



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



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**Sunday 1st June 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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Confessions

Saturday 5.15-5.45pm

Today's Readings



Tuesday
Wednesday

Adoration

2pm-3pm
12noon – 11pm
Includes evening
Prayer 5.30-6pm

St Francis
St Joseph's

Liturgy this week

Sat 31 st May	6pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass	
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass	
Sun 1 st June	8.30am	Yatton	Mass	
	9am	St Joseph	Mass	Coleen Casey
	10am	Clevedon	Mass	
	11am	St Francis	Mass	
Mon 2 nd June	No Mass today			
Tue 3 rd June	Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and companions (Martyrs)			
	10am	St Joseph	Mass	Mia Dymock (RIP Ann)
Wed 4 th June	9.15am	St Francis	Mass	
Thur 5 th June	Memorial of Saint Boniface			
	9.15am	St Francis	Mass	
Fri 6 th June	11am	St Francis	Requiem Mass for Margaret Brown	
Sat 7 th June	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass	Michael Haynes (Ann)
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass	
Sun 8 th June	8.30pm	Yatton	Mass	
	9am	St Joseph	Mass	Patricia Brutto (Birthday Ann)
	10am	Clevedon	Mass	
	11am	St Francis	Mass	

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

SECOND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 1st JUNE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) delivers the Bishops' message to the media and to the wider world. It is the media office of the Bishops' Conference and exists primarily to serve the various departments, offices, agencies and consultative bodies of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Conference has seven departments: Evangelisation & Catechesis; Dialogue and Unity; Christian Responsibility and Citizenship, Catholic Communications Network; Christian Life and Worship, Catholic Education and Formation, International Affairs. The Catholic Communications Network works to serve the multimedia needs of the departments – broadcast, print and online.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

As instructed during our training sessions, please **do not** take the Chalice around the church for people to receive in the benches. If you have difficulty in receiving the Chalice kindly sit in the front bench and the precious blood will be brought to you.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The next session in preparation for Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 4th June. We are most grateful to parishioners who have provided our young people with a meal at the start of their sessions. Bishop Bosco will be in St Francis on Tuesday 24th June to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm. Please make every effort to come along and continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our children and young people continue their journey towards First Holy Communion. The First Holy Communion Masses will take place in St Joseph's on Saturday 21st June at the Vigil Mass, 6pm and on Sunday 22nd June at the 11am Mass at St Francis. Canon Michael Fitzpatrick will celebrate the Sunday 9am Mass in Portishead that weekend.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 1st June, come along and celebrate Pentecost with a bring and share picnic lunch at St Francis Church Garden after the 11.00am Mass.
All are welcome.

RIP

Stephen Hargitay died on Sunday 18th May aged 90 years. Stephen's funeral will take place at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 11:30am preceded by a committal at Canford Crematorium.

Please pray for the repose of Stephen's soul and his family and friends at this sad time.

WOMEN CONNECT

Our next meeting for women from both parishes will take place on **Thursday 12th June at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church Hall.**

We will explore the story of a woman from the Old Testament and talk about how her life might speak to our lives today. **All are welcome.**

ADORATION – ST FRANCIS

We are pleased to announce that Adoration will resume at St Francis Church every Tuesday from 2-3pm commencing on Tuesday 3rd June.

Adoration in St Joseph's continues Wednesdays from 12noon – 11pm.

However, in line with Health & Safety and Safeguarding nobody may be alone in Church for adoration: there must always be at least two people at all times.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION

All are welcome to come long to Children's adoration especially pre-school children and their parents / grandparents.

We will start at **1.30pm on Thursday 12th June** at St Francis Church.

Come and join us for songs, prayer and bible stories during adoration followed by refreshments in the meeting room.

LIVESTREAM – ST JOSEPH'S

The problem with the system in Portishead has now been resolved and the system is working. Many thanks to all involved in the rectifying the problem.

Livestreaming is not an alternative to attending Mass but is there for the housebound.

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS REQUIRED

Both parishes require additional volunteers to help count the offertory. The counting is done in the sacristy after the Sunday 11am Mass at St Francis and after the Tuesday 10am Mass at St Joseph's, there must be two people always present.

Please see Fr. Frank if you are able to help.

VISITING CHURCH

A lovely Catholic tradition is to pay a short (or longer) visit to a church. St Francis is open every day of the week from approx. 8.30am until 6.00pm (4.00pm in the winter) The Church in Clevedon is also open all day and entry is via the side door next to the friary.

JUBILEE MASSES

We are honoured to have three retired Bishops living in Clifton Diocese. On Saturday June 28th at 12 noon, in the Cathedral, we will celebrate Mass for the Golden Jubilee of Bishop Declan Lang and the Diamond Jubilee of Bishop Crispian Hollis. Also living in our diocese is Rt. Rev Keith Newton the retired Bishop of the Ordinariate.

YOUTH CLUB

We will meet again on **Friday 13th June** 4.00pm - 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing our young people there.

ROOF UPDATE – ST FRANCIS

The long saga of replacing the roof windows in Nailsea is all complete. It is good to be back in the church. The situation now leaves the parish owing money. The project has cost in the region of £110,000. We have borrowed money to pay for all of this and thus owe £62,000 in loans. This puts a severe strain on the parish for the foreseeable future. There are other jobs that would be good to do, but they will have to go on the back burner until the loan is paid off.

MUSIC EVENING – ST FRANCIS

An Evening of Folk & Easy Listening Music Friday 4th July from 7pm in St Francis Hall, Nailsea. Come and hear the musical delights served up by Tairna Mara (Irish Folk) and Table9 (60s up to modern day easy listening) Bring your own drinks - snacks on offer. All monies for the St Francis Church Roof Fund. Tickets: £5 adults / children free. To go on ticket list, email Tom (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk)

ASK A QUESTION

Following the success of our first 'Ask a Question' evening in Portishead in March we invite you to think if you have a question that you would like answering. Paper and pens are available in the foyer of both churches.

Please put your question in the box and come along on **Thursday 10th July in the Meeting Room at St Francis' Church, Nailsea at 7.00pm.**

FILM NIGHT

All are welcome to come along to the next film night on **Friday 13th June in St Francis Church Hall at 7pm** when we will watch the award-winning film 'Conclave'.

Entry is £5.00 which includes a free ice cream!

UCM – ST JOSEPH'S

The UCM **cake sale** will take place after the **9am Mass at St Joseph's on June 15th**. We invite contributions from parishioners. All proceeds from the sale will go to the UCM chosen charities - the Air Ambulance and St Peter's hospice. We are happy to accept cakes and savouries. Frozen items are also welcome but please ensure they are marked as previously frozen.

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

For June are available in both churches. Price £1.20.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

There is tea/coffee after both Sunday morning Masses. Do stay and have a chat with fellow parishioners. If you would like to volunteer to make the tea/coffee, there is sign-up sheets in both churches.

LADIES CIRCLE – ST FRANCIS

Summer is almost here so this month we are having a cream tea in St Francis Church Hall on **Tuesday 3rd June, 3pm**. As always, everyone is welcome.

BOOK SALE – ST FRANCIS

On Saturday 14th June after the 6pm. Mass and Sunday 15th June after the 11 am Mass we are having a book and jigsaw sale for the Zambian charities we have supported for the last few years. Good quality books are always required particularly the ones you bought at our last sale and now can be offered to other parishioners. Can I ask that you collect books and jigsaws and give them directly to John Mc Allister or hold on to them until weekend 17/18 May onwards to be collected from the church.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

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

- Tinned tuna
- Tinned meat products
- Tinned custard

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

JOURNEY WITH THE SAINTS

What have Saints Patrick, Francis, Benedict, Catherine of Siena, Ignatius and Thérèse of Lisieux have in common? Answer: a vibrant and contagious love of the Lord! These saints have deepened and enriched our Catholic faith immensely. Come and learn more about them and how relevant they are to us today! There are 6 informal and friendly meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Hall, starting with Saint Patrick on **Tuesday 3rd June**. All welcome. For more information contact Deacon Didier.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

We recommend that people look at the Diocesan website often. Here you will find news and photos of events as well as information that you may find beneficial.

LEGACY

You may well have noticed that legacies have been mentioned in the newsletter recently. A legacy is an enormous help to a parish, and we are most grateful to those who have bequeathed money in their will in the past. If anyone is considering leaving money to the parish, please be very clear and say that the money is for St Francis Parish, Nailsea or St Joseph Parish, Portishead.

VACANCY – CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

St Joseph's School Local Governing Committee currently has a vacancy for the role of Clerk to the Governors.

This role involves preparing agendas, taking minutes, and ensuring meetings run smoothly, as well as providing advice on governance and procedures. The role also involves ensuring the governing body is properly constituted.

For further information regarding the role including hours, remuneration and how to apply, please contact the school office at:

office@st-josephs.org.uk T: 01275 848367

NEW GOVERNORS NEEDED

Bishop Bosco recently launched a campaign to recruit new school governors & directors, as he is concerned about the number of vacancies at our schools & trusts and the risk this poses to the future of Catholic education in the Diocese. If you would like more information about serving as a governor at a school or as a director at one of three Catholic Educational Trusts, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or via 07710094976.

UPCOMING EVENT FOR SINGLES

Calling All Single Christians! Eco-Event: Saturday 31 May

Looking to meet other single Christians in a meaningful, faith-filled way? Join the *first* ever Christian Eco-Dating event – “Rooted in Love: Tree Care & Connection” – on Saturday 31 May.

🌱 Work together in teams planting and maintaining trees

🌍 Help tackle the Climate and Nature Emergency

💚 Build connections rooted in shared faith and action

To find out more, join a short free webinar on Wednesday 28 May -

www.christianeco-dating.co.uk to book.

Learn how this new Christian initiative works and why it's a great opportunity for single believers.

Or scan the QR code below.



2025 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **Friday 22nd August to Friday 29th August 2025**.

As usual, we shall be part of the Catholic Association Pilgrimage. Tagney tours will be dealing with bookings, hotels and flight bookings.

We shall be travelling from Birmingham airport direct to Tarbes-Lourdes airport.

Bookings are now open via the Tangney Tours website here: [Tangney Tours – Lourdes 2025 booking](https://www.tangneytours.co.uk/lourdes-2025)

Clifton Pilgrims are requested to book either the Astrid or the Irelande hotels.

We shall be running a coach to and from Birmingham airport.

If you would like to contact Fr Eugene about the pilgrimage, please do so here: lourdes@cliftondiocese.com

This pilgrimage will also give an opportunity to gain the Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence, as the Rosary Basilica is a designated 'Jubilee Church'.