



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



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Sunday 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 27 th Apr	6pm	St Joseph	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<i>Private Intention to Our Lady</i>
Sun 28 th Apr	9am	St Joseph		<i>Judy Carr</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>Intentions of Terina Kelly</i>
Mon 29 th Apr	9am	St Francis	Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tues 30 th Apr	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Pius V	<i>Private Intention</i>
Wed 1 st May	7pm	St Francis	Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs 2 nd May	9.15am	St Francis	Morning Prayer	
Fri 3 rd May	10am	St Joseph	Feast of Saints Philip and James	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sat 4 th May	10am	St Joseph	Feast of the English Martyrs	
	6pm	St Joseph	Sixth Sunday of Easter	

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

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

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.

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart,
Although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that He be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you
in all things great and small,
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all.

JOINT PARISH MUSIC EVENING 'RAISING THE ROOF'

All are welcome to this music evening to raise money for the Church roof.

Friday 26th April 6.30pm for 7.00pm start in **St Francis' Church Hall.**

This will be an opportunity for a sing along to those all-time favourites (no musical ability required!) and to listen to our children and young people entertain us. Cakes and refreshments available for a donation to the roof fund and Raffle.

Calling all children and young people if you would like to play a short piece at the music evening, on any instrument of your choice, then please get in touch. Donations for the Raffle prizes grateful received.

Thank you. Anne-Marie

JOINT PARISH FILM

Friday 24th May 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Suggested donation of £5.00 includes free ice cream. Bring your own drinks. All money raised will go to the roof fund.

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

Are you a man of prayer with a heart to serve the community? Have you ever thought you might have a vocation to be a deacon – it's time to explore whether God might be calling you. The Lord calls men from all walks of life to serve the Church through the diaconate. We work in parishes and deaneries, in charities, hospitals, schools and prisons. We work in all sorts of jobs day to day; we balance our lives between family, work and church. Might you be called to use your faith and experience to serve? If you are open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and willing to explore a call to service as a deacon, please speak to your parish priest or a local deacon to begin a conversation. After that if you want to go further, please contact Deacon Steve Boughton from the Diocesan Vocations Team steve.boughton@cliftdiocese.com for an initial discussion to learn more.

"THY KINGDOM COME"

To prepare for the great feast of Pentecost Portishead Churches Together invite us to "Light up the World in Prayer". Here are some propositions:

- Pray at the **top of St Peter's church tower:** Thursday 9th May at 7.30am and 8.15am
- Take a small or large part in a **24-hour prayer vigil** at High St. Methodist church: Friday 17th May 9am - Saturday 18th May 9am
- Do a **prayer walk** through the town with one or more friends from another church.
- Come to the **Pentecost Unity Service** at Gordano School on Sunday 19th May 11am. All welcome. Children's activities.

MISSIO

Red Box 2023: Thank You!

In 2023, parishioners at St Joseph's and St Francis' have raised £2,887.26 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

WOMEN CONNECT

The next meeting will be held at St Joseph's Church Hall on Thursday 2nd May - 7pm refreshments for a 7.30 start. All very welcome.

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

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

REFUGEE CELEBRATION AT ST FRANCIS

Last Sunday afternoon (21st) our parish St. Francis, hosted a celebration with our Christians Together in Nailsea and District (CTINAD) Group. This was a get together event for all the refugees who have found sanctuary in our community; Syrians, Ukrainians and now 5 Afghan families who arrived at the beginning of the year. CTINAD helped North Somerset Council to help settle them in our community and many of our parish were part of the team.

We have hosted this event in the past and was great to see the families particularly the Syrian ones who have learnt the language, got jobs and passed their driving tests etc. They're great encouragement to our new arrivals.

The Celebration was a great success and many thanks to everybody who helped and who attended the event. It was good to see everyone mingling and children playing together.

We had nearly a hundred people, Ukrainian, Syrian, Afghan enjoying themselves with friends volunteers and parishioners sharing marvellous home cooked food together.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 13th & SUNDAY 14th JULY

Since the 1990's a modest number of parishioners have walked from St. Francis Church to Glastonbury Abbey for the annual diocesan service in the grounds on a Sunday afternoon.

The walk is over two days starting early and is 16 miles plus on the first day often over hilly ground, it is not easy! We finish on the Saturday at Westbury- sub-Mendip.

On Sunday we will leave Westbury-sub-Mendip and walk the 8/9 relatively flat miles into Glastonbury in order to join the procession and be in time for mass.

You can choose to do one or both days walking, as some may wish to join us by 9am for the Sunday walk.

There are severe limitations over accommodation on the Saturday night.

If you wish to take part in the pilgrimage or want more information please contact Clive Collins on 07956 519069 or cjmmcollins@outlook.com

SOUL IN THE SYSTEM

On Wednesday 12th June 2024 Sarah Bachelard, an Anglian priest and theologian based in Canberra, Australia with special interests in philosophy, ethics and spirituality, (and a leading teacher in the Christian Meditation community,) is coming to Chepstow and Bath to deliver two talks. In Bath Abbey at 7.30 pm Sarah will be speaking on the theme of 'Soul in the System'. Meditation or mindfulness practice is often promoted as a way of helping us cope better with the demands of daily life. Meditation is said to build resilience and reduce anxiety, and so it does. But at what point does 'coping' become 'colluding'? This talk explores the notion of 'mysticism as resistance' and asks how contemplative practice and community might empower souls to transform - not simply survive - the system.

All are welcome and pay what you can afford. A poster is on the hall noticeboard with more details.

For the Bath Abbey event, you can book a place (donations on the door) via this link https://soulintheshystem_sarahbachelard.eventbrite.co.uk

LIVING THE COMMON GOOD-18TH MAY

Living the Common Good: Discerning Challenges and Responses will take place 18 May 2024 from 10am to 4pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Brislington, Bristol. It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good. There is no cost to attend.

Please register at

cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk