



The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege

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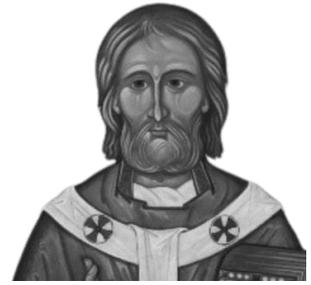
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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

www.saintalphege.org.uk

15th of March 2026

Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

Sun 15th 4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

1100 Fr Danny Campbell RIP (Anniv)

1715 Stations of the Cross

1800 People of the Parish

Mon 16th Weekday of Lent

No Mass

Tues 17th St Patrick

1400 Requiem Mass for Janet Worstall RIP

1830 Stations of the Cross

Weds 18th Weekday of Lent

1000

Thurs 19th Solemnity of St Joseph

1715 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

1800

Fri 20th Weekday of Lent

0700

1130 Stations of the Cross

1200

Sat 21st Weekday of Lent

0930 Rosary in the Lady Chapel

1000 Margaret Millner RIP

1030 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

Sun 22nd 5th Sunday of Lent

1100

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 4 / Readings Sun C / Weekdays Year 1

Diocesan Prayer link

St Peter, Gloucester

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Janet Worstall who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday the 17th of March at 2pm. Please note the change of time.

Eddie Eades who died this week. We offer our prayerful support to Sue and the family

May their souls soul and those of all the departed through the mercy of God may rest in peace.

Dates for your diary

Penitential Service in Holy Week – Tuesday 31st of March with Confessions from 1730 – 1900 and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 1800 – 1900

Chrism Mass – Weds 1st 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 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 look forward to welcoming you all in the hall on Monday 16th March from 2 to 4pm when we will celebrate St Patrick's Day with refreshments and a raffle in support of Weston Welcome Café & Food Club where Emily, one of our parishioner volunteers. There will be some dancing involved for those of us who feel like it.

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. We come together to share faith, fun, creative activities and friendship. Please come and join our local community at our Easter Party. For more information: contact Helen Richardson 07554183985

Clifton Evangelist

The Diocesan Dept of Adult Education and Evangelisation has issued the 17th edition of the Clifton Evangelist. The e mail publicising this says "We hope you enjoy reading it and look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas in response to any of the articles included. Please also check out the dates for the diary so that you don't miss out on the various events happening around the diocese. Our next edition will be out in a few months, so if you have an event you wish to promote in that issue, please do let us know." <https://cliftondiocese.com/clifton-evangelist/>

Daily Examen

St Ignatius recommended a prayer called the Examen which helps us to review our day and find God in our experience. How has God been present in your day? Where can you find light and cause for gratitude? In Lent we might want to try this prayer of review to reflect on how our Lenten season is going. This and other resources are available at <https://www.jesuitinstitute.org/explore/tasters>

Catholic Union Competitions for young people

Catholic Young Artist Award – children from Reception – Year 6 are invited to submit a picture answering the question "Forgiveness – what does this look like?" Pictures will be judged by Margaret Mizen, founder of the Mizen Foundation named after her son Jimmy. The deadline is the 22nd of May.

Catholic Young Writer Competition. Students in years 8 – 11 are invited to submit an essay of up to 1,200 words, following the guidelines, on the topic of "Why do we go to Confession". The Judge will be Joanna Bogle of the the Catholic Writers Guild of England and Wales, Deadline is the 30th of June. More details on the notice board in the porch or <https://catholicunion.org.uk/weekly-briefings/>

Finance News (February 2026)

Offertory: £1266.22 Gift Aid Envelopes: £224
Contactless Offertory: £174 Contactless GA Offertory: £679
Standing Orders: £1404
Last week Offertory: £423.74 Envelopes: £46

Readers

11.00: Maureen 18:00: Andrew

CLOW: Alexia

From Pope Leo's General Audience 11th of March continuing his catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*,

Unified in Christ, Lord and Saviour of every man and woman, the Church can never turn inwards on herself, but is open to everyone and is for everyone. If believers in Christ belong to it, the Council reminds us that "All people are called to belong to the new people of God. Wherefore this people, remaining one and unique, must extend to the whole world and to all ages, so that the intention of God's will may be fulfilled, who in the beginning created human nature as one and wants to gather together his children who were scattered" (LG, 13). Even those who have not yet received the Gospel are therefore, in some way, oriented towards the people of God, and the Church, cooperating in Christ's mission, is called upon to spread the Gospel everywhere and to everyone (cf. LG 17), so that every person may enter into contact with Christ.

This means that in the Church there is, and there must be, a place for everyone, and that every Christian is called to proclaim the Gospel and bear witness in every environment in which he or she lives and works. Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the Gospel to purify them and to raise them up (cf. LG, 13).

In this regard, the Church is one but includes everyone. A great theologian described it thus: "The unique Ark of Salvation must welcome all human diversity into its vast nave. The only banquet hall, the food it distributes is drawn from all of creation. The seamless garment of Christ, it is also – and it is the same thing – the garment of Joseph, with its many colours". [H. de Lubac, *Catholicism*]"