



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



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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Thirty Third Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

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## This Week's Mass Times

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm	St Joseph	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Deceased members of Pereira Family (RIP)</i>
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am	St Joseph		<i>The Chandler Family</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>Arthur Corlett (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Sheelagh Bailey (RIP)</i>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Brian Radakin (RIP)</i>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7pm	St Francis	Memorial of St Cecilia	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	St Francis	Mass for the Recently Deceased	<i>Recently Deceased</i>
	6pm	St Joseph	Solemnity of Christ the King	<i>Deceased members of Wilks Family (RIP)</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



## Adoration

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

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of wives. This is not, in fact, a recipe for 'the perfect wife', but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

## **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.

### **MASS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED – 25<sup>th</sup> NOV**

Mass will be celebrated for those who have recently died from both parishes at 10.30am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at St Francis' Church.

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 this Mass. Refreshments will be provided after Mass. Fr Richard

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Fr Jude Lemeh CM from the Vincentians (Congregation of the Mission, Province of Nigeria). Will be making a Mission Appeal at all Masses this weekend (18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>)

### **2024 DIRECTORIES & DIARIES**

Diocesan Directories and Liturgical Diaries are now available from both Churches. Price £6 Directories and £6.50 Diaries.

### **MISSIO RED BOXES – ST FRANCIS**

Thank you so much for supporting this charity. If you have some money in your Red Box please bring it to St Francis church, it will be emptied, and returned for you to collect the following week.

As always, if you have a promoter who collects it from you, they will be in touch soon. If you would like a new Box, I have a few spares. Martha Orr 01275851980

### **RIP**

**Leslie Cecil Stanford** passed away at Norewood Lodge Care Home on Saturday 4th November, aged 94 years. Leslie's funeral will take place at Canford Crematorium on Monday 27th November 2023 at 2.15pm. Please pray for the repose of Leslie's soul and his family and friends at this sad time.

### **FIRST CONFESSIONS**

Forty-three children, from both parishes, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** in **Portishead** at **4.15pm** and

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** in **Nailsea** at **2.00pm**.

Please keep all of these children in your prayers.

If you have offered to be a prayer partner for a child you are very welcome to come along to one of our sessions or to come along to the Reconciliation Service above. Thank you. Anne-Marie

### **YOUTH CLUB**

Our joint parish youth club continues to meet on the **second Friday** of each month from **4.00pm - 6.00pm** in **St Joseph's** church hall. Please would you consider giving up a couple of hours of your time – it's only once a month, or to be on standby by if our regular helpers can't make a session. Thank you. Anne-Marie

### **ADVENT SERVICE**

Our joint parish Advent Service will take place on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at **6.30pm** in **St Francis Nailsea**. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to read at the Advent Service, please email me to let me know. Thank you. Anne-Marie

### **WOMEN CONNECT**

Our next joint parish session for women will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. 7.00pm refreshments for a 7.30pm start, in St Francis Church Hall.

All are welcome. If you would like help with transport, please let me know and we can arrange lifts. Thank you. Anne-Marie

### **UCM – ST JOSEPH'S**

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2.30 pm in the Church Hall. Everyone Welcome!

## PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

If you are in a position to help this week we would appreciate **UHT fruit juice, custard, small jars of coffee**, and any items from our **Christmas hampers** list: *Christmas cake, Pringles/snacks, cranberry sauce, tinned ham, trifle kits, savoury biscuits, selection boxes, tinned custard, stuffing, savoury crackers.*

As usual donations can be left in the trolley in St Joseph's church lobby. Many thanks for your generosity.

## BOOK SWAP – ST JOSEPH'S

Got any books just sat on a shelf at home?

Well, bring them to our parish's book swap!

After Mass on Sunday 26th November, we will be holding a book swap at St Joseph's, so bring books you are no longer interested in and swap them. Any genre will do - from adults to preschool books. Come give a book and then swap it with one you haven't read yet! If you are only interested in grabbing a few books, could you please bring a small donation which will go towards the week's offertory. On the other hand, if you would like to only donate books that's absolutely fine too! Don't feel pressured to take one back home as the spare ones will be going to a local charity. Thank you. Greta.

## RECIPE BOOK

Thank you very much to those if you who have sent in a recipe for our joint parish recipe book. We still need more recipes! Please have a think and send one in to Nikita. Her email address is [nikitawebster291186@gmail.com](mailto:nikitawebster291186@gmail.com) or leave a hard copy in the box in the porch. Any questions / queries about this please contact Anne-Marie

## DEANERY MEETING

A meeting is taking place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea from 10am to 12pm to start to discuss the new Pastoral Area and ways of moving forward as parishes. Everyone is welcome.

## STARTING SCHOOL?

If you have a child born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2024** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the North Somerset Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2024**.

## UKRAINE WINTER AID APPEAL

I am writing again to ask your help with donations of storable winter food for BristolAid4Ukraine's 8th Aid Trip to Ukraine leaving Bristol at the end of this month and any donations of children's toys for refugee children living in Nailsea, Backwell and Bristol this Christmas. Our Pre-Christmas Aid trip will bring out urgently needed Winter Aid for those most in need.

As we head into this winter the level of need in Ukraine is even more acute than last winter. Over 4 million refugees having returned to Ukraine this year, starvation and hunger especially in the East and close to the Russian border is now a major threat and concern.

In one night of drone attacks on Humanitarian warehouses in Lviv on September 19th 2023, just before our 7th Aid trip, the equivalent of enough food for

10,000 people this winter was destroyed in one major blast.

As a result, any help you can give BristolAid4Ukraine, in the run up to Christmas with collections of storable winter food and also children's toys this year would be amazing.

**Collection will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November from St Francis Church.**

## VACANCY

### FINANCE OFFICE SUPPORT

The Finance department based in Alexander House, Bristol, are looking to recruit a team administrator to strengthen its central Finance Office function.

The role is part-time, 12hours across three days. Attention to detail, flexible can-do attitude, and the ability to be well organised are important. Experience in a similar role and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel would be highly beneficial. For further details please go to [www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/Workingforus](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/Workingforus) where you will find the Job Description and application form. All applications to be sent to Simon Hussey, Head of Finance by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023, [simon.hussey@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:simon.hussey@cliftondiocese.com)