



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



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Sunday 23rd June 2024
Twelfth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 22 nd Jun	6pm	St Joseph	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Thanksgiving St Antony</i>
Sun 23 rd Jun	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St Francis		
Mon 24 th Jun	9am	St Francis	Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	
Tues 25 th Jun	2.30pm	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 26 th Jun	No Mass			
Thurs 27 th Jun	9.15am	St Francis	Morning Prayer	
Fri 28 th Jun	No Mass			
Sat 29 th Jun	No Morning Mass			
	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass of Saints Peter and Paul	<i>Thanksgiving St Joseph</i>

Confessions

Saturday	5.30-5.50pm	St Joseph
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm	St Francis

Today's Readings



Adoration

Tuesday	2pm-3pm	St Francis
Wednesday	12noon-11pm	St Joseph

THE WORD THIS WEEK

There is a strangely simple theme to this Sunday: that God has power over the forces of nature, because he created them in the first place. This is what the first reading tells us, and also what the gospel shows us, when Jesus “rebukes the wind”. This tells us something about Jesus (that he is God made man), and also something about our faith. It's also interesting that the disciples react to this miracle with fear and awe - as if their minds were suddenly opened to a reality they had not realised before. They had chosen to follow the Christ who had called them, but we see their understanding of who he is growing and developing. Perhaps this is of comfort to us, as we see our relationship with the Lord who controls the waters grow and develop, and alerts us to be ready for the surprises that following the Lord can bring.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come before you,
seeking the blessings of St. John the Baptist.
May my faith be strengthened,
and my connection with you deepened.
Just as St. John baptised with water,
baptise my heart with your love and grace.
Help me to embrace my faith
with enthusiasm and commitment,
just as St. John did in preparing the way for Jesus.
Amen.

THANKS

Many thanks for all of the good wishes I have received concerning my move to Trowbridge. As I mentioned when the move was announced, I did not expect to be leaving you quite so soon, but I have responded to the bishop's request as I continue to try to serve the church as best I can, wherever I am sent. I would like to say thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome in Nailsea and Portishead, and for your help and friendship during my time with you. I know that you will make Fr Frank feel welcome when he arrives this week, and I will continue to keep you all in my prayers. Fr Richard

MOVING ON

A huge thank you to Fr Richard for his ministry and service across both parishes for the past three and a half years. We keep him in our thoughts and prayers as he moves on to his new parishes and pray that his ministry there will be fruitful.

PASTURES NEW

Before Fr Richard leaves us, to take up his appointment in Trowbridge, you are invited to come along and celebrate all that he has done for both parishes and have an opportunity to say goodbye.

Sunday 23rd June after 11.00am Mass in Nailsea.

Cheese, wine and drinks provided.

If you would like to contribute to Fr Richard's leaving gift, we will be organising a collection after he has moved on.

Thank you. Anne-Marie

PTFA SUMMER FETE – ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL - Saturday 6th July 12noon-4pm

All the fun of a summer fete to support the children of St Joseph's School and their learning. Children's performances, Live music, bbq, drinks as well as tea/coffee and cake stall, raffle and stalls. A great afternoon of fun and fundraising for our primary school.

FILM NIGHT

Please come along on **Friday 21st June - 6.30pm for 7.00pm in St Francis Church Hall.**

UCM MASS - ST JOSEPH'S

Clifton Diocese UCM Mass will be celebrated with Canon Michael Fitzpatrick at St Joseph's Church **Tuesday 25th June at 2.30pm.**

Everyone is invited to this happy occasion. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the Hall and a Bring and Buy sale.

YOUTH CLUB

Please note the change of date for the joint parish youth club.

We will meet on **Friday 19th July** to coincide with the end of term.

4pm - 6pm St Joseph's Church Hall

CLUDO CLUB: Calling Volunteers

Gordano Valley Church in Portishead is running its famous 'Cludo Club' activities for children for 3 days, Tues 30th July to Thurs 1st Aug. Lots of volunteer roles available to share God's love and kindness. Please contact Lois admin@gvc.org.uk to ask further questions or use this link to volunteer: [Cludo Club 2024 \(30-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you are volunteering to help and have children of primary school age who would like to come to Cludo Club with you please use this link to sign them up: [Cludo Club 2024 \(30-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Volunteers' children will be catered for between 9-9.45am while you help set up for the day. Many thanks.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT – The Holy Spirit and the Church?

Who is the Holy Spirit? Why do we need Him? Why do we need the Church?... If these are the sort of questions you would like to explore you are warmly invited to come along to our session on Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Hall. Refreshments provided. For more information contact Deacon Didier.

BISHOPS CONFERENCE: GENERAL ELECTION

The Bishops Conference of England and Wales has Provided information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

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

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 (not baked beans please)
- Vegetarian options such as tinned vegetable curry or chilli
- Toiletries
- Loo rolls

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

ELECTION HUSTINGS – PORTISHEAD

Portishead Churches Together invite you to join them for a General Election Hustings on **Tuesday 25th June in Gordano School Hall at 7.30pm**. We will be joined by the candidates seeking to become the MP for North Somerset at the election on 4th July. The meeting will be chaired by Larry Bush, CEO of Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. Please publicise widely and invite others to attend with you. Please email your **questions by Sunday 23rd June** to office@portisheadparish.co.uk.

ELECTION HUSTINGS – NAILSEA

The event is to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Nailsea on Tuesday July 2nd with a formal start at 7:30pm.

Revd Peter Burns will chair the evening using questions sent to him by local Christians. Please email the topic you wish to cover and any questions/comments and we will do our best, in the time allowed, to include it.

peter.burns@nailseabaptist.com

Please be praying for all those who are standing, not least that the evening will be a positive time for them demonstrating the care we have for our community as Christians.

DIOCESAN DAY – SATURDAY 6 JULY

This year's Diocesan Day will take place on **Saturday 6th July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol**.

The focus of our day will be on **Hope** – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025.

The day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass as a central part of our day. Please bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so please book early!

To register for the day please click the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftondiocesanday.eventbrite.co.uk>