



# The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath

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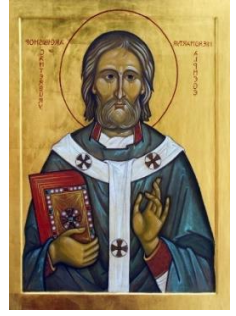
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Also serves the Parish of St Joseph, Peasedown St John



## Final Sunday of the Year B

24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b>
1100	People of the Parish
1800	For the suffering souls
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
No Mass	
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
1000	David and Jane Floyd RIP
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
1000	
<b>Thur 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
1000	Mass with St Johns School to prepare for the Season of Advent
1715	Exposition & Confession
1800	
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
1200	
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Andrew</b>
<b>1000</b>	Mass at Haycombe Hilltop Chapel
<b>1200</b>	Requiem Mass for Derek Nesbit
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent Year C</b>
1100	People of the Parish
1800	

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

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

### Information

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

### Diocesan Prayer link this week

The Immaculate Conception Clevedon, St Francis of Assisi Nailsea and St Joseph Portishead

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

### **Derek Nesbit RIP**

The Requiem Mass for Derek Nesbit will be offered at 1200 on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers



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

1000 on Sat the 30<sup>th</sup> 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. There will also be a collection at the Mass to help with the fee for the use of the Chapel.

A Mass to Prepare for Advent will be celebrated on Thursday at 1000 with St John's School. During the Mass Advent Candles will be blessed to them be taken back to each classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and pray with our children.

### **Offerings for Sanctuary Lamps**

The Sanctuary Lamp for the Blessed Sacrament is offered this week as a prayer for repose of the Holy Souls

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.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **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.

### **Family Adoration**

at St John the Evangelist on the last Sunday of the month, families and children gather to celebrate Adoration in a family friendly way. Children of all ages are very welcome. The next gathering at St John the Evangelist, South Parade, will be at 3.30pm on Saturday 30th November and will be joined by Bishop Bosco. Light refreshments served in the hall afterwards.

### **The SVP**

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.

### **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.

### **Online courses**

The Diocesan Adult Education Dept is offering two online courses

[a] Three sessions to prepare for Advent by reflecting from Scripture on the virtue of hope, as we enter into the Jubilee Year, 'Pilgrims of Hope.' The sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening on: 5 December, 12 December & 19 December.

[b] 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

### **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)

### **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>"

### **Beacons**

We had a jolly good gathering on Monday and enjoyed Martin's quiz about Bath streets while chatting and eating delicious home made cakes. The raffle table was heaving with prizes and with the donations we raised £160 for Fr Leonard's new parish in Rwanda. Thank you all for your generosity and please note that we won't be meeting at Beacons in December. Instead you are warmly invited to the Christmas party on the 15th of December.

### **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.

### **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.

Last week Plate £215.98 Gift Aid Envelopes £43

### **Readers**

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> November 11.00: Bibian 18.00: Dominic

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

This Sunday: Janet