



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



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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**Twenty Fifth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

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## This Week's Mass Times

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	6pm	St Joseph	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Thanksgiving – St Joseph</i>
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		<i>James Gerard Coleman (RIP) (Ann)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Carolyn Poole (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	7pm	St Francis	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Private Intention</i>
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10am	St Joseph	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Jerome	
	6pm	St Joseph	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>George &amp; Phyllis Rosario (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 can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts.

## **PATRONAL FEAST - SAINT FRANCIS**

As the patronal feast of our parish, the Feast of St Francis will be transferred to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Nailsea.

## **ST FRANCIS GARDEN**

Our Gardening Team have been working hard to create a "St. Francis Garden" in our church grounds with certain artefacts supplied from Shelagh and Roger Layet's old home garden. It's now been completed and after the 11 a.m. Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> October it will be officially opened and blessed by Father Richard and all parishioners are very welcome to attend. We hope in the months and years to come it will be visited as a place of quiet Contemplation.

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

As our children continue their journey towards First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, we ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers.

It would be great if each child could have a prayer partner from the parish community – someone who will forge a special link with them in prayer until their First Holy Communion in June – and beyond! If you feel you could commit to this please take a prayer card after Mass today and leave your name with one of the catechists. Thank you. Anne-Marie

## **DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS**

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

## **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER – ST JOSEPH'S 9am MASS**

Will be led by the pupils of St Joseph's Primary School.

## **CAFOD CAKE SALE – ST JOSEPH'S**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October - after 6pm Mass

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October - after 9am Mass.

Please bring your pennies and pounds along to these Masses as the First Holy Communion group would like to raise as much money as possible for the poorest people in our world. All proceeds towards CAFOD for the Family Fast Harvest Appeal.

## **JOINT PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

We are looking to arrange a joint parish pilgrimage to Rome in March 2024. Flying from Bristol, 4 nights half-board accommodation and visiting all the main pilgrimage sites. If you are interested, sign up sheets are available at both churches.

## **VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!**

**Offertory collection counters** are required at **St Joseph's**. If you can spare a little time after the Tuesday morning Mass to help count the offertory, please see Fr Richard.

## **PORTISHEAD FOODBANK**

This week they say: "Foodbank will be open as usual this Friday from 12-2 pm with our fresh food also available. If you are able to donate this week any of the following will be much appreciated:

- **All cleaning stuff**
- **Men' toiletries including deodorants**
- **Toilet rolls**
- **Fruit juice**
- **Vegetables**
- **Rice pudding**
- **Custard**
- **Steam puddings**
- **Coffee**
- **Potatoes Tinned and Smash**

*Thank you from the Foodbank Team."*  
As usual you can leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph's Church lobby.

## **FAMILY PIG RACE NIGHT**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at St Francis Hall.

Please come and support this evening which will be raising funds for St Francis church roof appeal. You have the opportunity to be the owner of a pig for a race for £5, naming it and collect a prize if it wins that race. Names of owners can be placed on the board in St Francis or email [angie.reddington@icloud.com](mailto:angie.reddington@icloud.com). There will be 6 races during the evening and you will be able to place a 50p stake on any of the pigs and share a winning stake. Cost is £6 per family or £3 per adult which will include a slice of margarita pizza. Payment can be made by cash or card. If you are coming please sign the clipboard for catering purposes or let Angie know. Please bring your own drinks and snacks! Hopefully a raffle will take place and donations for that would be greatly appreciated.

## **WOMEN CONNECT**

Our next meeting of women from St Joseph's and St Francis will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** in **St Joseph's Parish Hall**. There will be refreshments available from **7.00pm** ready to start at **7.30pm**. As always, if you would like to come but do not have transport, please let me know and we can arrange lifts. If you would like more information, do get in touch with me.

Anne-Marie