



## The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

### Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

1100 Bishop Declan's Intentions

1715 Stations of the Cross

1800 People of the Parish

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Weekday of Lent**

No Mass

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Lent**

1000 Sue Williams RIP

1830 Stations of the Cross

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

1000 Mass in the Lady Chapel

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Lent**

1715 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

1800 Margaret Milliner RIP

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Lent**

0700

1130 Stations of the Cross

1200

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Lent**

0930 Rosary in the Lady Chapel

1000 Bishop Declan's Intentions on the Silver Jubilee of his ordination as a Bishop

1030 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

1100 People of the Parish

1715 Stations of the Cross

1800

### Mass Times at St Joseph Peasedown St John

**Mass** Sun 0900 & Tues 1100

**Stations** Thurs at 1100 during Exposition

### Information

Psalter Week 1 / Readings Sun C / Weekdays Year 1

### Diocesan Prayer link

St Augustine Matson and English Martyrs Tuffley

### Second Collection today - Priests Retirement Fund

This fund provides retirement grants and housing, including care home accommodation, to the priests who have served our Diocese faithfully during their years of active priestly ministry. This money supports them in their retirement and offers them security in their later years. Our gift to them through this fund shows them something of our gratitude and our support.

### Stations of the Cross

We will follow the way of the Cross in the Church at 1715 on Sun afternoon before Mass / 1830 on Tuesdays / 1130 on Fri mornings before the 1200 Mass

### Lenten Penitential Services

During Lent there will be celebrations of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey which will take place each Tuesday at 5 Churches across the Diocese. There will be priests available at each venue to hear confessions and details of venues are on the poster on the porch and on the front page of the website. Each Liturgy will start at 7pm and you would be most welcome at any venue.

### Dates for your diary

#### **Confessions**

On Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of April from 1730 - 1900 at 1800 The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 1800 and the service will conclude with Benediction at around 1900.

Confessions will also be heard on Good Friday morning at 1030 after Morning Prayer. This will be the last celebration of Reconciliation until after Easter.

#### **Chrism Mass** – Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April 1100 in the Cathedral

A thirty-seater coach has been booked to take people from the four parishes in Bath to the Cathedral. It will leave North Parade at 9.15am and return from Bristol at 12.30pm. The cost is £10 (return ticket). To book a place on the coach please contact St John's parish office at bath.stjohntheevangelist@cliftondiocese.com

### **Church Flowers for Easter**

As we move towards the celebration of Easter wonderful people who do the Church flowers all year round are making plans for flowers within the Church to celebrate this Solemnity. To help with this there is a collection box at the back of the Church by the Mass cards stand to help cover the cost of flowers. If you are able to help with this all donations would be gratefully received.

### **Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday**

Donations of Easter eggs would be gratefully received in preparation for the parish children's Easter egg hunt which will take place after the 11am mass on Easter Sunday. Please leave donations in the marked box at the back of the church or give them to Fr Robert who promises that all chocolate received will be passed on safely! Thank you.

### **Beacons**

We had a lot of fun on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at our Community gathering when we celebrated St Patrick's day chatting with friends and enjoying home-made cakes with a cuppa but the highlight of the afternoon was the brave attempt of some of us to follow three lovely Crazy Angels showing us the basics of line dancing! Thanks to them and your generosity the raffle raised £125.80 for the Weston Welcome cafe and Food club. Our next meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April in the hall from 2 to 4pm. Every one welcome.

### **Faith and Light Easter Party**

The Faith and Light Easter Party will take place on Saturday 11th April, 2-4pm at St Mary's Catholic Church (in the parish hall). Faith and Light is a cross-denominational Christian charity. Our purpose is to gather together people with learning disabilities and their friends and families. Please come and join our local community at our Easter Party. For more information: contact Helen Richardson 07554183985

### **A Vocation Weekend**

"Taste the goodness of the Lord who loves you" An opportunity to experience monastic life for women in their 20s, 30s and 40s, who have not already made a life commitment. Fri April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm - Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm at the Monastery of Our Lady and St. Bernard GL6 8AL. More details on their website <https://www.bernardine.org/brownshill-programme>

### **Finance News**

Last Week Offertory: £228.86 Gift Aid Envelopes: £73

### **Readers**

11.00: Steph 18:00: Grainne

**CLOW:** Janet

### **The celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum**

#### **Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

1900 Mass of the Lords Supper & watching at the Altar of Repose  
2055 Night Prayer

#### **Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

0900 Childrens Stations of the Cross  
1000 Morning Prayer  
1030 Confessions  
1200 Stations of the Cross  
1500 Liturgy of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross.

#### **Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

1000 Morning Prayer  
1900 The Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

1100 Sung Mass for Easter Sunday  
1800 Mass for Easter Sunday

### **Veiling in the Church**

It can seem strange that during the most sacred time of year we cover everything that is beautiful in our churches, even the crucifix. While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home.

We use veils to also alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

The Church also uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice. Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season