The Parish of Our Lady & St Alphege

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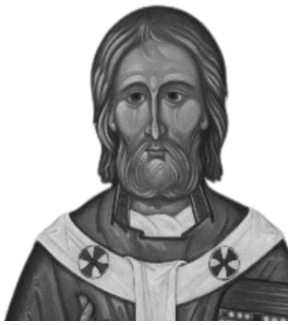

28th Sunday of the Year A **www.saintalphege.org.uk** **11th October 2026**

Mass Times at Our Lady & St Alphege

Sun 11th **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1100 People of the Parish
1800 John Flavin

Mon 12th **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
No Mass

Tues 13th **St Edward the Confessor**
1000

Weds 14th **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
1000

Thurs 15th **St Teresa of Avila**
1715 Exposition & Confession
1800

Fri 16th **Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart**
0700 For vocations to the Religious Life
1200

Sat 17th **St Ignatius of Antioch**
0930 Rosary in the Lady Chapel
1000 Intentions of Bernadette McKee
1030 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

Sun 18th **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1100 People of the Parish
1800 Desiree Woolley RIP

Mass Times at St Joseph Peasedown St John

Mass Sun 0900 & Tues 1100

Diocesan Prayer link

Holy Family Patchway

Information

Psalter Week 4 / Readings Sun A & Weekdays Year 2

Retiring Collection next Sunday

…. for World Mission Sunday. In England and Wales funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church. More details at www.missio.org.uk
Collection envelopes which can be gift aided are on the table by the noticeboard as are prayer cards.

Beacons

Our October gathering will be on Monday 19th from 2 to 4pm in the hall where we will meet old friends but also make new ones and share delicious home made cakes with a hot drink. This time the raffle will raise funds for Speech & Language UK , the charity which helps children not to be left behind by giving them skills to overcome their speech difficulties. We hope to welcome many of you and bring your friends!

Fr Tibor …

… celebrates twenty-five years of priestly ministry on Wednesday 21 October. He will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving at 7.00pm that evening at St John's in Bath and you are invited to join him in giving thanks for God's love and kindness to him across those years.

Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick

During the 6.00pm Mass on Thursday the 29th of October we will also celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick for those who would wish to receive this.

The Enchanted Night

This is a concert which will be given in the Church by Capella Nova in the Church on Saturday the 31st of October at 730 pm/ With music by Vaughan Williams, Weelkes, Hols, and others inspired by the night, dusk, and dawn through moonlight, Shakespeare, reflection and dreams. More details on the poster in the porch which also has a QR code to book a ticket.

Flower troughs at the front of the Church

For many years these were maintained by David Edwards, whose funeral we celebrated recently. He put bedding plants in twice a year. If anyone would like to continue this work in David's memory please have a word with Fr Robert.

The Power of the Rosary

A talk will be given at Clifton Cathedral, by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP, Promoter General for the Holy Rosary of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). The talk takes place on Thursday 22 October at 7pm (refreshments from 6.15pm) in the Apostle Room of the Cathedral. Details on the notice board

Magnifica Humanitas

The first encyclical letter of Pope Leo has been received with great interest .His great desire is that we should not be fearful of engaging with the conversation, whoever we are, because we are all embodied beings who desire real human relationships. There will be a day exploring Magnifica Humanitas on 24 October at St Brendan's College, Brislington, offers all the opportunity to go deeper into the encyclical. We are delighted to say that we will have with us Bishop Bosco, Dr Austen Ivereigh and Professor Carmody Grey (tbc) who together, will unpack for us the encyclical from their perspective and lead us into conversation. Details on the poster in the porch.

Come and Sing Mozart's Requiem

We are organising a music workshop to rehearse the liturgical movements of the Requiem at St John's Church on Saturday 07 November, 12.30 to 16.45.The cost is £10 which includes your copy. Some may like to take part in the performance of the Requiem on the following day, Remembrance Sunday. Contact Cathie on cam2107@gmail.com

School Governors

On Education Sunday there was another appeal for parishioners to serve as school governors or as academy trust directors. Being a governor/director is helping our schools to provide the best possible education for today's children and helping to protect Catholic schools for future generations – it is truly supporting the mission of the Church. There is an **urgent** need for more volunteers to serve as governors/directors and no previous experience is required. Contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese, for more information via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710094976

Starting School?

If you have a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2027 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Bath and North East Somerset Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2027.

Readers 11:00 Nikechi 18:00 Dominic

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Finance News (September 2026)

Offertory £1112.81 Gift Aid Envelopes £215
Contactless Offertory £351.5 Contactless GA Offertory £629 Standing Orders £1374
Second Collections: Catholic Education Service £159.3 Home Missions £210.25
Last week offertory £306.57 Envelopes £48

Donating to the Church

If it is of help you can use the camera on your phone and this QR code to help you with you Offertory donations

Parish life

While on leave / retreat I had a chance to do some reflection on the **rhythm of weekday Masses** in the Parishes as well as the **times for Adoration and Confession**. In particular I looked at the opportunities in Bath for Mass on Wednesdays. At the moment St Johns has Mass at 8am &10 am, St Marys at 10am and St Peter and Paul at 10am. My intention is to move the Wednesday Mass from 10am to 6pm and, as on Thursday, have Exposition until just before Mass as well as Confession from 1715 – 1745. While no time will suit everyone this would give a chance for people to come to Mass after work, potentially be more available to the local students, and also increase the opportunity for Adoration and Confession. Another benefit is that the Hall is free much more often on a Weds evening and so having meetings / talks / events for the parish after Mass would become much easier to arrange. I would be grateful to hear comments.

At the moment any **second collections** at the 1100 Mass are taken immediately after Holy Communion. I have been concerned that this interrupts the time of thanksgiving after our reception of the Bread of Life, and a number of people have echoed this. I am told that the point at which the collection has been taken has varied over the years, and so from now on the second collection at the 1100 will be taken after Mass (as at the Sunday evening Mass). There will be a collection bag at each door and of course there are options to support the collection by Dona or via the QR code on the Newsletter.