



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



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Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Sunday
Sunday 27th April 2025
Divine Mercy Sunday

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Confessions

Today's Readings

Wednesday

Adoration

No Adoration at St Joseph's
During Holy Week
Resumes 30th April.



Liturgy this week

Sat 19 th April	9am	St Joseph & St Francis	Morning Prayer
	8.30pm	St Francis	Easter Vigil
Sun 20 th April	9am	St Joseph	Easter Sunday
	11am	St Francis	Easter Sunday
Mon 21 st April	No Mass today		
Tue 22 nd April	10am	St Joseph	Morning Prayer
Wed 23 rd April	No Mass today		
Thur 24 th April	No Mass today		
Fri 25 th April	10am	St Joseph	Morning Prayer
Sat 26 th April	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass
Sun 27 th April	9am	St Joseph	Mass
	11am	St Francis	Mass in the Hall
Mon 28 th April	No Mass today		
Tue 29 th April	10am	St Joseph	Morning Prayer
Wed 30 th April	No Mass today		
Thur 1 st May	No Mass today		
Friday 2 nd May	10am	St Joseph	Morning Prayer
Sat 3 rd May	No morning Mass today		
	6pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass

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. Mass in Yatton on Sundays at 8.30am.

HAPPY EASTER

Wishing all our parishioners a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.

From the Joint Parish Team

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - HOLY PLACES

This annual collection contributes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Christian Shrines of the Holy Land. It also offers financial support to the Christian communities living in the Holy Land at times when they are experiencing opposition and suffering.

LOCAL MASSES

There is a Mass every day at the Immaculate Conception Church in Clevedon at 10am with a Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 6.30pm. The Mass on Monday – Saturday is preceded by morning prayer at 9.45am. The Sacrament of Confession is available on Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am and 5.30-6pm

Mass is celebrated every Sunday at the Chapel of St Dunstan and St Anthony in Yatton at 8.30am. The Chapel is situated in Claverham Road, BS48 4LD. It is a former scout hut and is situated behind a wall so is easily missed. The Sacrament of Confession is available before Mass on Sunday.

WELCOME!

Please welcome Fr Alan Finley who will be covering the Masses at both parishes on the weekend of 26th/27th April while Fr Frank is on holiday.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who helped with the liturgy and prepared the churches for Holy Week and Easter. We are delighted to welcome as full members of the Catholic community Elise, Anderson, Ollie and Rachel. Also, Anthony who received Confirmation. Our gratitude is also due to Deacon Didier who leads the sessions that help people discern their call to Catholicism.

PATRON SAINTS

This year the Solemnity of St George, Patron of England is transferred to Monday 28th April. The following day we celebrate the great Dominican, St Catherine of Siena, who is one of the patrons of Europe and also of our Catholic University Chaplaincy in Bristol.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our annual **Joint Parish Music Evening** will take place on **Friday 23rd May**. Come along and

enjoy the sing-a-long and the musical talents of our children and young people. All are welcome.

MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

My Day by Day Booklets for Easter are available at both churches, price **£1.20**. Please note the new price.

THANK YOU!

St Joseph's Church Easter Clean

Many thanks to the willing helpers for the Easter Clean on the 15th. We got a lot done and the Church looked and smelt lovely at the end. Congratulations on a sound effort.

ST FRANCIS UPDATE

Nailsea Roof: It is wonderful to have Nailsea Church back in use. It will have to close again from Easter Monday for two weeks to finish the job. The 11.00am Mass on Sunday April 27 will be in the hall.

The amount of £115,000 (plus vat) is still to be paid. This will mean things will be very lean in Nailsea for some time as we must pay back the money that has been loaned. Other things that we might have liked to buy will have to be put on hold. That is one reason why legacies are mentioned in the newsletter.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The next session in preparation for Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 23rd April. We are most grateful to parishioners who have provided our young people with a meal at the start of their sessions. We are looking for someone to provide food for **5.00pm on Wednesday 7th May**.

Also, on the following dates in Nailsea: Wednesday 21st May and Wednesday 4th June.

Thank you very much

WORSHIP DAY

You are warmly welcome to a day of praise and worship, preaching and fellowship on Saturday 10th May at St. Joseph's Church Hall, run by Koinonia John the Baptist (a Catholic community in service of New Evangelisation). We will start with tea, coffee and welcome at 9:30am and finish by 3pm. Please bring some food for a shared lunch. For more information please contact Michael and Agnieszka Parry at office@koinoniajohnthebaptist.org

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.

Our next session will be on Saturday 26th April in St Joseph's Portishead and Sunday 27th April in St Francis, Nailsea.

Thank you

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

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

- General purpose shampoo
- Conditioner
- Roll on deodorant

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PORTISHEAD

Some events for your diary:

- United Service for all: Sunday 11th May at 11am at Gordano School (refreshments at 10.30am)
- Book of Revelation: Tue 13 May at Portishead Methodist Church, 7.30pm. How should we read the book of Revelation/Apocalypse? Join us for an evening with Dr Jamie Davies (Tutor in New Testament, Trinity College, Bristol) as he guides us through how we can approach this book.

BACKWELL ALPHA COURSE

Do you know somebody who would benefit about knowing more about Jesus?

If so, invite them to Alpha. This is a weekly course beginning on Tuesday 6th May for eight sessions of 90 minutes. Each session is being held at Heaven Coffee House, Backwell from 7:30 - 9:00pm. This is about not joining any particular Church or denomination. Invitation cards are available for you to give to an interested friend. They will be available after Mass

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

BREAKFAST CEREAL REQUEST

The children at St Francis School are still inviting parishioners to donate unopened boxes of breakfast cereal to help them with a charity event they are doing during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Sarah Chaplow has offered to collect the cereal for us and pass it on to the school. Cereal boxes approximately 400g in size are preferable please. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

FINAL SYNOD DOCUMENT – ONLINE BOOK CLUB,

Wed Evenings from 21st May

Pope Francis adopted the Rome Synod Assembly's recommendations into the Church's Magisterium on 26th October 2024. Explore the Final Synod Document over six weeks with an inspiring cast of experts including Archbishop Jason Gordon, Trinidad and Tobago. Join us live on Wednesdays from 7:30–8:30pm, 21st May to 25th June, or watch anytime on YouTube. Perfect for small groups or individual reflection. Find out more and register [here.](https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/our-resources/final-document-book-club-2025)

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NAILSEA CHORAL SOCIETY

Elgar's Dream of Gerontius at Clifton Cathedral

Join Nailsea Choral Society for our Centenary concert performance of Elgar's Dream of Gerontius on Saturday 17 May.

This one-off anniversary performance brings together an outstanding cast of internationally acclaimed soloists: Mark Le Brocq as the impassioned Gerontius, Rebecca Afonwy-Jones a luminous Angel, and Edmund Danon as both the commanding Priest and the solemn Angel of the Agony. Radiant, dramatic, and profoundly tender, it traces the final moments of a dying man and his soul's journey into the afterlife, set to some of Elgar's most inspired and heartfelt music, moving from the hushed intensity of Gerontius's prayers to the soaring grandeur of the Angel's Farewell, with sweeping choral climaxes, glowing orchestral textures and searing drama.

Accompanied by Bristol Symphony Orchestra, this is a rare opportunity to hear Elgar's choral masterpiece in all its power and beauty in the dramatic surroundings of Clifton Cathedral.

Doors open at 19:00 and the concert starts at 19:30.

Tickets are now available from [Bristol Beacon](#).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ST JOSEPH'S PORTISHEAD

Good Friday 18th April 9am - Morning Prayer
Holy Saturday, 19th April 9am - Morning Prayer
Easter Sunday, 20th April 9am - Mass

ST FRANCIS, NAILSEA

Holy Thursday, 17th April 9am - Morning Prayer
7.30pm - Mass of The Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet,
Procession to the Altar of Repose.
Night Prayer
Good Friday, 18th April 9am - Morning Prayer
11am - Family Stations of The Cross
3pm - Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, 19th April 9am - Morning Prayer
8.30pm - The Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, 20th April, 11am - Mass of Easter Sunday

Fr. Frank will be away from after Easter Sunday Masses until approx. May 2nd.

There are several rehearsals that relevant people need to attend:

Holy Saturday 10.30 - All taking part in the Vigil
Musicians/cantors will be notified via WhatsApp.

