



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



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Sunday 2nd February 2025
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Feast of the Presentation
(Candlemas)

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

Sat 1 st Feb	No morning Mass today 4pm St Francis Vigil Mass in Hall 6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass
Sun 2 nd Feb	Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) 9am St Joseph Mass 11am St Francis Mass in Hall
Mon 3 rd Feb	No Mass today
Tues 4 th Feb	10am St Joseph Mass
Wed 5 th	Memorial of Saint Agatha - Martyr 1.30pm St Joseph Funeral Service for John Dodds 7pm St Francis Mass
Thur 6 th Feb	Memorial of St Paul Miki and companions - Martyrs 9.15am St Francis Mass in the Meeting Room
Fri 7 th Feb	10am St Joseph Mass
Sat 8 th Feb	No Morning Mass 4pm St Francis Vigil Mass 6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass

Libby's intentions

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.

RIP

Nick Brooks Funeral Mass to be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 18th February at 11am followed by a short committal service at South Bristol Crematorium. If possible, please wear "something" red. Please pray for the repose of Nick's soul and his family and friends at this sad time.

MASSES AT ST FRANCIS

The church in Nailsea is now closed to **EVERYONE** for the duration of the building work, which we hope will take six weeks. Our thanks to various parishioners who have offered to oversee the logistics of the temporary move to the hall.

Weekend Masses in Nailsea during the construction work will be in the Hall:

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.00pm

Sunday Mass 11.00am

During the time that the work is taking place there will be a consultation on weekend Mass times in both Nailsea and Portishead.

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 communion from the chalice at Masses in the hall.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Six young people from St Joseph's, St Francis and the Immaculate Conception have started on their journey of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers. There are ten sessions in the programme and these are held on Wednesday evenings starting at 5.00pm. Each session will begin with sharing a meal together. We are looking for anyone who might help out by preparing food one week out of the ten in either Nailsea or Portishead.

The dates of the sessions are:

Portishead: 12th & 26th February, 12th March.

Nailsea: 26th March, 23rd April, 7th May & 21st May.

Please contact Anne-Marie if you can help.

Thank you.

ADORATION – ST FRANCIS

Adoration will not take place at St Francis during the roof repairs.

JOINT PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Joint Parish Fish and Chips Quiz Night.

Friday 21st February 7.00pm, St Francis Church Hall. Sign-up sheets now in both parishes.

THANK YOU!

Pina and I would like to thank all our friends and parishioners for all your thoughts and prayers during my hospital stay and treatment. Further hospital checks are required as the cause has not been diagnosed. Thank you and God bless. Eric

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

For February are available in both churches. Price £1.

JOINT PARISH LINE DANCING

Friday 31st January 2025, 7pm-10pm St Francis Hall. Join Shelley-Anne Douglas and some of her dancers for an evening of line dancing to lots of different music. No previous experience required and no partners needed! Please bring your own drinks and snacks plus suitable footwear. Tea and coffee will be available. Cost is £5 per person-please sign up and pay after Sunday mass or email shelleyanne.douglas@gmail.com. **All proceeds to The Julian Trust:** <https://www.juliantrust.org.uk/>

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.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

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

- UHT juice
- Toilet rolls
- Laundry tablets (we divide these and give out a small amount)

Please leave your donations in the trolley in the church lobby. Many thanks.

LADIES CIRCLE – ST FRANCIS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 4th February, 3pm in St Francis Church Hall. New members always welcome.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The Journey continues next **Tuesday evening 4th February at 7.30pm in St Francis' Hall.** Our topic will be **the Holy Eucharist.** If God is everywhere, what's the point of going to church on Sundays? When are the times that you feel closest to God? What do you think about the idea that the Mass is a Sacrifice that unites us with the Cross of Jesus? What difference could it make to your life and faith? We try to share our answers to these and other questions in a friendly and informal setting, with the help of a video, Scripture, and the Catechism. All welcome. Refreshments provided. See Deacon Didier for more details.

THANK YOU! – JULIAN TRUST NIGHT SHELTER

We would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of our guests at the night shelter. Thank you for being so generous with the Christmas gifts left under the tree at St Francis Church. We would also like to say a big thank you for all the regular food donations and financial support that you give throughout the year. We hope everyone attending the line dancing on Friday evening has a wonderful time, your support is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to know more about the night shelter, please speak to Jenny Oates or Martha Orr

GREETING CARDS – ST JOSEPHS

Greeting cards are for sale in the lobby of St Joseph's Church. All proceeds going to Children's Hospice Southwest.

BUCKFAST PILGRIMAGE

It is great to have so many people signed up for our Joint Parish trip to Buckfast. There will be a short briefing, in the hall for anyone going to Buckfast, after all Masses Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd February.

UCM – ST JOSEPHS

The UCM members are knitting hats for the Seafarers Mission and would like to invite other parishioners to join this project. There will be a box in the lobby to drop off any wool you can donate for this project or you can take a copy of the pattern and knit one yourself, returning it to the same box. DK, Aran or Chunky wool is best for this project. Thank you in advance.

The next UCM meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th February at 2pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Everyone most welcome.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill is now at Committee Stage. This is where a group of 23 MPs will examine the Bill in detail.

The Committee will begin considering evidence on 28th January 2025 and has recently issued a call for written evidence, inviting people with relevant expertise or personal experience to submit evidence about the Bill and its proposals.

If you have the appropriate expertise or personal experience, it is really important that you submit evidence. While there is no set deadline, we strongly advise doing so as soon as you can.

To help people with relevant experience or expertise to do this, Right to Life UK has brought out a very helpful [Guide on how to submit written evidence to the Committee considering the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill.](#)

It is very important that the many risks and flaws with the Bill are brought to the attention of the Committee. By highlighting these concerns, we will help MPs understand the major problems with introducing assisted suicide and why they must vote against the Bill when it comes to Third Reading later in the year. So, even if you're not in a position to submit evidence, there's still every reason to write to your own MP convincing them to vote 'NO' to assisted suicide.

CLOTHES COLLECTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Thank you for the great response to the collection. We have plenty of ladies' clothes but are short of the following:

Summer and Winter clothes for Children and Teenagers and Men. Please have a look and send any in good condition that you can spare.

The clothes will go to Nazareth House in Port Elizabeth where they will be shared between the people who use the Soup Kitchen and the Sisters of Mercy who will take some for the very poor people they work with. As the church is now closed for repairs, please leave any donations after the Masses at the weekend or phone Paula Swift on 07954603363 or 01275853526. The collection will close on Monday 10 February Thank you, Paula Swift

ENCOUNTER 2025

1st February St Bernadette's. Encounter 2025 is a Diocesan wide programme between Easter and Pentecost. All are welcome to our initial planning event on 1st February 2025 between 9.30 and 1 pm at St Bernadettes, 731 Wells Rd, Bristol, BS14 9HU. For more information, email pentecost@cliftdiocese.com.