



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



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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Week**  
**in Ordinary Time**

**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

Restarts 9<sup>th</sup> Sept St Francis  
12noon-11pm St Joseph's  
Includes evening prayer  
5.30-6pm

## Liturgy this week

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6pm	<b>St Francis</b>	Vigil Mass	Antonia Ezeanyika (RIP)
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am	Yatton *	Mass	
	9am	St Joseph	Mass	
	10am	Clevedon	Mass	
	11am	St Francis	Mass	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>No Mass today</b>			
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10am	St Joseph	Morning Prayer & fellowship	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>No Mass today</b>			
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	St Francis	Morning Prayer	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>No Mass today</b>			
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6pm	<b>St Joseph</b>	Vigil Mass	Anna Shipsides (Ann RIP)
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass	

**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

## **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL**

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Steve Riedlinger, Community Outreach, for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will be visiting on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September. ACN support the suffering and persecuted church around the world with over 5000 projects in more than 140 countries each year. Steve will be talking about the projects, passing on news from ACN's project partners and sharing how we can help in prayer and giving.

## **THANK YOU!**

Appeal by Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda on the weekend of 19/20 July. The amount collected was **£1800.38** with Gift Aid, an exceptional and extremely generous donation. All money collected will go directly towards our projects in Uganda and will make a real and immediate difference to the education and lives of the children. Please follow us on our website, [www.evcuganda.org](http://www.evcuganda.org) for our latest news. Be assured of the children's prayers. God bless, Phil and Gordon.

## **HOLIDAYS!**

Fr. Frank leaves for his holidays after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. His next public Mass will be on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00am in St Francis school – All welcome. The weekend Masses during this time will be celebrated by Fr Ian McCarthy.

## **CARD READER – ST FRANCIS**

We are experiencing a technical issue with the card reader at St Francis and it is out of action. We hope to have this resolved as soon as possible. Online donations can still be made by visiting our website [www.josephfrancis.org/donate](http://www.josephfrancis.org/donate)

## **CELEBRATION OF ST FRANCIS**

St Francis Weekend – To celebrate the Solemnity of St Francis we will have Mass at 10am in St Francis' school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Parishioners are welcome to attend. The Saturday Vigil Mass will continue with the theme of St Francis and the principal liturgy will be the 11am Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The party for the feast will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October after the Vigil Mass in St Francis' Hall. Come and hear the musical delights served up by **Táirni Mara** (Irish Folk) and Table9 (60s up to modern day easy listening) Please bring your own drinks and snacks, tea/coffee will be on offer. All monies for the St Francis Church Roof Fund. Donations for the Raffle are very welcome, please place these in the box in the foyer of both churches. Tickets: adults £5/children free. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the lobby of both churches. For more details please email Tom Osman [tafosman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk)

## **JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Parish Pastoral Council met this week and a summary of the minutes can be found on the notice boards in the entrance of both churches.

## **DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS**

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

## **'CALLED TO SERVE'**

Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to take up a ministry in the Church. Your generosity is overwhelming in supporting the life of both our parishes. A working party from the PPC have met a number of times to review the responses and plan the next steps.

Many of you will have received an email by now regarding the ministry you signed up for.

If you signed up for one of the ministries below the following meetings have been arranged so far:

## **PRAYER GROUP**

7.00pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St Francis, Nailsea.

## **WELCOMERS**

After the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at St Francis, Nailsea.

After the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at St Joseph's, Portishead.

After the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at St Francis, Nailsea.

This is the same meeting repeated three times so you only need to come to one!

## **PILGRIMAGE/RETREAT**

After the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at St Joseph's, Portishead.

## **JOINT PARISH HOLY HOUR**

As part of our 'Called to Serve' initiative our first joint parish holy hour will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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

## **NEW ROSARY GROUP**

As part of the 'Called to Serve' initiative, I have offered to facilitate a weekly rosary group and since October is the month of the rosary, we will commence at St Francis on Thursday 2nd October at 2:30pm. This will be a lovely opportunity for us to say the rosary together for all the parishioners who have asked for our prayers on the church noticeboard, as well as for our own private intentions. Everyone is welcome and if you are able to come or require any further information, please contact Katie on 07806 559207 or email: [katiegau@live.co.uk](mailto:katiegau@live.co.uk) so that we know how many leaflets to order in advance.

## YOUTH CLUB

Our joint Parish Youth Club begins again **on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 4-6pm** in St Joseph's Church.

## JOINT PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Following the joint parish 'Called to Serve' initiative, it is with great pleasure we announce our first joint parish choir rehearsal. This will take place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10am at St Francis**. Sarah Yi will be leading the practice and we will cover hymns for that week for both parishes. If you are interested in taking part, please do come along on 13<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, it would be great to start to build the presence of a choir at St Joseph's. You will have seen that the piano has now been moved to the back of the church. So we would encourage all those that wish to sing with the choir to sit in the vicinity of the piano (either in the benches in front, or opposite). This will allow the singing to be lead from the back and will help all parishioners to hear the music.

## FILM NIGHT

All are welcome to come along to the next film night on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September in St Francis Church Hall at 7pm**. We will be watching 'Cabrini' a story of an Italian nun who travels to the US to serve Italian immigrants. Entry is £5.00 which includes a free ice cream!

## JOINT PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Sign up for the quiz night and to order fish and chips! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer at St Joseph's and in the entrance to the hall in St Francis. **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7.00pm at St Francis Church Hall**.

## REFRESHMENTS AFTER 11AM MASS

Thank you to all who signed up serve refreshments after our Parish Masses. At St Francis after the 11am Mass the donations are collected for your chosen charity. In the past we have collected for Cancer Research, Heart Foundation, Stroke Association, local Hospices and other worthwhile charities. No charity to be chosen twice in the same month. If a charity is not chosen donations will go to the roof fund. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby of both Churches, put your name against the date you would like to make refreshments. If you are new to this ministry a crib sheet, outlining what to do, will be available.

## JOURNEY IN FAITH

*"I would like to refresh my faith in the company of others..."*  
*"I've forgotten most of the RE I was taught at school..."*  
*"I would like to be in a group that shares about spiritual things..."* "I would like to know what Catholics really believe..." If you, or someone you know, could say any of the above you are warmly invited to join **Journey in Faith**. Our first meeting in 2025-26 is at **7.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> September in St Joseph's Hall**. Refreshments and laughter assured! For more details contact Deacon Didier. Information leaflet: <https://1drv.ms/b/c/28ce6ef515c37654/EbTd37DTH5DnXIRK0fM86cB9S7XmDywofVHuNxji6MuEQ?e=KVnxSg>

## DIOCESAN MISSIO (Red Box) MASS

Our **Clifton Diocese Missio Mass** this year will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5DP**. All parishioners are invited to attend, especially Promoters, former and current Red Box holders, and those who prefer to give to Missio by standing order. If you would like a lift, or could offer one please get in touch with Alison ([alison.delaplace@gmail.com](mailto:alison.delaplace@gmail.com))

## LEARNING TO MEDITATE IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

An introductory experience in this transformative practice is offered for four weeks starting **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September in the meeting room of St Francis church hall Nailsea from 8-9 pm**.

Come and join this ecumenical group who meditate based on Christian understandings and experience a silence that will open our hearts to the vision of God and to our true selves and so to each other.

This is our weekly prayer:

*In the face of all the suffering, violence and confusion of the world,*

*we encounter the power that will console, renew and uplift the human spirit.*

To register your interest or for more information email: [francescamagner@gmail.com](mailto:francescamagner@gmail.com) or Tel: 01275 857129

## UCM

The UCM will be holding a **cake & savouries sale** after **Masses at St Joseph's on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September**. We invite contributions from parishioners. All proceeds will go to the UCM chosen charities - the Air Ambulance and St Peter's hospice. Frozen items are also welcome but please ensure they are marked as previously frozen. Please note we are only able to take cash.

## PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

Thank you so much to those who responded to our needs last week and donated. If you are in a position to donate this week we would really appreciate:

- Toothpaste
- Custard
- Biscuits
- Bars of soap

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

## EDUCATION MASS

The Diocesan annual Education Mass will be celebrated this year on Education Sunday. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Bristol, at 6.00pm on Sunday **14 September**. The singing will be led by the pupils of Downside School. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Mass, particularly teachers, pupils, governors & anyone else who is involved in our schools & colleges in any way. Catholic education is a wonderful achievement – and so should be celebrated!

## **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](mailto:office@st-josephs.org.uk) T: 01275 848367 or email Shellley-Anne Douglas, Vice Chair for further information or informal discussion about the role [SDouglas@stj.newmancatholictrust.com](mailto:SDouglas@stj.newmancatholictrust.com)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**– Appeal and talk at Masses from Aid to the Church in need.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – Glastonbury Pilgrimage.

**7<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October.** – Fr. Frank on holiday with Fr. Ian McCarthy covering Masses.

**17<sup>th</sup> September** – Mass is St Francis School at 10am led by Monsignor Bernard Massey.

**20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>** – Home Mission Sunday – Second Collection

**3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Mass for the Feast of St Francis in School at 10am.

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis in Nailsea.

**11<sup>th</sup> October** – Diocesan day at Saint Brendan's College. The principal speaker will be Monsignor John Armitage. The theme is: Being an evangelist today: The tools required to be a joyful witness to Jesus.

More details on the diocesan website

**17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November** - Fr Frank on retreat.