



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



St Francis of Assisi Church
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Sunday 20th November 2022
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

St Joseph's Church
West Hill
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| Office Hours: | Nailsea | Mon & Thurs | 9.30am – 1pm |
| | Portishead | Tues & Fri | 10.30am – 1pm |
| Parish website: | www.josephfrancis.org | | |

This Week's Mass Times

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| Sat 19 th Nov | 6pm | St Joseph | Solemnity of Christ the King | <i>Bill Burke (RIP)</i> |
| Sun 20 th Nov | 9am | St Joseph | | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| | 11am | St Francis | | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| | 6pm | St Francis | | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Mon 21 st Nov | 9am | St Francis | Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Tues 22 nd Nov | 10am | St Joseph | Memorial of St Cecilia | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Wed 23 rd Nov | 7pm | St Francis | Weekday in Ordinary Time | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Thurs 24 th Nov | 9.15am | St Francis | Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions | <i>Pino Pellegrino (RIP)</i> |
| Fri 25 th Nov | 10am | St Joseph | Weekday in Ordinary Time | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Sat 26 th Nov | 10.30am | St Francis | Mass for the Recently Deceased | <i>Recently Deceased</i> |
| | 6pm | St Joseph | First Sunday of Advent | <i>People of the Parish</i> |

Confessions

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

Today's Readings



Adoration

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable – on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: 'all things [are] reconciled through him and for him – when he made peace by his death on the cross.' Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER LIST

Envelopes for the November List are available in both churches. Please place the names of deceased relatives and friends for whom you wish to pray in the envelopes and place them in the basket provided. These names will be remembered during Masses during the month of November, along with the names in the Books of Remembrance. At St Francis' this book is by the statue of Our Lady and at St Joseph's the book is in the arched recess on the right-hand side at the front of the church.

MASSES FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Masses will be celebrated for those who have recently died at 10.30am on the following dates:

Sat 19th Nov St Joseph's
Sat 26th Nov St Francis'

This is an opportunity to pray for our loved ones who have died in recent years, both those whose funerals have been held in our churches and those that have taken place elsewhere. Please let me know if you would like the name of a loved one to be mentioned at one of these Masses. Refreshments will be provided after both Masses. Fr Richard

SECOND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND 19/20th NOV - CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The collection taken across the Diocese enables the Bishop to support those who offer themselves for training for the Diocesan priesthood. This fund enables the Bishop to fund their training at seminary and offer them a grant during their years of formation. The fund, at times, is also used to support the on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our Diocese and formation of permanent Deacons.

MY DAY-BY-DAY BOOKLETS

The My Day-by-Day booklets for Advent are now available at both churches. Price £1.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Starting next weekend (26th/27th Nov), we will be returning to taking the offertory collection during Mass at all Sunday Masses in both churches. Second collections will taken as retiring collections at the end of Mass. Online donations can still be made via the parish website, and standing orders will continue to be the most convenient way for many people to make their donations to the church. We appreciate whatever you are able to donate to the church, especially during these difficult times.

RED WEDNESDAY – 23rd NOVEMBER

This November we are being asked to help Aid to the Church in Need 'Break the Silence' on the persecution and suffering of Christians. In countries where they face discrimination and the fear of kidnap, violence and death, Christians feel that their cries for help go unheard in the West. #RedWednesday is our chance as Christians to be seen, be heard and to make a difference. Please join us once again by wearing and using red – the colour of martyrdom – in solidarity, and by signing our #RedWednesday Petition calling for justice for Christians in Nigeria who are facing violent attacks. To sign the Petition, request your FREE 'Persecuted and Forgotten' Report and for event details, including our London event at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, head to ACN's website. You will also find individual, parish and school resources, including prayer and activity ideas and our 'Taste of Home' fundraiser. Please visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

THANK YOU!

Bob and Mollie Cryer have been providing refreshments after the I I am Mass at St Francis on a regular basis over the last year in return for donations to their chosen charity, Cancer Research. The total raised is **£441.79!** Many thanks for your generosity to this very worthwhile charity.

ADVENT SERVICE

Our joint **Advent Service**, for both parishes, will be held at St Francis Church Nailsea on **Friday 9th December at 6.00pm** followed by refreshments in the hall. Our children and young people will lead us in prayer, but since this is a parish Advent Service, I am also looking for some willing parishioners to read as well. Please catch me after Mass or contact me by phone or email. Thank you. Anne-Marie

UCM – ST JOSEPH'S

At our next meeting this **Monday, 21 November at 2.30 p.m.**, we welcome a Room Interpreter from our local National Trust property to talk to us about 'A day in the life of a Servant at Tyntesfield in the 1890s'. Karen Zold is an enthusiastic speaker and I'm sure it will be an enjoyable afternoon. Parishioners from both parishes are invited at a cost of £2.00 which will include raffle and refreshments. If you'd like to join us, please let me know on 07890248539 or charmainefurlong@aol.com.

TRAIDCRAFT – ST JOSEPH'S

A mini stall will return in the lobby after both Masses on this w/e and next w/e i.e. **19/20 November & 26/27 November**. On sale will be mainly Christmas cards, chocolates, biscuits and tea bags. You can pay by cash and card reader. By supporting Traidcraft you are helping farmers and artisans in poor parts of the world. Thank you.

MISSIO RED BOXES – ST FRANCIS

If anyone would like their Red Box emptied before the end of the year, will you please leave then in porch or with Fr Richard over the next 2 weeks. I will endeavour to have it back for the following week. Thank you so much for every penny you give.

Martha

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – ST JOSEPH'S

We will be holding a Christmas raffle again this year and we would be extremely grateful if parishioners could look at the list on the notice board and tick something that they feel able to donate toward a Christmas hamper. This will be our main prize as in past years. Thank you for your support.

SEA FARERS BOXES – ST FRANCIS

Please could completed boxes be returned to the church porch by Sunday 27th November. If you haven't filled one yet & would like to there are a few empty ones in the porch with a list of suggested donations inside.

Thank you for your support

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS BOXES – ST JOSEPH'S

We are asking you to make up boxes or bags of goodies for our Port of Bristol Seafarers. Boxes can be left in the lobby of St Joseph's Church (Please write "seafarers" on the boxes to avoid mixing them with other donations). Boxes left in the lobby will be collected on a regular basis. There is no "closing date"; because some ships do not celebrate Christmas; they celebrate Epiphany in January.

We collected many boxes last year; let's see if we can do even better this year! Many thanks! Terri

CHOCOLATE ORANGES Are you able to help towards putting a smile on the face of shop workers during this busy time? Working with CTiND, the Town Chaplains would like to give a gift of a Terry's Chocolate Orange to those working in the square. Please bring to the Christ Church Office, Nailsea by 12th December, thank you.

UK AID TO UKRAINE - REMINDER

The next trip on the **26th of November** will be directly from Bristol into Ukraine. We urgently need your help, if you would be willing to donate a little winter food that can be easily stored, like soup, pasta, baked beans, tea, coffee etc and warm winter clothes for both needy adults and children in Ukraine. Donations can be left at St Francis Church and there is a box in the foyer for this appeal. All donations need to be dropped off **no later than Monday 21st November**. There is also some more information on the links below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/colin-virtue?utm_term=mDRd5M9Ak

<https://www.facebook.com/100079919275476/posts/pfbid0vQeiDf4gqIs3FhZBApFoqpT23nzFWIHRNzPO8nW6UBweryuREoWSAgcqbEUBnyO61/>

VACANCY

ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor.

We are looking for someone with enthusiasm, passion and a belief in Catholic education who is keen to support St Bede's in being the best it can.

You do not need to be an expert in education; our governing body is made up of governors with a range of experience and expertise and we are looking for a diverse range of people to contribute to this. We are particularly looking for people who do not currently have children at the school (but would welcome applications from parents whose children have attended in the past or may be attending in the future). We would particularly welcome candidates with legal expertise.

St Bede's has a superb reputation locally, within Clifton Diocese and nationally. We are recognised by the Diocese as an Outstanding Catholic School. See our website <https://www.stbedescc.org/> for more information about us. Full Governing Body meetings and committee meetings are all held 3 times a year, during the day. For further information about being a governor in a Catholic school visit:

<https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> and click on the 'Recruitment' tab or email Bill McEntee (Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese) via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on Tel: 07710094976. If you wish to support the college by becoming a foundation governor, please complete the application form: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2>