



The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath

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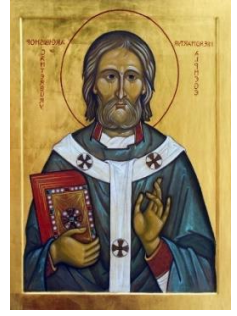
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Also serves the Parish of St Joseph, Peasedown St John



32nd Sunday of the Year B

10th November 2024

Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

Sun 10th	32nd Sunday & Remembrance Sunday
1100	Leila Emmerson RIP
1800	David Lintern RIP
Mon 11th	St Martin of Tours
No Mass	
Tues 12th	St Josaphat
1000	
Wed 13th	Weekday Mass
1000	
Thur 14th	Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese
1715	Exposition & Confession
1800	Int of Fr David Chadwick
Fri 15th	The Holy Souls
1200	
Sat 16th	St Edmund of Abingdon
0930	Rosary
1000	Mass
1030	Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 17th	33rd Sunday of the Year
1100	People of the Parish
1800	Sinead Sheridan RIP

Masses & Service at St Joseph Peasedown St John

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

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass
Psalter Week 3 / Readings Sun B / Weekdays Year 2

Diocesan Prayer link this week

St Catharine Chipping Campden
& Our Lady Stow on the Wold

First Holy Communion 2025

A few people have asked when First Holy Communion will be next year. This will be celebrated on the 22nd of June 2025 which is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Readers

The new Lectionaries have now arrived and Bishop Declan will bless them at on the first Sunday of Advent which is the 1st of December.

This seems a good moment to invite more members of the congregation to read at Mass. We are very lucky to have such a good group of readers at both Masses, but it would be also good if more people offered to undertake this ministry. The text of the readings are available to take away to prepare in advance, and anyone of any age can undertake this ministry. Please let me know if you would like to help the Parish in this way.

Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamp for the Blessed Sacrament is offered this week as a prayer for Peace in our world. And the Lamp in the Lady Chapel is offered as a prayer for victims of famine, violence, and war.

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.

November – the month of the Holy Souls

During November we pray for and remember in a particular way those who have died, our family, friends, and all those dear to us, but also those who died un-mourned in this world who have nobody to pray for them.

I have left envelopes on the table by the Newsletter in which you can put the names of those whom you will be remembering. Please feel free to add an envelope to those already beside the Altar on the left side.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Neil Charles McPherson who died recently, and for his family after this sudden loss.

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.

Catholic Mothers Bath & West Wiltshire

A group for mothers to meet monthly to share tea, cake, faith and fellowship. Children are most welcome. Join us on Monday 11th November in the hall after the 9.30 Mass at St John's the Evangelist, Bath. Contact Amy on 07872382979 to find out more.

Beacons

On Monday 18th November we will be meeting in the hall from 2 to 4pm for friendship, refreshments and a raffle in aid of Fr Leonard's new parish in Rwanda. We all enjoyed his ministry in the summer while Fr Robert was away so that will be a practical way of showing him our gratitude. All most welcome.

November Quiet Day

The Bernadine Sisters in Brownhill are holding a November Quiet Day on Friday the 22nd of November 1030 – 1730 an opportunity “to come to the Monastery to reflect, to pray, to simply be with God”. A Sister will give some input at 11 am for those who wish. You are welcome to join the community for times of prayer throughout the day and to use the Chapel, sitting rooms and garden.

Suggested offerings for the day are £20 with a packed lunch and £30 with a cooked lunch. More details on their website under the Programme tab.

“Assisted Dying”

A talk will be given at St. John's on Tuesday 19th November at 2.00pm by Prof. Julian Hughes on assisted dying and the current proposed legislation being considered by Parliament. He has recently published a book called “The reality of assisted dying”.

The Assisted Dying Bill

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics), which is the national Catholic bioethics centre for the UK and Ireland), has some new resources on this

<https://www.bioethics.org.uk/educational-resources/resources-on-eas/> There are also useful resources on the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Website

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> People are encouraged to write to their MP to make their voice known. This vote could go either way, and MPs are getting many letters from the assisted suicide lobby.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome

This Will take place from Sat 27th September - Thurs 2nd October 2025 in 2025 with the Bishop. It is limited to 55 places. The cost is between £965 – £1,050. Further details are at this link . <https://www.jcjourneys.com/clifton-diocese-rome>.

St Johns School Admissions Policy Consultation

The Governing Body of St John's Catholic Primary are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for 2026-27 school year. Proposed changes from the existing arrangements include: a) The introduction of new oversubscription criteria b) The introduction of a new Supplementary Information Form c) A new In-Year application form (for those applying for admission during the school year d) The use of a random number generator to help rank applicants, rather than drawing lots. e) A revised definition of home address to include any address where the child spends any part of the school week.

The draft policy is on the school website under the Prospective Parents - Admissions tab You are invited to provide any comments you may wish for consideration on these proposed arrangements (though not other arrangements) to Vanessa Locke - Clerk to the Governors at vlocke@stjohns.bathnes.sch.uk; by 12.00pm Noon on

20 December 2024. Final arrangements will be determined by 28 February 2025 and will appear

Poetry

A number of you asked me about the poem I mentioned during the Homily at Mass last Sunday. The text is below,

LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'

'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

It was written by the poet George Herbert (3 April 1593 – 1 March 1633). His poetry is associated with the writings of the metaphysical poets, and he is recognised as one of the foremost British devotional lyricists. He was born in Wales into an artistic and wealthy family and largely raised in England. He received a good education that led to his admission to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1609. He went there with the intention of becoming a priest, but he became the University's Public Orator and attracted the attention of King James I. He sat in the Parliament of England in 1624 and briefly in 1625.

After the death of King James, Herbert renewed his interest in ordination. He gave up his secular ambitions in his mid-thirties and took holy orders in the Church of England, spending the rest of his life as the rector of the rural parish of Fugglestone St Peter, just outside Salisbury. He was noted for unfailing care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill and providing food and clothing for those in need. He was never a healthy man and died of consumption at age 39.

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £255.87 Gift Aid Envelopes £32

Readers

Sun 10th of November 11:00: Nkechi 18:00: Jean

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This Sunday: Janet