



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



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Sunday 9th June 2024
Tenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 8 th Jun	6pm	St Joseph	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Thanksgiving Jesus</i>
Sun 9 th Jun	9am	St Joseph		<i>First Communion Candidates</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>First Communion Candidates</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon 10 th Jun	9am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 11 th Jun	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Barnabas	
Wed 12 th Jun	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thurs 13 th Jun	9.15am	St Francis	Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua	<i>Miguel Martin-Granizo</i>
Fri 14 th Jun	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 15 th Jun	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Thanksgiving Mother Mary</i>

Confessions

Saturday	5.30-5.50pm	St Joseph
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm	St Francis
Wednesday	6.30-6.50pm	St Francis

Today's Readings



Tuesday	2pm-3pm	St Francis
Wednesday	12noon-11pm	St Joseph
Thursday	8pm-9pm	St Francis

Adoration

THE WORD THIS WEEK

A constant theme throughout human history has been the conflict between dark and light, good and evil. From the earliest legends and myths to the latest films and books this eternal conflict between the two forces has been central. Our faith, of course, is no different: good and evil are opposed, and in real conflict, because the one cannot tolerate the other. Our own story of Creation tells of the origins of this conflict, where the evil of selfishness, pride and falsehood opens a doorway to the long story of the fight between God's will and sin. In Jesus, good finds a new champion: the One who most perfectly unites the divine and human will, in whom there is no sin, takes up arms on our behalf to conquer sin and evil. By sharing in his life (by doing the will of God) we share in his final victory over evil on the cross, and so are strengthened and sustained in the continuing contest between sin and virtue.

YEAR OF PRAYER

We will be including a different prayer in the newsletter each week during this Year of Prayer. Please contact Fr Richard if you have a favourite prayer that you would like to be included.

Prayer after Holy Communion (Saint John Henry Newman)

Most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus,
you are concealed in the Holy Eucharist,
and you beat for us still.

Now, as then, you say:

“With desire I have desired.”

I worship you with all my best love and awe,
with fervent affection,
with my most subdued, most resolved will.
For a while you take up your abode within me.
O make my heart beat with your Heart!
Purify it of all that is earthly,
all that is proud and sensual,
of all perversity, of all disorder, of all deadness.
So fill it with you,
that neither the events of the day,
nor the circumstances of the time,
may have power to ruffle it,
but that in your love and your fear,
my heart may have peace. **Amen.**

SECOND COLLECTION 15th/16th JUNE – DAY FOR LIFE

A second collection will take place at all Masses next weekend for the Day for Life – the day in the Church’s year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death. The collection assists The Anscombe Bioethics Centre for Healthcare and Ethics in Oxford (formerly the Linacre Centre) and other pro-Life groups. The Centre exists to help Catholics and others to explore the Church’s position on bioethical issues. Its perspective is informed by Catholic moral teaching, but in defending such teaching it seeks also to enable dialogue with those of no religious faith. www.dayforlife.org/ Donations can also be made online:

<https://www.josephfrancis.org/donate>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have 41 children, across both parishes, who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion. They will receive Jesus for the first time, sacramentally, during the parish Masses this weekend.

We also have two children who will be making their First Holy Communion in their native country. Please keep them all in your prayers.

CERTIFICATES

Next weekend 15th/16th June the children will receive their First Holy Communion certificates during the Saturday 6pm and Sunday Morning Masses. After Mass, they will serve tea, coffee and cake to all who would like to join them in the parish hall. Please do come along and congratulate our children on this important step on their faith journey.

ALTAR SERVERS

New altar servers will be enrolled next weekend and Finlay Kingscott will receive his Silver Medal for ten years’ service as a member of the Guild of Saint Stephen. We are very fortunate to have so many young people who are willing to serve at our churches and we thank them all for their dedication and service.

PASTURES NEW

Before Fr Richard leaves us, to take up his appointment in Trowbridge, you are invited to come along and celebrate all that he has done for both parishes and have an opportunity to say goodbye.

Saturday 15th June after 6.00pm Mass in Portishead.

Sunday 23rd June after 11.00am Mass in Nailsea. Cheese, wine and drinks provided.

If you would like to contribute to Fr Richard’s leaving gift, we will be organising a collection after he has moved on.

Thank you.

Anne-Marie

PTFA SUMMER FETE – ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL - Saturday 6th July

The PTFA members welcome you to the summer fete from 12noon until 4pm for live music from local band, live entertainment from St Joseph’s pupils, BBQ, bar, tea, coffee and cake, stalls, soft play equipment. All are very welcome – whether you have a connection with the school or not!

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

Thanks to all of you who continue to support us with donations. Our work is only possible through your help. If you are in a position to donate this week we would appreciate:

Tinned or dried potatoes

Tinned fruit

Shampoo

Loo rolls

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

FILM NIGHT

Please come along on **Friday 21st June - 6.30pm for 7.00pm in St Francis Church Hall.**

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Sunday 14th July, 6pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Clevedon: the music of Taizé is quite distinctive; lending itself to contemplative prayer and is very accessible to all. This service would last about 60 minutes and comprise prayers and religious chants composed by the Taize community. There would be musicians to support the singing. All are very welcome. Please invite friends and families, as well as Christians from other churches.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Are parts of the Creed hard to accept? Is devotion to Mary a bit exaggerated? Why is the Bible so important? Why do we need sacraments?... If you would like some answers to these or other questions about our Faith why not come to one or more of the following sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Hall? Refreshments provided. All welcome.

- 11th June – The Creator
- 18th June – The Saviour
- 25th June – the Holy Spirit and the Church
- 2nd July – Scripture and Tradition
- 9th July – The Sacraments
- 16th July – Mary and the Saints

For more information contact Deacon Didier.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE HIKE

Sat/Sun 13th & 14th July

We currently have eleven parishioners who will be walking to Glastonbury Abbey on one or both days for the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage on the weekend of 13th/14th July.

The plan is to leave St. Francis Church at 8am on the Sat for a 16mile plus hike over the Mendips, returning home that evening. Day 2 will start at 9am from Westbury sub Mendip for a 9 mile hike getting to the Abbey ruins in time for the afternoon procession/ mass etc.

If you wish to join in the fun or simply want more details please contact me.

It would be great if we had some hikers from St. Josephs join us . No need to be shy!

Clive Collins

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone at St Francis for making us so welcome over the past 13 years. After losing my Dad, Frank Mattos, in 2010, Ted and I moved down to Backwell in 2011, to support and subsequently look after my Mum, Jo Mattos (Jose to some here) until 2022. We have now lost both my parents, and the property that belonged to Frank and Jo has been sold.

Ted and I have bought a place in Camelford, and are currently moving in stages, till we finally vacate at the end of June, about the same time as Fr Richard.

Since it's conception, Frank and Jo were very involved in promoting the building of St Francis of Assisi Church here in Nailsea, and like many parishioners now, they have been guided by Fathers Gabriel, Graham, Michael, Sam, then Fathers Tom, and Richard, (all of whom our family have known).

With my best wishes to you all, Jas Smallbone.

DIOCESAN DAY – SATURDAY 6 JULY

This year's Diocesan Day will take place on **Saturday 6th July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol.**

The focus of our day will be on **Hope** – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025.

The day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass as a central part of our day. Please bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so please book early!

To register for the day please click the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftondiocesanday.eventbrite.co.uk>