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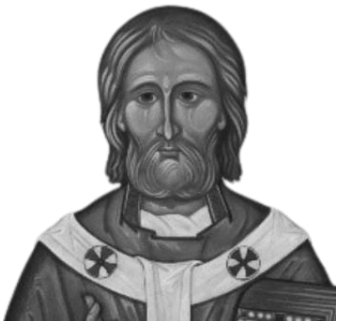

16th Sunday of the Year A **www.saintalphege.org.uk** **19th July 2026**

Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

Sun 19th **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1100 Ruth Rigby RIP
1800 Sue and Eddie – in Thanksgiving

Mon 20th **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
No Mass

Tues 21st **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
0930 St Johns School end of term Mass
Peter Collingridge RIP

Weds 22nd **St Mary Magdalene**
1000 Mgr Louis Farrow RIP *(anniv Monday)*

Thurs 23rd **St Bridget Patron of Europe**
1230 Requiem Mass for Jamie Pethick
1715 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1800 Int Canon Christopher Whitehead

Fri 24th **St Sharbel Makhluf**
0700 People of the Parish
1200 Canon Michael English RIP

Sat 25th **St James the Apostle**
0930 Rosary in the Lady Chapel
1000 Robert Grant RIP
1030 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

Sun 26th **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1100 Charles Savage RIP
1800 Peter Collingridge RIP

Mass Times at St Joseph Peasedown St John

Mass Sun 0900 & Tues 1100

Diocesan Prayer link

Religious Communities in the Diocese

Information

Psalter Week 4 / Readings Sun A & Weekdays Year 2

Retiring Collection next Sunday

…. for the Bishops Charitable Fund. This annual collection enables the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes that appeal to him. This money, in a way, is 'us' reaching out to the little causes we never hear about. It enables the Bishop to be charitable on behalf of the Diocese and to respond both immediately and at his discretion to those who seek his help.

Jamie Pethick RIP

The Requiem Mass for Jamie will be offered in the Church at 1230 on Thursday followed by burial at Haycombe. Please remember his partner and family in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

St Johns School end of term Mass

Please note that Mass on Tuesday will be at 0930 due to the School coming to the Church for Mass

Wanted! Enthusiastic individual to join the Parish Fabric & Finance Committee as the Gift Aid Secretary!

The Gift Aid process is largely automated requiring the minimum oversight - approx 1 hour per month with some additional input required at the end of the Financial Year when the actual claim is submitted. No specialist knowledge is needed. Full training is available at both the Parish and Diocese level as required. For more details or to express interest please contact Fr Robert.

Sanctuary Lamp

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that: *"In accordance with traditional custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fuelled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honour the presence of Christ".* In the Church we are lucky to have the striking lamp holder which hangs in the middle of the Sanctuary in which this lamp is placed. We do not know much about its origin other than Dom Anselm Rutherford bought the sanctuary lamp on a trip to Italy (presumably late 1920s or very early 1930s). Money for it was given by Miss

Holland of St John's parish and a Miss Spear. (as mentioned in Caroline Shaw's book about the Church).
It has been well loved and cleaned over the years but is now in need of restoration. I am very grateful to a member of the parish who has offered to fund this work. The holder will be removed on Tuesday by Ormsby Memorials who also renovated the kneelers in the Church and one of the patens used during Mass.

Marriage in a rut?
Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. More information online at www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788 7296983**

Celebrating the Year of St Francis
2026 marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi and Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Year to commemorate this.
Saturday 3rd October 2026 is exactly 800 years since St Francis died, and the day before his feast day. To mark this a walking pilgrimage is planned in the Diocese of Clifton on Saturday 3rd October with two legs:
The *Bristol leg* will start at Clifton Cathedral at 10.30am and end at the Church of St Francis of Assisi in Nailsea (9.4 miles) The *Clevedon leg* will start at the Franciscan church of the Immaculate Conception in Clevedon at 1pm and end at the Church of St Francis of Assisi in Nailsea (6.4 miles) The two legs will convene at 4.30pm at the church for refreshments and prayer. Those who wish can stay for the 6pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Francis. Pilgrims are welcome to register to join for one or other of the legs. Walkers do so at their own risk. Children under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Pilgrims will be responsible for carrying their own food and drink and for arranging their own transport to the start and finish. Nailsea is well served by trains to Bristol and buses to Bristol and Clevedon. More details about the walks and how to register can be found at
https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/a-franciscan-pilgrimage-in-the-diocese-of-clifton

Readers 11:00 Anne 18:00 Callum

Finance Last week Offertory £264.65 Envelopes £18

From a reflection for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul by Bishop Eric Varden OCSO
"St Peter had lived close to Christ for years. He had heard the Lord's teaching, watched his miracles, felt his inner battles. He had betrayed Jesus. At Easter he had been forgiven. He knew what grace is about. At the same time he took seriously the task entrusted him by the Risen One: 'Feed *my* lambs!' Who was he to decide who did and did not belong to the Lord's flock?
St Paul is a different kettle of fish. To him, as he explains to the Galatians, God had directly given a specific mission: that of incorporating the gentiles into the mystical Body of Christ so that the Church might be, in the radical sense, *Catholic*, truly universal, embracing all peoples.

St Peter stood for the priceless inheritance of remembered tradition. St Paul stood for the newness that the living, ever forward-looking Lord realises in his Church. It had to come to a confrontation, but not in the sense of a fight.

For both perspectives, the Petrine and the Pauline, are valuable, indispensable. Presupposing each other, they subsist in dialectic tension. To be a Catholic is to sustain such tension, to learn to love it so as, through it, to grow to full maturity in Christ.

This tension makes the Church recognisable *now* as holy and apostolic. It protects us, her members, from our own presumption. It can be a source of life-giving humility. For through it we discover that *God* remains the acting, creative Subject of the Church. His thoughts are not always ours. They are infinitely greater, lovelier, and fuller of promise. They can transform reality, renew creation, sanctify mankind.

The dispute St Peter and St Paul had at the Church in Antioch shows us this: there are not always ready-made answers to new questions. In the Church we must sometimes struggle to find answers. That is how the apostolic deposit unfolds, as the truth utters itself in love. Peter and Paul could risk conflict because they loved each other, and preferred nothing on earth to Christ's love. The life of both culminated in a perfect, freely given offering of self for the sake of the Church. That is how their apostolic authority was borne out. By that same criterion we can unfailingly test the degree of our own Christian credibility.

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