



The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege

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Second Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

Sun 12th Second Sunday of Easter

1100 People of the Parish

1800 Eddie Eades RIP

Mon 13th Monday in the Easter Octave

No Mass

Tues 14th Tuesday in the Easter Octave

1000 Intentions of Zosia Mill

Weds 15th Wednesday in the Easter Octave

No Mass

Thurs 16th Thursday in the Easter Octave

1715 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1800

Fri 17th Friday in the Easter Octave

0700

1100 Requiem Mass for Eddie Eades RIP

Sat 18th Mass of Our Lady

0930 Rosary in the Lady Chapel

1000 Intentions of Canon Michael English

1030 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

Sun 19th Third Sunday of Easter

1100 Special Intention (J)

1800 People of the Parish

**Please note that the 0700 Mass on Fridays
will continue during the Easter season**

Information

Psalter Week 2 / Readings Sun A Weekdays Proper

Mass Times at St Joseph Peasedown St John

Mass Sun 0900 & Tues 1100

Diocesan Prayer link

The Salisbury Parishes

Thankyou

to everyone who helped prepare and celebrate the Paschal Triduum and also to everyone who supports the life of the Parish throughout the year. Through our worship, ministries, and works of service, we proclaim that Jesus is alive, that death does not have the last word, but rather that the joy of the Resurrection is an inexhaustible source of strength.

There are a number of ways in which people can become more involved and we will be looking at these during the coming year and inviting everyone to take a part in the wider ministries which support and enable the mission of our parish community.

Easter Egg Hunt

Many thanks to everyone who donated Eggs for the hunt after the 1100 Mass on Easter Sunday. There were lots of eggs and I am glad to say all of them were found!

Flowers in Church

The Parish flower arranging team need new members. No experience is necessary and it would be a once a month turn. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Diana on 07983136369.

Beacons

Our next Community gathering will be on Monday 20th April from 2 to 4 pm in the hall where we will be have the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. There will be refreshments and a raffle in support of the charity 'Marie Curie'. All welcome.

Mission Red Boxes

Red box holders are kindly being to return their boxes to sacristy for counting. Thank you for your generous support our parish raised £1,552.51 through red boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill.

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

On Sunday the 12th of April the Divine Mercy devotion will take place in St Johns Church Confessions will begin at 2.00pm and the Chaplet with Adoration starts at 2.50pm.

Our Common Home Engaging Politicians

6:30pm April 13th online with Bishop John Arnold, The Diocesan Environmental Leads Network & Friends ... an alliance of organisations which has come together to offer parishioners guidance on key environmental issues and to help them engage local politicians in dialogue about defending our common home and safeguarding the dignity of all our brothers and sisters. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/delpolitics>

Called to Love, 2 - 3 May 26 at Stonyhurst

A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Sat 2nd to Sun 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday pm <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

'Now is the Time'

A Symposium to explore the teachings of Pope Leo in his Apostolic Exhortation 'Dilexi Te' (Love for the Poor) at St Brendan's College, Brislington, on Sat 30th May 10am – 4pm . Further details are on the poster in the porch.

Encounter 2026 – From Eastertide to Pentecost

You are invited to join evenings exploring how the Holy Spirit calls, guides and sends each of us on mission in Clifton Cathedral Tuesdays, 21 April – 19 May 7:00–9:00pm or via live stream. The series concludes with "Fire from Heaven" – a Pentecost Encounter Day and All-Night Vigil on 23 May (11:00am – 7:00am). For more information e mail Encounter@cliftondiocese.com

Readers

11:00 Ian 18:00: Grainne

From Pope Leo's Easter Message *Urbi et Orbi* on Easter Sunday 2026

Brothers and sisters, Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

For centuries, the Church has joyfully sung of the event that is the origin and foundation of her faith: *"Yes, Christ my hope is arisen / Christ indeed from death is risen / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning"* (Easter Sequence).

Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred. It is a victory that came at a very high price: Christ, the Son of the living God (cf. *Mt 16:16*), had to die — and die on a cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood. As the true immolated Lamb, he took upon himself the sin of the

world (cf. *Jn 1:29*; *1 Pet 1:18–19*) and thus freed us all — and with us, all creation — from the dominion of evil.

But *how* was Jesus able to be victorious? What is the strength with which he defeated once and for all the ancient adversary, the prince of this world (cf. *Jn 12:31*)? What is the power with which he rose from the dead, not returning to his former life, but entering into eternal life and thus opening in his own flesh the passage from this world to the Father?

This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems. Christ, our "victorious King," fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father's will, to his plan of salvation (cf. *Mt 26:42*). Thus he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross.

The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat. It is even more like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense.

Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good; it does not seek to impose its own plan, but to help design and carry out a plan together with others.

Yes, Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognize one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light.

Brothers and sisters, through his resurrection, the Lord confronts us even more powerfully with the dramatic reality of our freedom. Before the empty tomb, we can be filled with hope and wonder, like the disciples, or with fear like the guards and the Pharisees, forced to resort to lies and subterfuge rather than acknowledge that the one who had been condemned is truly risen (cf. *Mt 28:11–15*)!

In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!