St Joseph's, Peasedown**

Sun 25th	20th Sunday of the Year
0900	People of the Parish <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100	Thomas & Kathleen Quinn +
1700	Exposition Rosary and Benediction
1800	Friends of the Suffering Souls
Mon 26th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	No Mass
Tue 27th	Memorial of St Monica
1000	Agnieszka Oleksy +
1100	<i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
Wed 28th	Memorial of St Augustine
1000	
Thur 29th	The Passion of St John the Baptist
1100	Exposition & Rosary <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1730	Exposition & Confession
1800	People of the Parish
Fri 30th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
1200	
Sat 31st	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne
1000	For vocations to the Religious Life
1030	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation
1130	Sacrament of Baptism
Sun 1st Sept	22nd Sunday of the Year
0900	People of the Parish <i>St Joseph's PSJ</i>
1100	Maria Concetta Scianna +
1800	People of the Parish

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass
 Psalter Week 1 / Readings Sun B / Weekdays Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages - please speak with Fr Robert

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St Teresa of the Child Jesus Filton
 and St Vincent de Paul Southmead

Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps

For the week beginning Sunday the 25th of August the **Lamp** in the Lady Chapel is offered as a prayer for Holy Souls and all the Faithful departed

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.

Open Days

St Alphege Parish will again participate in the Heritage Open Day scheme organised by BANES Council, by which buildings of special heritage importance are opened to the public. At 2.30pm for one hour on Friday 6 September, Thursday 12 September, and Saturday 14 September Giles Mercer will give a guided tour of the church to members of the public. The architect's intentions, focused on worship, prayer, Our Lady and St Alphege, will be explained. This proved popular last year. Parishioners are warmly welcome to join one of the groups. Please do advertise this in advance.

SVP National Raffle

The national SVP summer raffle is currently underway. If you would like to take part tickets are £1 each. If you would like more information please see the poster on the SVP noticeboard. Lizzie Creevy will be selling them until 1st September (except for the 9th to 16th August)

The Catholic Union of Great Britain

This is a voluntary association of the Catholic laity which seeks to advocate and uphold, by all proper and legitimate means, Catholic moral and spiritual principles and interests in public affairs, regardless of political parties and affiliations. It has a special responsibility where the concern of Catholics requires representation to Parliament and to other publicly elected or appointed bodies. It does excellent work for the Church and receives the full support of the Bishops' Conferences. For weekly, free, and interesting briefings on current concerns and actions go to catholicunion.org.uk/weekly briefings current concerns and actions go to: catholicunion.org.uk/weeklybriefings

Back to School

Although the school holidays have only just started it won't be long before the practical preparation for the next term starts. If you are having problems wish back to school costs, for example, uniform, shoes or stationery the SVP can help. Please get in contact with the SVP (you can find all the members on the SVP notice board) or speak with / email Fr Robert to see what support is available.

Magnificat

Magnificat is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer. For each day, it contains the readings and prayers for Mass, with a meditation from the great spiritual writers of the Church throughout history, and Prayer for Morning and Evening inspired by the Liturgy of the Hours. There are also find lives of the Saints, articles on spiritual topics by contemporary writers, Prayer at Night, hymns, reflections, and an essay on a great example of Christian art in each issue. A subscription for for Magnificat offers 13 issues one per month and a special edition for Holy Week. Its normally £57 for the year, but it's on special offer for £49 until 30th November 2024. More details at <http://www.magnificat.com>

Lord, Teach us to Pray

Pope Francis has given us The Year of Prayer 2024 in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. This series at St John the Evangelist, South Parade, Bath, draws us into the school of prayer so that we might draw near to the Lord who calls us to draw near to him. The series details are:
Tuesday 24 September: The prayer of St Francis and St Clare (Friar Maximilian Martin, OFM Conv);
Tuesday 29 October: The prayer of Carmel (Fr Michael McAndrew);
Tuesday 26 November: The prayer of St Ignatius (Fr James Hanvey SJ).

Gift Aid Envelopes

The numbered Gift Aid envelopes for the next year, which come into use from Sunday 6 October, will be available on 1 September from the table at the back of the Church. You should have the same number that you were using last year.

The Gift Aid envelope system is very flexible, and allows donations of any value and any frequency to be made without the need for a full gift aid declaration and donor details to be provided every time a donation is made. 25% of all donations received in this way can be reclaimed from HMRC at no additional cost to yourself. Any parishioners who would like to join this system of donating to the church, or who are regularly using the green 'Ad Hoc' donation envelopes should pass their details to Fr Robert or Maureen Dyson, who will make the necessary arrangements.

Parishioners are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that they are UK Tax payers and comply in full with Gift Aid Regulations. Any changes in circumstances which may negate existing gift aid declarations should be advised to Fr Robert or Maureen Dyson at the earliest opportunity.

The Parish is very grateful for all donations received and particularly for the additional 25% which can be reclaimed from HMRC on gift aided donations.

Season of Creation

1 September is the beginning of Seasons of Creation: To Hope and Act with Creation. The Season of Creation website (<https://seasonofcreation.org>) is filled with resources which you can use in your communities and families, and will be a place where global initiatives can

come together. The Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation will be holding an online book club this year to celebrate. The book will be Ten Commandments for the Environment: Pope Benedict XVI Speaks Out for Creation and Justice by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker.

There will be five sessions, with each one covering two of the commandments. We will offer each session twice each week – a Monday afternoon session (13.00-14.30) and a Thursday evening session (19.00-20.30). The dates will be:

Monday Afternoon 13.00-14.30 Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Thursday Evening 19.00-20.30 Sept 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3

To register, please sign up at our Eventbrite to the time slot you'd like to join: Monday 2 Sept (1pm):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/season-of-creation-book-club-tickets-983469954107>

Thursday 5 Sept (7pm):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/season-of-creation-book-club-tickets-983537827117>

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £216.7 Gift Aid Envelopes £243

Readers

11.00: Joy, 18:00: Jean

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Little Church

This week: Alexia

Dates for your Diary in October!

Platinum Jubilee of the Consecration of the Church

Monday the 7th of October is the 70th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church. Bishop Declan will say Mass at 7.00pm and then there will be a small reception in the Hall. A chance for us to give thanks for all we have received, to pray for our Parish, and to ask God to bless and increase our community of faith.

Mass and the Anointing of the Sick

On Saturday the 19th of October there will be a Mass at 4.00 pm during which we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and anointing with the Oil of the Sick

Rosary and Benediction

On Sunday the 27th of October there will be Rosary and Benediction at 5.00 pm in the Church

Rosary before Mass

On Saturdays in October we will say the Rosary at 0930 before Mass during October which is the Month of the Holy Rosary.