



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



St Francis of Assisi Church
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Sunday 9th November 2025
32nd Week in Ordinary Time
Feast of the dedication of the
Lateran Basilica & Remembrance
Sunday

St Joseph's Church
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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
Wednesday

Exposition

2pm- 3pm St Francis
12noon-11pm St Joseph's
Includes evening prayer
5.30-6pm

Liturgy this week

Sat 8 th Nov	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass
Sun 9 th Nov	8.30am	Yatton *	Mass
	9am	St Joseph	Mass
	10am	Clevedon	Mass
	11am	St Francis	Mass
Mon 10 th Nov	<i>Memorial of St Leo the Great</i>		
	No Mass today		
Tues 11 th Nov	<i>Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo</i>		
	7pm	St Francis	Mass for the dead of the Parish
Wed 12 th Nov	<i>Memorial of St Josaphat</i>		
	7pm	St Francis	Mass
Thur 13 th Nov	7pm	St Joseph	Mass for the dead of the Parish
Fri 14 th Nov	11am	St Joseph	Requiem Mass for Margaret Prescott
Sat 15 th Nov	6pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass

Margaret Mary Cross

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

* St Dunstan & St Antony's Church, Claverham Rd, Yatton, Bristol BS49 4LE

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 8th NOV

All Masses on Sunday 8th November will be Requiem Masses for the Dead of the Two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

POPPY APPEAL – ST FRANCIS

Remembrance Day Poppy's are available from the lobby at St Francis Church. All donations go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Christians against poverty does tremendous work in our area to help people who are in financial crisis. Ann Tarr will speak at the end of the St Joseph's Masses this weekend.

JOINT PARISH PILGRIMAGE MEETING

The Joint Parish Pilgrimage Meeting will take place after **6pm Mass on Saturday 8th November** at St Joseph's.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month of the Holy Souls and envelopes are available in both churches. Please place the names of deceased relatives and friends for whom you wish to pray in the envelopes and place them in the basket situated at the front of the Altar. A Mass offering may be included in the envelope. The contents of the envelope are private and will not be read by anybody. We will also hold a Mass for the dead in each church and especially for those who have died during the past year. The Masses will be:

Tuesday 11th November at 7.00pm – St Francis.

Thursday 13th November at 7.00pm – St Joseph.

Every Mass without an assigned intention will be offered for the Holy Souls during November

BLESSING OF GRAVES – 16th NOV

The memorial gardens at St Joseph's and St Francis' will be blessed after the morning Masses on Sunday 16th November. The graves at the cemetery in Portishead will be blessed at 2pm on the same day.

RIP

We commend to God the souls of **Stefan Seijko and Marlene Hadlow**

Stefan died on 24th October aged 54 years. Funeral details to follow.

Marlene died on 11th October aged 86 years. Marlene's funeral will take place on Wednesday 26th November, 11am at St Joseph's Church followed by a burial at Portishead Cemetery.

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

RETREAT – FR FRANK

Fr. Frank will be on retreat in Surrey from Monday 17th–Saturday 22nd November. He will also be away on Sunday 23rd November from after Mass to the night of Tuesday 25th at an ongoing formation event.

JOINT PARISH YOUTH GROUP

We meet again on **Friday 14th November 4-6pm at St Joseph's.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Last year we had five Christmas Masses between the two parishes. It is proposed to do the same, this year the late Christmas Eve Mass will be held at St Joseph's.

Wednesday 24th December

4.30pm St Francis' – Christmas Vigil Mass

6.30pm St Joseph's – Christmas Vigil Mass

10.30pm St Joseph's – Christmas Night Mass

Thursday 25th December

9.00am St Joseph's – Christmas Day Mass

11.00am St Francis' – Christmas Day Mass

Hopefully after this, we will have a good idea what to do in future years. Suggestions are welcome.

LIVESTREAM – NAILSEA

There appears to be a problem with the picture quality of the livestream at St Francis. Please be patient – we are on the case!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Confirmation

Our joint parish Confirmation preparation programme will be starting soon.

There will be a meeting for parents on Wednesday **26th November at 6pm** in St Francis, Nailsea.

The Confirmation programme is open to anyone in school Year 9 or above. Any adults who have not been confirmed are also welcome to come forward to prepare for this sacrament. Any questions please speak to Anne-Marie.

Please click on the link below and complete the enrolment form.

<https://forms.gle/cZ7N9D4DEGHA3uXE7>

Hard copies are available in the porch of both churches. We look forward to seeing you soon.

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

For November are available in the foyer of both churches. These booklets are a short, simple way to help you in daily reflection and prayer.

Price £1.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Josephs PTFA are holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December, 12-3. All parishioners are most welcome. Why not come along and enjoy tea/coffee and some lovely cakes?

We were also wondering if there is anyone willing to make a cake for guess the weight of the cake completion. We are also looking for anyone who may be willing to paint nails or do hair braiding on the day. Anyone who could spare a few hours to help our school for a great fundraising day it would be very much appreciated. Email Tom (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk) for more information or offer your support.

COATS FOR UKRAINE

As winter approaches the temperatures will drop in Ukraine and we have been advised that there is a need for winter coats. Therefore, if you are decluttering your winter wardrobe and have a warm coat that is no longer needed the people in Ukraine would be very grateful. We are collecting **COATS ONLY until 23rd November** after which transport will take them to Ukraine. There will be a receptacle in St Francis church foyer. Thank you in advance for your support.

UCM CAKE SALE – ST JOSEPH'S

A Cake Sale will be held after 6pm Mass on Saturday 22nd November, and a Cake Sale together with bacon and sausage baps after 9am Mass on Sunday 23rd November. The proceeds will go to our charities for the year, The Air Ambulance and St Peters Hospice. Please make sure you bring cash. We also would be grateful for donations of cakes please.

SEAFARER'S BOXES

It has been decided that we won't be collecting items for the seafarers in Nailsea this year as we are asked to donate items for the soldiers in the Ukraine. However donations for the seafarers will continue to be collected in Portishead. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

A TROUBADOUR JOURNEY

Join singer-songwriter Gareth Davies-Jones for an evening of songs and stories tracing one man's musical pilgrimage from Holy Island to Durham Cathedral via St Oswald's Way and the Way of Light. Come to Roath Road Chapel, Portishead BS20 6AW on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Tickets £12. For more details see the flyers in St Joseph's lobby or contact Deacon Didier.

JOINT PARISH HOLY HOUR

As part of our 'Called to Serve' initiative our next joint parish Holy Hour will take place on Wednesday 12th November from 1.00pm - 2.00pm in St Joseph's Church.

The practice of spending an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a cherished tradition in the Catholic Church. Known as "Holy Hour," this practice has its roots deeply embedded in the spirituality of the Church. This lay-led hour is a time for reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, through scripture, hymns, prayer and silence. Wednesday is generally a dedicated time for Adoration in St. Joseph's Parish and this Holy Hour will form part of that time. Feel free to come for part or all of the hour. All welcome. Please contact us if you would like more information.

Elise ([07989569763](tel:07989569763)) and Rachel ([07856773730](tel:07856773730))

JOINT PARISH OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

A weekly **Christian Meditation** Group - **Monday 8.00pm** in St Francis Meeting Room
Please contact Francesca for more details: francescamagner@gmail.com

A weekly **Charismatic** House Group – **Sunday 6.30pm** in Portishead.

Please contact Michael and Agnieszka Parry for further details agamike@parryl.co.uk

A weekly **Rosary** Group – starting **Thursday 2nd October** at 2:30pm in St Francis Church. Please contact Katie for more details katiegau@live.co.uk.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Weekly - **Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

St Francis Church

Weekly - **Wednesdays 12noon – 1.00pm**

St Joseph's Church

Bi-weekly - Children's Adoration **Thursdays 1.30pm – 2.00pm** at St Francis.

Bi-weekly **Holy Hour - Wednesday 12th November** from 1.00pm - 2.00pm in St Joseph's Church.

It is amazing that we have so many, varied opportunities for prayer across both our parishes.

All are welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

23rd November – St Joseph's School led Mass

23rd November – First Holy Communion Enrolment Masses, 9am St Joseph and 11am at St Francis

12th December – Joint Parish Advent Service 6.30pm St Francis

12th December – Joint Youth Club (St Francis)

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK & CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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

• **UHT milk** - we have urgent need as our stock is really low!

Also, if you are interested in supporting us with our **Christmas "Hampers"** please make a note of the following you could donate. Anything from the list would be much appreciated:

- Tinned fruit
- Hot chocolate
- Christmas cake
- Christmas biscuits
- Minced pies (dated after 25th Dec)
- Selection boxes
- Tinned salmon
- Cranberry sauce
- Tinned ham

Please leave your all donations for both appeals in the trolley in St Joseph's church lobby.

UKRAINIAN SUPPORT

As part of a Christian's Together initiative we are proposing to send some Christmas cheer to Ukraine's frontline troops. If you'd like to participate, please choose 3-5 items from this list, and pop them in a large envelope. It can be left in a box in the lobby of St Francis church from Friday afternoon. Feel free to add a short message (in English is fine) if you'd like, just to let them know we care.

- cereal/protein bars
- chocolate bars
- powder soup
- noodles in packs, not cups
- light canned food, tuna, meat
- dry meat
- tea
- coffee 3 in 1 mix
- packs of nuts
- warm socks, big sizes
- hot water bottles
- first aid kits or components thereof.

Items will be repackaged by the soldiers so please do not wrap, but if you wish to send a small greeting with your donation, the soldiers would appreciate that you are thinking of them.

Thank you. John McAllister & Elizabeth Rhodes

CONSCIOUS WAITING

**Quiet morning in Preparation for Advent
Saturday 22nd November 2025**

10am-2pm (including lunch)

Creating a space in our busy lives to consciously wait and become aware, so we can welcome Christ this Advent. We will join together in a morning of meditation, lectio divina and silent reflection.

The morning will end with lunch. Please bring some food to share with others. Tea and coffee provided.

For booking and further information, please contact Helen Adams, hradams@hotmail.co.uk or 07947 073250.

WCCM Bristol and Bath Area. To cover the costs of the venue, we suggest a donation of £10 for the morning if you are able. Just give what you can, all are welcome. Please indicate if you have any accessibility needs or food allergies.

Venue Faithspace, Redcliffe Methodist Church Prewett Street Bristol BS1 6PB

Faithspace is an accessible venue close to Bristol Temple Meads and St Mary Redcliffe Church with good access by train, bus and ample free parking.

STARTING SCHOOL?

If you have a child born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2026** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the North Somerset Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2026**.