



# The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath

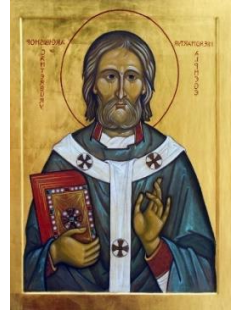
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Also serves the Parish of St Joseph, Peasedown St John

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year B**

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b> 1100 1800	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> People of the Parish Sinead Sheridan RIP
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b> No Mass	
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b> 1000	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>No Mass</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b> <b>NB</b>
<b>Thur 21<sup>st</sup></b> 1715 1800	<b>Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple</b> Exposition & Confession Florence Elizabeth Mercer RIP
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 1200	<b>St Cecilia</b>
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 0930 1000 1030	<b>Mass of Our Lady</b> Rosary Mass Confession – Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b> 1100 1800	<b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b> People of the Parish For the suffering souls

### Masses & Service at St Joseph Peasedown St John

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Sunday</b> at 0900 & <b>Tuesday</b> at 1100
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>Thursday</b> at 1100 during Exposition

### Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Mass  
Psalter Week 1 / Readings Sun B / Weekdays Year 2

### Diocesan Prayer link this week

St Peter Cirencester, St Aldhelm Malmesbury  
& St Michael Tetbury

**Second Collection next Sunday**  
for the Diocesan Youth Service

### **Wednesday weekday Mass**

I am sorry that I cannot offer Mass on Wednesday morning as usual as I have to attend a mandatory day Safeguarding Training in Wootton Bassett.



### **Mass for the Holy Souls in Haycombe Cemetery**

1000 on Sat the 30th of November  
in the Hilltop Chapel

During this Mass we will pray for those who are buried or interred in the Cemetery for our all our departed loved ones, family, & friends, and for all who have died with nobody to pray for them. A collection will be taken to help cover the fee for using the Chapel. Please note there will not be a Mass in St Alphege on that Saturday.

I am very grateful to the staff at Haycombe for their generous help in enabling this Mass to be celebrated. If you would like a poster to advertise this please e mail Fr Robert. There will also be a collection at the Mass to help with the fee for the use of the Chapel.

### **Please pray for the repose of the soul**

- of Fr Bernard Carpenter, a retired Priest of the Diocese who died this week. He was for a long time Parish Priest in Frome
- of Neil Charles McPherson who died recently, and for his family after this sudden loss

### **Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps**

The Sanctuary Lamp for the Blessed Sacrament is offered this week as a prayer for deceased Servicemen and Women of all eras

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.

### **In Dulci Jubilo**

an evening of Christmas music performed by Bath Abbey's former Organ Scholar, Alex Hemple, and professional singer and previous Soloist for the Queen in Sandringham, Emily Ringwood. From Handel to Rutter, and beloved classics like Frosty the Snowman, there is something for everyone!

Join us in the Church of Our Lady & St Alphege, BA2 3NR, Tuesday 3rd December at 19:00 for an evening of music you are bound to enjoy! Tickets can be purchased in advance by emailing [emilyringwood@hotmail.com](mailto:emilyringwood@hotmail.com) or on the door for just £5

### **Catholic Herald**

The November issue of the Catholic Herald Magazine is available at the back of the Church – the price is £5 .

### **Beacons**

On Monday 18th November we will be meeting in the hall from 2 to 4pm for friendship, refreshments, a quiz about Bath 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.

### **SVP Raffle**

Thank you to those who bought some National SVP Raffle tickets from our conference. Unfortunately, none of us won a prize this time but overall the sales raised £127.81 for our SVP conference which we are very grateful for. We would like to thank you all for your continued support in our work.

### **The SVP**

is planning a Christmas party on Sunday 15th December after the 11am Mass. Keep the date and watch this space.

### **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.

### **A Charity Concert**

on Wednesday 27th November for Dorothy House at St Mary's Church, Julian Road, Bath, 7.30pm. A evening of jazz, swing and Latin music by Bath Community Big Band. Tickets £10/under 18 £5, plus a free drink in the Parish Centre afterwards. [www.bathcommunitybigband.com](http://www.bathcommunitybigband.com)

### **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.jcjournays.com/clifton-diocese-rome>.

### **Education Mass**

The Mass will be held at 6pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at Clifton Cathedral. It is an opportunity for all our school community (staff, students, parents, governors and anyone involved in Catholic education) to come together as a diocesan family with the Bishop to celebrate Catholic education.

### **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 email Fr Robert if you would like an expression of interest form which also has some FAQ's for the Oxford leg.

### **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. 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](mailto: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

### **Sunday Collection**

Last week Plate £188.2 Gift Aid Envelopes £99

### **Readers**

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> of November 11.00: Anne 18:00: Grainne

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

This Sunday Alexia