



The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

Sun 26th Fourth Sunday of Easter

1100 Terence Bate RIP

1800 People of the Parish

Mon 27th Weekday of Easter

No Mass

Tues 28th Weekday of Easter

1000 Canon Matthew Hayes RIP (anniv on Monday)

Weds 29th St Catherine of Sienna Patron of Europe

1000

Thurs 30th Votive Mass of St Alphege

1715 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1800 Intention of Ann & Deacon Kevin Moloney

Fri 1st St Joseph the Worker

0700

1200 Dr Judith Champ RIP

Sat 2nd St Athanasius

0930 Rosary in the Lady Chapel

1000 Elizabeth's intentions

1030 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

Sun 3rd Fifth Sunday of Easter

1100 Bishop Declan's intentions & in thanksgiving

1800 People of the Parish

Information

Psalter Week 4 / Readings Sun A Weekdays Proper

Mass Times at St Joseph Peasedown St John

Mass Sun 0900 & Tues 1100

Diocesan Prayer link

St Joseph Stonehouse

and The Church of the Annunciation Woodchester

Clergy Training Fund Second collection today

This collection, taken across the Diocese, enables the support of those who offer themselves for training for the Diocesan priesthood. It helps to fund their training at seminary and offer them a grant during their years of formation. The fund, at times, is also used to support the on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our Diocese and formation of permanent Deacons.

Please pray for

...Tom White who is to be baptised and Chris Aspen who will be received into the full Communion of the Church on Pentecost Sunday.

Dedication of the Parish to Our Lady for the coming year

At the beginning of May last year we dedicated our Parish to the intercession of Our Lady of Hope. This year, at the end of the 1100 Mass on Sunday the 3rd of May, we will ask the intercession and guidance of Our Blessed Lady under her title Our Lady Vulnerata (Nuestra Senora Vulnerata) whose statue has been at the heart of the Chapel at the English College Valladolid and venerated there since the 8th of September 1600.

Mass and the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick

During the 1800 Mass on Thursday the 21st of May we will also celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass. St Pope John Paul II said, in Southwark Cathedral in 1982, that "Sickness and suffering seem to contradict all that is worthy, all that is desired by man. And yet no disease, no injury, no infirmity can ever deprive you of your dignity as children of God, as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. By his dying on the Cross, Christ shows us how to make sense of our suffering. In his Passion we find the inspiration and strength of turn away from any temptation to resentment and grow through pain into new life.

Suffering is an invitation to be more like the Son in doing the Father's will. It offers us an opportunity to imitate Christ who died to redeem mankind from sin. Thus the Father has disposed that suffering can enrich the individual and the whole Church. We acknowledge that the Anointing of the Sick is for the benefit of the whole person.....a source of strength for both the soul and the

body.... The prayer of the Church asks that sin and the remnants of sin be taken away. It also implores a restoration of health, but always in order that bodily healing may bring greater union with God through the increase of grace.”

Investiture of the Miraculous Medal

On Saturday the 23rd of May at 3.00 pm, the eve of Pentecost, there will be a distribution and investiture of the Miraculous Medal and an opportunity for those already enrolled to renew their commitment. This will be followed by Exposition, Rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall. We look forward to welcoming you to this special time of prayer. Details are on a flyer on the noticeboard.

Beacons

Many of us met on Monday 20th for our April community meeting and spent the afternoon happily together. The raffle in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care raised £100 which were gratefully received. Our next Beacons will be on the 18th May. All welcome and bring your friends.

Ministries Recollection afternoon

On Sunday the 12th of July Deacon Kevin will lead an afternoon of Recollection for those involved in ministries in our Parishes. It will begin at 2.30pm and finish with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 1630. Please keep the date in your diary.

Prayer Live-in Fri 15th – Sun 17th of May

The Bernadine Cistercians at the Monastery of Our Lady & St Bernard at Brownhill are inviting people to come for a weekend of prayer. There will be talks by members on the community and also opportunities to enter into the rhythm of prayer that shapes every day in the monastery and to take time to listen “with the ear of your heart”. Information on their website and the poster in the porch.

‘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.

Parenting Teenagers?

The CELEBRATE Trust has arranged two webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. We are aware that bringing up young people in today’s world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so we have booked some experts to share their wisdom with you, help you gain confidence and provide you with some practical ideas to support you at home.

Confident parenting in a world of screens 29 April 8pm
Raising teenagers in a Catholic family 2 June 8pm

For more information or to reserve a place for either session visit and book at

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

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

Dr Scott Hahn visit to Bath

The Catholic writer, author, broadcaster and teacher is coming to this country in May and will be speaking at St John the Evangelist, Bath, on Tuesday, 26 May at 7.00pm. It will be a ticketed event only and details of how to buy a ticket will be available soon. In addition, Dr. Scott will be signing his books which CTS will bring with them.

We believe Festival of Catholic life

This will again take place at Oscott College from Friday the 24th to Monday the 27th of July. More details on the poster in the porch or on their website which is at <https://www.webelievifestival.com/>

Readers 11:00 Matt 18:00 Dominic

CLOW Alexia

Finance News (March 2026)

Offertory: £1614.72 Gift Aid Envelopes: £295

Contactless Offertory: £248 Contactless GA Offertory: £849 Standing Orders: £1404

Second Collections: CAFOD Lent Fast Day £360.91

Last Week Offertory: £301.36 Envelopes £48

From Pope Leo’s Letter to Cardinals 12th April

“Every baptized person is called to renew their encounter with Christ, moving from a faith merely received to a faith truly lived and experienced. This journey affects the very quality of spiritual life, expressed in the primacy of prayer, in the witness that precedes words, and in the coherence between faith and life.

At the community level, it calls for a shift from a pastoral approach of maintenance to one of mission. This requires communities to be living agents of the proclamation — welcoming communities that use accessible language, attentive to the quality of relationships, and capable of offering places for listening, accompaniment and healing. ...

Even when the Church finds herself in a minority, she is called to live with confident courage, as a small flock bringing hope to all, mindful that the aim of mission is not its own survival, but the communication of the love with which God loves the world.”