



# The Catholic Parishes of Saint Francis of Assisi, Nailsea & Saint Joseph, Portishead



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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

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	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Today's Readings</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	5.15-5.45pm St Joseph 9.45-10.15am St Francis		<b>Tuesday</b> 2pm-3pm St Francis
<b>Sunday</b>	5.15-5.45pm St Francis		<b>Wednesday</b> 12noon-11pm St Joseph
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.15-6.45pm St Francis		Including evening prayer at 5.30pm

### Liturgy this week

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am St Francis Mass 6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass	<i>Anna Shipsides (RIP Ann)</i>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<i>Education Sunday</i> 9am St Joseph Mass 11am St Francis Mass 6pm St Francis Mass	<i>People of the Parishes Denis Mills</i>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>No Mass today</b>	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10am St Joseph Mass	<i>Thanksgiving to St Anthony</i>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7pm St Francis Mass	
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am St Francis Mass	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom</i> 10am St Joseph Mass	<i>Henrietta &amp; Charles Burrows RIP</i>
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross</i> 9.15am St Francis Mass 6pm St Joseph Mass	<i>Thanksgiving to St Joseph</i>

## **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT - EDUCATION SUNDAY**

Education Sunday is one of the oldest days of special prayer in England and Wales which offers an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in Catholic education. This second collection will go to The Blessed Edward Powell Trust.

### **MESSAGE FROM FR FRANK**

We welcome pupils and staff back to our schools and pray that the new academic year will be a time of great blessings. The weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September is Education Weekend. St Joseph's School will lead the 9am Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

We are most grateful to Fr Phil and Fr Tom for covering Masses for two weekends whilst I was on holiday.

Elaine will be away from the office for two weeks from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> returning on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We wish her a lovely break and thank her for all she does in the parishes.

Please note the times of Confessions. The aim is to finish a quarter of an hour before Mass so that there is time for the priest to prepare for Mass.

### **RECEPTION OF THE CHALICE**

We will soon be looking to re-introduce the Chalice at all Masses. Before this happens there will be meeting of Ministers of Holy Communion on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September after morning Mass and coffee in Portishead and on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September after the evening Mass in Nailsea.

We need to know who is a commissioned Minister and whether you wish to resume this ministry or to retire. We also need to know who is willing to take communion to the sick and who only wishes to be a Minister at Mass. Those visiting the sick need DBS clearance. Ministers will also be needed for times of Adoration.

We will resume the practice of receiving from the Chalice on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September and recommission Extraordinary Ministers at Masses on those days.

### **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES WORKER**

I am delighted to let you know that this role has been made permanent from 1st September. Please keep Anne-Marie in your prayers as she continues this valuable ministry. Thank you for your support over the years for this role and please do all you can to enable this vital work to continue.

Regards Fr Frank

## **FEAST OF ST FRANCIS**

We are planning a celebration in Nailsea on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October for the Feast of St Francis. We will have Mass at 6pm followed by refreshments in the Hall with Family Animal Bingo starting at 6.30pm! Everyone most welcome.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

We will be starting our preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in October.

If you have a child who will be in school Year 4 (or above) in September 2024 and are interested in this, please complete the google form by clicking on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/sra442EmbWWImzDr5>

Alternatively, you can pick up an application form in the church porch. I will then contact you soon to invite you to an information evening.

Thank you.

Anne-Marie.

## **ROOF UPDATE – ST FRANCIS**

The latest news is that the contractors will now be not starting the new roof until before 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the earliest.

## **EVENING PRAYER – ST JOSEPH'S**

Evening Prayer will take place at 5.30pm every Wednesday during Adoration. Everyone is welcome. We use this opportunity to pray for parishioner's intentions and for the repose of the souls of those in the parish who have died that week.

## **DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS**

For September are available in both churches. Price £1.

## **FR RICHARD'S GIFT**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Fr Richards leaving gift. We collected £1,500 and we have received this message from him

*Many thanks to the parishioners of St Francis' and St Joseph's for their kind messages and cards as I left the parishes to move to Trowbridge. Also, many thanks for the very generous leaving gift that has been sent to me. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.*

*Fr Richard*

## **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED**

We are collecting good quality raffle prizes. Collection boxes are in both church porches.

## JOURNEY IN FAITH

All of us, whether we are conscious of it or not, are on a journey in our relationship with God. Like all journeys it has its ups and downs. Something might happen that challenges it: a death in the family, an illness, a comment on social media, a tricky conversation... How does our faith help us in these situations? "Journey in Faith" is a place where we can bring up our questions and experiences and together find ways to grow in faith using Scripture and the Catholic Catechism. We meet weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm starting on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at St Francis' hall.** (The venue will change every six weeks or so: after the autumn half-term holiday we will meet at St Joseph's hall). Meetings are informal and friendly with refreshments provided. Interested? Come and see! Contact Deacon Didier if you want more information.

## YOUTH CLUB – FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Our joint parish youth club for those in school years 6-9 resumes after the summer break. We meet on the **second Friday** of each month from **4.00pm - 6.00pm** in **St Joseph's** church hall.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**18th October** – Quiz Night and Fish n Chips, 7pm at St Francis.

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Rosary Walk, 12.30pm from both parishes to Clevedon arriving 3pmish for a Picnic. Drivers required for return trip.

More details to follow nearer the dates.

## JOINT PARISH PILGRIMAGE

**to Buckfast Abbey, Devon.** Friday evening **28th February** to Sunday lunch time **2nd March.**

**All welcome.** Fun! Faith! Fellowship!

Something for everyone! Accommodation on site.

Choose between **Grangehurst** a 15 bedroom house, sleeping up to 47 guests, some single, double, triple, and quadruple bedrooms. 9 of the rooms have ensuite but there are plenty of other bathroom/toilets on each floor. If we fill all the rooms, it works out at £35 a night.

However, if you prefer to stay in **Northgate** this is £80.80 a night for single occupancy or 2 people sharing. This is room only as we will all have breakfast together in Grangehurst. Please sign up on the expression of interest form in the church porch.

## VOLUNTEERS

It is a credit to both of our churches that the buildings and grounds are kept so well, and that people do so many odd jobs. On Fridays a group of men in Nailsea gather at 2pm to care for the grounds and do any jobs that need doing in the church or presbytery. They round things off with a cuppa and a chat.

Please let Fr Frank know if you would consider being part of this group.

The work in Portishead is done at various times and I'm sure that new faces would be most welcome.

Thanks to all in both churches: Your work is very much appreciated.

## ATTIC CLEARANCE

Fr Frank would like to reorganise the attic in St Francis Church. The entrance to the upper floor is hazardous and we ask that nobody goes up there unaccompanied. It would be useful to have some of the interested parties present, so that nothing that is needed is thrown away. Please see Fr Frank if you can help. A Friday afternoon or Saturday morning is suggested.

## BOOK SALE – ST FRANCIS

We are having a Book Sale after the 11am and 6pm Masses on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.** Good quality books are required and can be left at St Francis church. John Mc Allister

## THANK YOU!

Last week's Jam Sale and Coffee Morning after Mass at St Francis raised £150: towards our Roof Appeal. Thanks everyone.

## PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

Thanks to all of you who continue to support us with donations. If you are in a position to donate this week we would appreciate:

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat "meals" such as Irish stew, chilli, curry etc

Please leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph's church lobby.

## AMNESTY!

Please return any communion pyxes that you may have as we require them on a constant basis.

## SECURITY

For those who have a key to the Sacristy at St Francis – Please ensure all doors are locked before going to the Hall for refreshments. Thank you.

## **ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP – ST FRANCIS**

**starts on Monday 9th September.**

**“Be still and know that I am God”**

Our ecumenical Christian Meditation group is restarting after a summer break in St Francis Parish meeting room every Mondays at 8pm-9pm. Meditation is an ancient form of prayer aiming to bring our distracted minds to silence and stillness and rest in the presence of God. Often it is called the prayer of the Heart.

All are welcome. This term's theme is The Art of Waiting.

Later this year, we hope to offer another “Introduction to Christian Meditation” and explore its relevance as a form of prayer in our world. Details will follow.

However all are welcome, whether you have practised Christian meditation before or are new to this, to just turn up before 8pm on a Monday and join in.

If you have any questions, email Francesca on [francescamagner@gmail.com](mailto:francescamagner@gmail.com).

## **CELEBRATION – ST FRANCIS**

On the Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm to 5 pm in St Francis Church Hall we are hosting another celebration of the cultural diversity we have in Nailsea and the surrounding areas. Everyone is welcome, bring some food to share and taste with our Syrian, Afghan, Ukrainian and Chinese guests to name but a few. Come and chat and share their stories and cultures

There is a poster in the church with more information