



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



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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Today's Readings</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
Saturday 5.15-5.45pm		Wednesday 12noon – 11pm Includes evening Prayer 5.30-6pm St Joseph's

### Liturgy this week

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	<b>St Francis</b>	Vigil Mass
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	Yatton	Mass
	9am	St Joseph	Mass
	10am	Clevedon	Mass
	11am	St Francis	Mass
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Memorial of Saint Dunstan</i>		
	<b>No Mass today</b>		
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	St Joseph	Mass
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	7pm	St Francis	Mass
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.15am	St Francis	Mass
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10am	St Joseph	Mass
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	<b>St Joseph</b>	Vigil Mass
	6.30pm	Clevedon	Vigil Mass
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30pm	Yatton	Mass
	9am	St Joseph	Mass
	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.**

## **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

It was with incredible sadness that we learnt of the forthcoming closure of Saint Joseph's Care home in Bristol. The Little Sisters of the Poor have served the diocese, and especially the city of Bristol, with great love and devotion since 1862. For the elderly people it will be an awful wrench to have to move out of a place they hoped to spend their remaining years in. The sisters just can't meet the huge prices of conforming with ever stricter health and safety measures. Please do pray for all the residents, and in particular our Priest-residents, Monsignor Gabriel Leydon, Canon Frank Bermingham, Canon Liam O'Driscoll, Fr. Pat De Wolf and Fr. John Alan Bell. Many of us would have grown up with the sight of the Sisters in our cities and towns holding their boxes out for donations. These great sisters live their religious life prayerfully and generously: Their departure from the city of Bristol and the Clifton diocese is incalculable loss.

## **MARY'S MEALS**

A huge thank you to the First Holy Communion Children for the delicious cakes sold at the weekend Masses. A total of **£576.40** was raised and this will feed 30 children every day for a year. Well done! Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause.

## **MAY PROCESSION**

The May Procession will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at St Joseph's School. Please gather at the gates from 1.20pm for a 1.30pm start. All very welcome.

## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

The next session in preparation for Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. 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 21<sup>st</sup> May & 4<sup>th</sup> June** in Nailsea. Thank you very much.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Our children and young people continue their journey towards First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **First Holy Communion Masses**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 6pm at St Joseph's.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 11am at St Francis.

### **Confirmation Mass**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm at St Francis.

## **UCM – ST JOSEPH'S**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in St Joseph's Church Hall.

Everyone most welcome.

The UCM are planning to have a **cake sale** after the **9am Mass at St Joseph's on June 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Further instruction will come nearer the date.

## **JOINT PARISH MUSIC EVENING**

Our annual **Joint Parish Music Evening** will take place on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. Come along and enjoy the sing-a-long and the musical talents of our children and young people.

All are welcome.

## **BOOK SALE – ST FRANCIS**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June after the 6pm. Mass and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **MUSIC EVENING – ST FRANCIS**

Church Roof Fundraiser - Tairni Mara and Table9 Gig - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 7pm onwards Come and hear the musical delights served up by Tairni Mara (Irish Folk) and Table9 (60s up to modern day easy listening) in St Francis Hall, Nailsea. Bring your own drinks. Free snacks on offer. Entry fee is £5 for adults and children (u16s) are free. To go on the entry list, please email Tom on [tafosman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk)

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. All welcome. For more information contact Deacon Didier.

## **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.

## **PORTISHEAD FOODBANK**

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

- UHT milk - urgent need
- UHT juice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned custard

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

## **CLERGY MOVES**

At this time of the year the bishop usually looks at clergy moves that will take place over the summer. This is becoming more and more of a challenge as our priests are getting older and fewer. In our area Fr. Matt Anscombe will be leaving Saint Bernadette's Whitchurch in June. Fr Matt is joining the Society of Saint James and will be going to work in Peru. We wish him well and thank him for his ministry in Clifton Diocese. There is no decision on his replacement yet, but it is a huge ministry to cover: The parishes of Saint Bernadette Whitchurch, Saint Pius Hartcliffe, Sacred Heart Chew Magna, Saint Dunstan's Keynsham and for the present Christ the King in Knowle West.

Monsignor Bernard Massey retires over the summer from Saint Bonaventure's in Bishopston, and Canon Tom Finnegan will serve there along with Sacred Heart Westbury and Saint Anthony's Henbury. Pray for our Bishop as he has some tough decisions to make.

## **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A DEACON?**

Are you a man of faith and prayer, with a heart for service – might you be being called to become a deacon for Clifton Diocese. Most of us are married with children, but not all. Some of us are working, some are retired, but all of us bring our experience of life and our faith to the service of the Lord as deacons. Would you like to know more? Please speak to Fr Frank or Deacon Didier and let us help you discern whether you have a vocation of service as a deacon in Clifton Diocese.

## **NOTICE BOARDS**

Again, please do not use blue-tac or Sellotape on any of the walls/doors/windows in the churches or halls. Use ONLY the noticeboards. As we begin tidying up in Nailsea, it is noticeable how much the walls are marked with blue-tac, sellotape and pin holes which are extremely unsightly. If anyone knows how to remove marks in the porch, please let Fr. Frank know. Notices put on doors, windows, walls will be removed.

## **VACANCY**

We are looking to recruit a cleaner for the Presbytery and Church Hall/Meeting Room at St Francis of Assisi Church, Nailsea. 8 hours per week to include weekends. The hours are flexible to work around the use of the Hall. Salary for this position is £12 per hour. Previous commercial cleaning experience would be beneficial but not essential. If you are interested in this position, please contact Fr Frank.

## **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

## **CENTENARY CONCERT**

**Elgar's Dream of Gerontius.**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 Clifton Cathedral

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Tickets priced at £20 are available for purchase from Bristol Beacon at [bristolbeacon.org.uk/Gerontius](http://bristolbeacon.org.uk/Gerontius), from Pam Salisbury at [pamalisbury96@gmail.com](mailto:pamalisbury96@gmail.com), or through other choir members in the church.