



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



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Sunday 16th March 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

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Confessions	Today's Readings	Adoration
Saturday 3.15-3.45pm St Francis 5.15-5.45pm St Joseph		Wednesday 12noon-11pm St Joseph Includes Evening Prayer at 5.30-6pm

Liturgy this week

Sat 15 th March	9.30am	St Joseph	Mass – Readers Training Session	
	4pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass in Hall	
	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass	<i>Thanksgiving to St Joseph</i>
Sun 16 th March	9am	St Joseph	Mass	<i>Edward Partick Casey</i>
	11am	St Francis	Mass in Hall	<i>Fr Romuald Eddy OFM - Ordination Ann</i>
	4pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross	
Mon 17 th March	<i>Feast of Saint Patrick, Patron of Ireland</i>			
	No Mass today			
Tue 18 th March	10am	St Joseph	Mass	
Wed 19 th March	1.30pm	St Joseph	Mass	
		School		
	7pm	St Francis	Mass	<i>For all Benefactors</i>
Thur 20 th March	9.15am	St Francis	Mass in the Meeting Room	
Fri 21 st March	10am	St Joseph	Mass	
Sat 22 nd March	No morning Mass today			
	4pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass	
	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass	<i>Thanksgiving to St Anthony</i>

Please note that there is Mass at 10am in Clevedon every day preceded by morning prayer at 9.45am and a Vigil Mass for Sunday on Saturdays at 6.30pm and Mass in Yatton on Sundays at 8.30am.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on 14th March. It's a day when we're asked to pray and make a Lenten sacrifice by eating simply and giving generously. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 3033030.

SECOND COLLECTION - 22ND/23RD MARCH

The Bishops of England and Wales have asked that we have a second collection on the weekend of 22nd/23rd March to support the work of our National Shrine of Walsingham during the Jubilee Year.

RIP

Remy (Remedios) Partridge died on Tuesday 4th March aged 81 years. Remy's funeral will take place on Wednesday 9th April at 11.45am at St Joseph's Church followed by committal at Canford Crematorium.

John Stephens died on Monday 3rd February aged 80 years. John's funeral will take place at St Joseph's Church, Thursday 20th March at 12noon followed by a burial at Portishead cemetery.

Wanda Janiak died on Sunday 16th February aged 98 years. Wanda was a parishioner at St Francis before moving to Stoke Gifford. Wanda's funeral took place in South Bristol Chapel.

Please pray for the repose of their souls and their family and friends at this sad time.

SEASON OF LENT

We have begun the season of Lent.

The Easter Triduum will be celebrated in Saint Francis' Nailsea for both parishes. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of St Josephs if you need a lift or can offer transport.

Stations of The Cross during Lent will be held on Sundays at 4.00pm in St Joseph's.

PARISH HISTORY

We have added some parish history and old photos to the parish website. Do have a look and perhaps see some familiar faces. We will aim to add more items in the future.

ALTAR SERVERS

Our Holy week Triduum will be a joint coming together of both St. Joseph's and St. Francis. We want to try and be as inclusive as possible with people from both parishes exercising various ministries. May we ask our Altar Servers to meet in St. Francis on Holy Thursday at 10.30am and again on Holy Saturday at 10.30am to go through the liturgies.

We ask those being received/baptised to attend the Holy Saturday 10.30am rehearsal.

WEEKEND MASSES CONSULTATION

The Consultation for Weekend Masses went out last week. The document was prepared by the Parish Council after a great deal of thought and prayer. This is not a whim of Fr. Frank, and the PPC have spent many hours in preparing the documentation. We have used the synodal Process to come to decisions, which is very different from the older ways of running a PPC. A big thank you to all who have sent in their thoughts.

Kindly note that the email address for responses is: stjosephandstfrancis@cliftondiocese.com

Please use this email and not Fr. Frank's personal one, as this is the work of the whole PPC and not simply Fr. Frank.

ST FRANCIS UPDATE

As you will know, the work on the roof at Saint Francis' has been painfully slow. The whole job was meant to be finished on February 14th. We have been assured that the glaziers will be here this coming Monday and that the job will be finished by Friday April 4th

As stated previously, NOBODY may go in the church during this time for obvious health and safety reasons.

We are immensely grateful to those who set out the chairs and prepare the hall for Mass.

Weekend Masses in Nailsea will remain the same until after the consultation period:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4.00pm

Sunday Mass as usual at 11.00am.

Confessions will be from 3.15 – 3.45pm on a Saturday and by knocking on the presbytery door at any time apart from Mondays.

Baptisms and Funerals will not be able to take place in Nailsea during the work and will have to be transferred to Portishead or Clevedon.

There will be no livestreaming from Nailsea during the work, so please tune in to Portishead instead.

There will be no Communion from the chalice at Masses in the hall.

YOUTH CLUB

We will meet again on **Friday 14th March**
4.00pm - 6.00pm.

FILM NIGHT

Our next joint parish film night will take place on **Friday 14th March at 7.00pm** when we will watch Fr Frank's all-time favourite 'Mass Appeal' Bring your own drinks. Tea / coffee provided. We would love to show 'The Two Popes' at the next film night. Does anyone have a DVD of this that we could use? Thank you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Joint Parish International Mass and Meal – Saturday 10th May.

If you are interested in joining the organisation team, please speak to Anne-Marie.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN 5TH APRIL – ST FRANCIS

We are currently on course for our church to be open again (yippee!) by the first weekend of April. After all the time it has been closed with builders working in there, it will inevitably need cleaning prior to reopening. As a result our annual Lenten clean will take place in the morning from 9am on Saturday 5th April.

Whilst there is some uncertainty as to what will needed to be done, it is important that we know who is available to assist.

If you are able to help even for a short period that morning please let me know asap!

Mary Collins 07749823563 or
cjmmcollins@outlook.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER PARTNERS

As our children continue their journey towards First Holy Communion, we ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers.

It would be great if each child could have a prayer partner from the parish community – someone who will forge a special link with them in prayer until their First Holy Communion in June – and beyond! If you feel you could commit to this, please take a prayer card after Mass today and leave your name with one of the catechists.

Thank you

CONFIRMATION 2025

Our joint parish programme continues on Wednesday 26th March in Nailsea.

Please keep our young people in your prayers.

Is there anyone who can help us out by providing food for the group on 26th March, 23rd April, 7th & 21st May or 4th June in Nailsea? Please contact Anne-Marie if you think you could help. Thank you

JOINT PARISH FAITH SHARING FOR LENT

During Lent you are invited to take part in our Joint Parish Faith Sharing initiative. In line with the theme of this Jubilee Year we will be using '**We Dare to Hope**' a resource suggested by our diocese. There are five sessions that last about an hour.

They will take place on Tuesdays during Lent at **St Joseph's Portishead** beginning with Mass at 10.00am followed by refreshments, ready to start by 11.00am and to finish by 12 noon.

Alternatively, the sessions will also be run on **Zoom** on Monday evenings at 7.45pm. Please contact Nicola or Tom Osman tafosman@hotmail.co.uk to get the Zoom link.

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday mornings 11am in St Joseph's hall – 18th March, 25th March, 1st April and 8th April.

Mondays evenings 7.45pm on Zoom – 17th March, 24th March, 7th April and 14th April.

JOINT PARISH QUESTION NIGHT

Do you have a question about the Church, our faith or how we might respond to the many changes in societies attitudes to: relationships, marriage, sanctity of life and personal identity eg. LGBTQ and have never had an opportunity to ask it? Well, here is your chance to air those questions in a safe and non-threatening environment.

Fr Frank is open to the idea but equally it will be a chance to share some communal understanding of the questions raised. If you have a question but don't want to ask it in person, there is a box in the foyer where any questions can be dropped off ahead of time and read out on the night.

Friday 21st March 7.00pm in St Joseph's Portishead.

All are welcome. Refreshments served.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

For both our parishes "Journey in Faith" is an opportunity to discover or rediscover the Catholic Faith. Elsewhere it may be called "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, sometimes at St Francis' and other times at St Joseph's. From now until Easter we are meeting in St Joseph's Hall. Our theme for the next two Tuesdays beginning on **11th March is Christian vocations**. What do we mean when we say that we all given a vocation? What is the specific vocation of married couples? What are priests and religious called to and how can we help them? We watch a short video and we talk about it with the help of Scripture and the Catechism. The meetings are friendly and informal. All are welcome and can join at any time. Contact Deacon Didier for information.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

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

- UHT juice
- Tinned meat products
- Tinned vegetables such as sweetcorn, peas, carrots (no baked beans please)
- Instant coffee any size
- EASTER EGGS

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

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

The Catenians provide friendship and support for Catholic men and their families. We are proudly Catholic and do all we can to support our Parish, our Clergy and the young people of our Catholic community. If you are interested, there are some leaflets available in the lobby at St Joseph's Church.

www.thecatenians.uk

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Bishop Declan introduced the Pastoral area Reconciliation Services during Lent. Bishop Bosco is keen to continue this practice. Our Pastoral area Reconciliation Service will take place in Nailsea at **7.00pm on Thursday April 10th** and a number of local Priests will assist the Bishop in hearing confessions. Please put the date in your diary and come along if you can.

LEGACIES

One of the many ways that generous people support the parish is by a legacy in a will. Such gestures help parish life immensely and are deeply appreciated. It would need to be made clear in a will that the money is solely for use in Saint Joseph Parish/Saint Francis' parish at the discretion of the Parish Priest and Finance Committee.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you are going into hospital and would like the Sacrament of the Sick, please ask Fr. Frank before you go in and it can easily be done. Then there is no need to receive it again in the hospital. Holy Communion in hospital is arranged via the chaplaincy in all the large city hospitals and to do this one needs to contact the chaplaincy and ask that CATHOLIC communion is brought to you. For emergencies while in hospital, please contact switchboard or ask a member of staff to page the on call CATHOLIC chaplain. Due to there being less priests, it may not always be possible to respond to a call immediately.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PRAYER MINISTERS

On Saturday the 22nd of March our Confirmation candidates will meet for a retreat day about the Holy Spirit at the convent in Lawrence Weston. To support the candidates in their journey towards the sacrament of Confirmation we are looking for trained prayer ministers to pray with our young people on the 22nd March at the Convent in Lawrence Weston (transport there can be arranged). If anyone is able to help please email confirmationalpha1984@gmail.com

2025 CURIA CONFERENCE-29TH MARCH

A Curia Conference will take place at Saint Bendan's school in Bristol on Saturday March 29th. This gives an opportunity for our diocesan family to hear what the various departments of the curia do – Schools, Finance, Safeguarding, Adult Education etc. For information, contact the diocese or book using the following link:

<https://DiocesanCuriaDay.eventbrite.co.uk>

EMBRACING THE LOVING MERCY OF GOD

Lent Retreat Day to reflect upon & experience Reconciliation as the Sacrament of Hope. 5th April at St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary School, Bristol. Speakers are Fr. Brendan Callaghan SJ and Margaret & Barry Mizen. The day will provide conversation & reflection. We will finish with a Service of Reconciliation & the opportunity for individual confession with Bishop Bosco & priests from around the diocese. Refreshments from 9.30am, please bring a packed lunch, our day will end by 3.30pm. To register for the day, please click on the Eventbrite link: <https://embracingthemeracyofgod.eventbrite.co.uk> All are welcome!

Deacon Didier can offer transport for two places if any parishioners would like a lift there and back.

ENCOUNTER

The Clifton Encounter Team invite all of us to a time of renewal, prayer and shared faith between Easter and Pentecost. During that time we are called to take the opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with God. The Launch will be in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday May 3rd, with special streams for children. The day runs from 9.30am – 4.30pm. The other sessions will be in-person at the cathedral or via the livestream. The following sessions will run from 7.00 – 9.00pm on Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 May & June 4th. There will be a Vigil for Pentecost Mass Saturday June 6th (Exact time to be confirmed) For Further information keep an eye on the diocesan website or email: pentecost@cliftondiocese.com