The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege

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Easter Sunday **www.saintalphege.org.uk** **5th April 2026**

Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

Easter Sunday 5th April
1100 Sung Mass for Easter Sunday
Bishop Declan's Intentions
1800 Mass for Easter Sunday

Mon 6th **Monday in the Easter Octave**
No Mass

Tues 7th **Tuesday in the Easter Octave**
1000

Weds 8th **Wednesday in the Easter Octave**
1000

Thurs 9th **Thursday in the Easter Octave**
1715 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1800 Patrick Bernard Barron RIP

Fri 10th **Friday in the Easter Octave**
0700 For vocations to the Priesthood
1200

Sat 11th **Saturday in the Easter Octave**
0930 Rosary in the Lady Chapel
1000 Intentions of Helen Richardson
1030 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

Sun 12th **Second Sunday of Easter**
1100 People of the Parish
1800 Eddie Eades RIP

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

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Mass Times at St Joseph Peasedown St John

Mass Sun 0900 & Tues 1100

Diocesan Prayer link

The Salisbury Parishes

Easter Offering

The Easter Offertory Collection helps to support the ministry of the Parish Priest and forms a considerable contribution towards his annual income. Thank you for your kind generosity.

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. 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 people to take a part in the wider ministries which support and enable the mission of our parish community.

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.

Faith and Light Easter Party

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Faith and Light Easter Party on Saturday 11th April at St Mary's church has been cancelled.

Pope Leo Prayer intention for April

For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. The Holy Father released his monthly "Pray with the Pope" video which is prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network found at https://www.popesprayer.va/
In his prayer, the Pope entrusted all priests into the Father's hands, especially those going through moments of crisis, "when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt

clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope." God, he said, knows their struggles and wounds as they seek to accept His unconditional love as "humble and cherished disciples" and not as "mere functionaries or lonely heroes."
"Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer," prayed the Pope. He invited Catholics to support the men who "so often support us."

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

Readers
As arranged for Easter Sunday. The normal rota for readers resumes next Sunday. If you would like to offer to read at the 1100 or 1800 on Sunday please speak with Fr Robert, everyone is welcome to read at Mass.

Offertory £330.52, & envelopes £58.

Easter Message from the Bishop of Clifton
My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A blessed and holy Easter to you all, for Christ is risen. Alleluia. Alleluia. Once again the Church stands before the empty tomb and hears a voice that has come to us through the centuries with undiminished power: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" The crucified Lord has been raised from the dead. Jesus Christ, who passed through suffering and death, lives for ever. The stone has been rolled away. The darkness of the grave has given way to glory. And so the light of Easter shines upon the whole world.

This is the source of the Church's joy, the ground of her confidence, and the hope that does not disappoint. Because the resurrection of Jesus is the decisive act of God in history, and the living truth by which the Church now stands. Christ is alive, and because he lives, no darkness is absolute, no wound is beyond his mercy, no future is closed to grace.

How greatly our world needs to hear that message! There seems to be so much in our common life that troubles the spirit: conflict and uncertainty among nations, anxiety in our communities, and in so many hearts the more hidden burdens of grief, illness, loneliness, disappointment and fear. Easter speaks into all of this with clear and unshakable simplicity. It proclaims that sin does not have the last word. Suffering does not have the last word. Death itself does not have the last word. The last word belongs to God, and his word is life.

The Gospel accounts of the resurrection are full of tenderness as well as triumph. The first Easter morning begins in grief and bewilderment. Mary Magdalene stands weeping. The disciples are uncertain and afraid. The risen Lord comes to them not with reproach, but with peace. He calls Mary by name. He shows his wounds. He breathes his Spirit upon the Church. He still comes in that same way, to hearts that are searching, to lives that are burdened, and to communities that need courage for the road ahead.

And so, I wish to say to the whole Diocese of Clifton: be renewed in hope. The risen Christ walks with us. He is present in the proclamation of the Scriptures, in the breaking of the bread, in the communion of his Church, and in the fidelity of ordinary Christian life. He is with us in our parishes and schools, in our homes and chaplaincies, in our service of those in need, and in every act of prayer and love offered in his name.

I give thanks this Easter for the faithfulness of so many across the diocese: our priests and deacons, our religious, our teachers and catechists, our parish volunteers, our chaplains, our school staff, and all whose generosity sustains the Church's life and mission here. A lot of this service is offered quietly and without recognition, but it is precious before God and bears fruit in ways only fully known to him.

In this holy season, we welcome anew the call of the risen Lord. May we worship God with greater reverence and love. May we know and proclaim the faith with renewed confidence. And may we remain close to the poor, the forgotten and the wounded. The Church is born from the wounds of Christ and lives by his risen life. She belongs to him, and he will never forsake her.

May the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts and homes. May the risen Lord grant peace to our troubled world, consolation to those who mourn, strength to the weary, and fresh courage to all who seek to follow him. Mary, Mother of the Risen Lord, pray for us and accompany us. And may Almighty God bless you all in this Easter season.

With my affection and prayers,
Rt Revd Bosco MacDonald Bishop of Clifton