



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



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**Sunday 25th May 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Today's Readings</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
Saturday 5.15-5.45pm	Wednesday	12noon – 11pm Includes evening Prayer 5.30-6pm



### Liturgy this week

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	<b>St Joseph</b>	Vigil Mass	
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass	
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	Yatton	Mass	
	9am	St Joseph	Mass	
	10am	Clevedon	Mass	
	11am	St Francis	Mass	
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Memorial Saint Philip Neri</i>			
	<b>No Mass today</b>			
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</i>			
	10am	St Joseph	Mass	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass of The Ascension of the Lord	<i>Toby Swift (RIP Ann)</i>
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St Francis	The Ascension of the Lord	
	12noon	St Joseph		
	7pm	St Joseph		
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	St Joseph	Mass	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> May	6pm	<b>St Francis</b>	Vigil Mass	
	6pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> June	8.30pm	Yatton	Mass	
	9am	St Joseph	Mass	<i>Coleen Casey</i>
	10am	Clevedon	Mass	
	11am	St Francis	Mass	

**Please note that there is Mass at 10am in Clevedon every day preceded by morning prayer at 9.45am.**

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord takes place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are listed on the front page of the Newsletter.

## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

The next session in preparation for Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. We are most grateful to parishioners who have provided our young people with a meal at the start of their sessions. Bishop Bosco will be in St Francis on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm. Please make every effort to come along and continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Our children and young people continue their journey towards First Holy Communion.

The First Holy Communion Masses will take place in St Joseph's on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at the Vigil Mass, 6pm and on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at the 11am Mass at St Francis. Canon Michael Fitzpatrick will celebrate the Sunday 9am Mass in Portishead that weekend.

## **SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE**

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) delivers the bishops' message to the media and to the wider world. It is the media office of the Bishops' Conference and exists primarily to serve the various departments, offices, agencies and consultative bodies of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Conference has seven departments: Evangelisation & Catechesis; Dialogue and Unity; Christian Responsibility and Citizenship, Catholic Communications Network; Christian Life and Worship, Catholic Education and Formation, International Affairs. The Catholic Communications Network works to serve the multimedia needs of the departments – broadcast, print and online.

## **WOMEN CONNECT**

Our next meeting for women from both parishes will take place on **Thursday 12th June at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church Hall.**

We will explore the story of a woman from the Bible and talk about how her life may speak to our lives today.

All are welcome.

## **HOLIDAY**

We wish our children and staff in the schools a very pleasant half term break. Thanks to all who were part of the May Procession at Saint Joseph's and to those at Saint Francis who prepared a lovely visit for Bishop Bosco.

## **CHILDREN'S ADORATION**

All are welcome to come long to Children's adoration especially pre-school children and their parents / grandparents.

We will start at 1.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June at St Francis Church.

Come and join us for songs, prayer and bible stories during adoration followed by refreshments in the meeting room.

## **LIVESTREAM – ST JOSEPH'S**

There is a problem with the system in Portishead and we are seeking to get it sorted as soon as possible. The system in Nailsea is working well. Livestreaming is not an alternative to attending Mass but is there for the housebound.

## **VOLUNTEER COUNTERS REQUIRED**

Both parishes require additional volunteers to help count the offertory. The counting is done in the sacristy after the Sunday 11.00am Mass at St Francis and after the Tuesday 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's, there must be two people always present. Please see Fr. Frank if you can help.

## **ADORATION – ST FRANCIS**

It would be good to return to Adoration in Saint Francis'. One weekday afternoon and one evening a week. Would those who would like to be involved please see Fr. Frank. There must be more than one person in the church at any one time.

## **VISITING CHURCH**

A lovely Catholic tradition is to pay a short (or longer) visit to a church. Our parish churches, St Francis and St Joseph's are open every day of the week from approx. 8.30am until 6.00pm (4.00pm in the winter) The Church in Clevedon is also open all day and entry is via the side door next to the friary.

## **JUBILEE MASSES**

We are honoured to have three retired Bishops living in Clifton Diocese. On Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, in the Cathedral, we will celebrate Mass for the Golden Jubilee of Bishop Declan Lang and the Diamond Jubilee of Bishop Crispian Hollis. Also living in our diocese is Rt. Rev Keith Newton the retired Bishop of the Ordinariate.

## **ROOF UPDATE – ST FRANCIS**

The long saga of replacing the roof windows in Nailsea is all complete. It is good to be back in the church. The situation now leaves the parish owing money. The project has cost in the region of £110,000. We have borrowed money to pay for all of this and thus owe £62,000 in loans. This puts a severe strain on the parish for the foreseeable future. There are other jobs that would be good to do, but they will have to go on the back burner until the loan is paid off.

## **ASK A QUESTION**

Following the success of our first 'Ask a Question' evening in Portishead in March we invite you to think if you have a question that you would like answering. Paper and pens are available in the foyer of both churches.

Please put your question in the box and come along on **Thursday 10th July in the Meeting Room at St Francis' Church, Nailsea at 7.00pm.**

## **MUSIC EVENING – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

**Tonight**, in St Francis' Church Hall. All are welcome. Come along and enjoy a sing song and listen to our children and young people play for us. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. All free but bring some money for the raffle!!

## **FILM NIGHT**

All are welcome to come along to the next film night on **Friday 13th June in St Francis Church Hall at 7pm** when we will watch the award winning film 'Conclave' £5.00 entry which includes a free ice cream!

## **YOUTH CLUB**

We will meet again on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 4.00pm - 6.00pm.**

## **DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS**

For July are available in both churches. Price £1.20.

## **UCM – ST JOSEPH'S**

The UCM cake sale will take place after the **9am Mass at St Joseph's on June 15th**. We invite contributions from parishioners. All proceeds from the sale will go to the UCM chosen charities - the Air Ambulance and St Peter's hospice. We are happy to accept cakes and savouries. Frozen items are also welcome but please ensure they are marked as previously frozen.

## **BOOK SALE – ST FRANCIS**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June after the 6pm. Mass and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June after the 11 am Mass we are having a book and jigsaw sale for the Zambian charities we have supported for the last few years. Good quality books are always required particularly the ones you bought at our last sale and now can be offered to other parishioners.

Can I ask that you collect books and jigsaws and give them directly to John Mc Allister or hold on to them until weekend 17/18 May onwards to be collected from the church.

## **JOURNEY WITH THE SAINTS**

What have Saints Patrick, Francis, Benedict, Catherine of Siena, Ignatius and Thérèse of Lisieux have in common? Answer: a vibrant and contagious love of the Lord! These saints have deepened and enriched our Catholic faith immensely. Come and learn more about them and how relevant they are to us today! There are 6 informal and friendly meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Hall, starting with Saint Patrick on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. All welcome. For more information contact Deacon Didier.

## **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**

There is tea/coffee after both Sunday morning Masses. Do stay and have a chat with fellow parishioners. If you would like to volunteer to make the tea/coffee, there is sign-up sheets in both churches.

## **PORTISHEAD FOODBANK**

If you are in a position to donate this week we would really appreciate:

- UHT milk – urgent need
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned meat products
- Tinned custard

Thank you so much for your donations last week. Please leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph's church lobby.

## **KNEELERS**

We have a lot of spare kneelers in Nailsea. While we are keeping some of them, you are most welcome to take away the ones on the left-hand side as you enter the church. They are very useful for gardeners to kneel when attending flowerbeds.

## DIOCESAN WEBSITE

We recommend that people look at the Diocesan website often. Here you will find news and photos of events as well as information that you may find beneficial.

## LEGACY

You may well have noticed that legacies have been mentioned in the newsletter recently. A legacy is an enormous help to a parish, and we are most grateful to those who have bequeathed money in their will in the past. If anyone is considering leaving money to the parish, please be very clear and say that the money is for St Francis Parish, Nailsea or St Joseph Parish, Portishead.

## NOTICE BOARDS

Again, please do not use blue-tac or Sellotape on any of the walls/doors/windows in the churches or halls. Use ONLY the noticeboards. As we begin tidying up in Nailsea, it is noticeable how much the walls are marked with blue-tac, sellotape and pin holes which are extremely unsightly. If anyone knows how to remove marks in the porch, please let Fr. Frank know. Notices put on doors, windows, walls will be removed.

## VACANCY – CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

St Joseph's School Local Governing Committee currently has a vacancy for the role of Clerk to the Governors.

This role involves preparing agendas, taking minutes, and ensuring meetings run smoothly, as well as providing advice on governance and procedures. The role also involves ensuring the governing body is properly constituted.

For further information regarding the role including hours, remuneration and how to apply, please contact the school office at:

[office@st-josephs.org.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.org.uk) T: 01275 848367

## UPCOMING EVENT FOR SINGLES

### Calling All Single Christians! Eco-Event: Saturday 31 May

Looking to meet other single Christians in a meaningful, faith-filled way? Join the *first* ever Christian Eco-Dating event – “Rooted in Love: Tree Care & Connection” – on Saturday 31 May.

🌱 Work together in teams planting and maintaining trees

🌍 Help tackle the Climate and Nature Emergency

💚 Build connections rooted in shared faith and action

To find out more, join a short free webinar on Wednesday 28 May -

[www.christianeco-dating.co.uk](http://www.christianeco-dating.co.uk) to book.

Learn how this new Christian initiative works and why it's a great opportunity for single believers. Or scan the QR code below.

