



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



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Sunday 17th August 2025
20th Week
in Ordinary Time

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Confessions

Saturday 5.15-5.45pm
Wednesday 6.15-6.45pm St Francis
Or on request at the Presbytery
midday Tuesday – midday Saturday

Today's Readings



Tuesday Restarts 9th Sept St Francis
Wednesday Restarts 3rd Sept St Joseph's

Exposition

Liturgy this week

Sat 16 th Aug	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass	Gilbert Simmonds
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass	
Sun 17 th Aug	8.30am	Yatton	Mass	
	9am	St Joseph	Mass	People of the Parishes
	10am	Clevedon	Mass	
	11am	St Francis	Mass	Elizabeth Coleman (Ann RIP)
Mon 18 th Aug	No Mass today			
Tues 19 th Aug	10am	St Joseph	Mass	Shirley Paige (RIP)
Wed 20 th Aug	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot of the Church			
	7pm	St Francis	Mass	Tony Murray (RIP)
Thur 21 st Aug	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope			
	9.15am	St Francis	Mass	
Fri 22 nd Aug	10am	St Joseph	Morning Prayer	
Sat 23 rd August	6pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass	Stella
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass	

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

'CALLED TO SERVE'

Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to take up a ministry in the Church. Your generosity is overwhelming in supporting the life of both our parishes. A working party from the PPC have met a number of times to review the responses and plan the next steps.

Many of you will have received an email by now regarding the ministry you signed up for.

If you signed up for one of the ministries below the following meetings have been arranged so far:

WELCOMERS

After the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 6th September at St Francis, Nailsea

After the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 7th September at St Joseph's, Portishead

After the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 7th September at St Francis, Nailsea.

This is the same meeting repeated three times so you only need to come to one!

PILGRIMAGE/RETREAT

After the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 27th September at St Joseph's, Portishead

PRAYER GROUP

7.00pm Tuesday 23rd September at St Francis, Nailsea.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 11AM MASS

Thank you to all who signed up serve refreshments after our Parish Masses. At St Francis after the 11am Mass the donations are collected for your chosen charity. In the past we have collected for Cancer Research, Heart Foundation, Stroke Association, local Hospices and other worthwhile charities. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby of both Churches, put your name against the date you who like to make refreshments. If you are new to this ministry a crib sheet, outlining what to do, will be available.

ONLINE INFORMATION

Please be aware of the many blogs and videos on the internet that make various claims about the Church, Church teaching and against Pope Leo. While some of these videos on YouTube etc look very convincing with the latest AI technology, many of them are nevertheless pure fiction. It is better to stick to Vatican news and be very wary about other sites. Many have credibly sounding titles including the Pope's name. Beware!

UCM – CAKE SALE

The UCM will be holding a **cake & savouries sale** after **Masses at St Joseph's on 12th & 13th September**. We invite contributions from parishioners. All proceeds will go to the UCM chosen charities - the Air Ambulance and St Peter's hospice. Frozen items are also welcome but please ensure they are marked as previously frozen.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for an intention, please write the details on the Mass offering envelopes found in the foyer of both churches. If you would like to make a donation place this inside the envelope and hand to Fr Frank.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

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

- Soup - tins or packets
- Cooking sauces like pasta sauces or chicken curry etc.
- Meat products in tins including "meals" like stew or curry
- Tins potatoes/packets of mash

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

FINANCES

After the recent talk at Masses about the parish finances, we gently ask that parishioners consider reviewing their giving. You may recall that we are looking at the general parish collection and the account that pays Anne-Marie's Salary. The forms for a direct debit are available in the church porches. Please also fill out gift aid forms if you are a taxpayer. Gift aid costs nothing but allows the parish to claim 25% of what is given from the government.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE – DAY OF PRAYER
Sunday 31st August, 11am to 4pm, at St Dunstan's. To mark the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Pastoral Area of Alexander Briant invites you to a Day of Prayer. Beginning with **Mass at 11:00am**, then a Bring & Share Finger Buffet, prayer workshops, and Adoration. The **day concludes at 4:00pm**. All are warmly welcome to come to all or any part of the day. Come and be renewed in hope. If you are planning to come please can you let Antonia Corrigan (antoniacorrigan49@gmail.com) know so she has an idea of numbers for the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5th September – Mass is at St Joseph's School at 1.20pm.

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September– Appeal and talk at Masses from Aid to the Church in need.

Sunday 7th September – Glastonbury Pilgrimage.

7th September – 1st October. – Fr. Frank on holiday with Fr. Ian McCarthy covering Masses.

17th September – Mass is St Francis School at 10am led by Monsignor Bernard Massey.

3rd October – Mass for the Feast of St Francis in School at 10am.

4th & 5th October – Celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis in Nailsea.

11th October – Diocesan day at Saint Brendan's College. More details on the diocesan website

17th-21st November - Fr Frank on retreat.