



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



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Sunday 18th September 2022
Twenty Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 17 th Sep	6pm	St Joseph	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Roisin & Sean Kelleher (50th Wed Ann)</i>
Sun 18 th Sep	9am	St Joseph		<i>Benefactors Parish Development 2006-7 People of the Parish Rita Lyons (RIP)</i>
	11am	St Francis		
	6pm	St Francis		
Mon 19 th Sep	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 20 th Sep	No Mass		Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions	
Wed 21 st Sep	7pm	St Francis	Feast of Saint Matthew	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs 22 nd Sep	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Pino Pellegrino (RIP)</i>
Fri 23 rd Sep	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina	
Sat 24 th Sep	No Mass		Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham	
	6pm	St Joseph	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	

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



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

Adoration

THE WORD THIS WEEK

How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: 'Use money to win you friends' is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today's Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange – is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: 'The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind' – Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies – to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding 'friends in heaven'?

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022

For the happy repose of HM The Queen

Almighty God,
you are the author and sustainer of all human life;
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
whom you granted a long and happy reign
as Monarch of these lands
may be forgiven her sins
and rewarded with that eternal life
promised to all those born again
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God, forever and ever,
Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,
And let Perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful
departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, source of all consolation,
we pray for the members of the Royal Family
who mourn the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.
Uphold them in your love and pour out on them
the consolation of your healing Spirit.
Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ
comfort in their sadness, certainty in their doubt
and courage to live through this hour.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen.

Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject,
Grant to your servant His Majesty the King
wisdom in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering to you
and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from unity and peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit God, forever and ever,
Amen.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have produced leaflets with prayers for the late Queen and the Royal Family, which are available in both churches. If you would like to sign the Royal Family online book of condolence, this can be found on the Royal Family website <https://www.royal.uk/send-message-condolence> These messages will be kept in the archives and a selection will be read by members of the Royal Family.

MINUTES SILENCE – SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Portishead Town Council invite you to join them for a minute's silence to remember and honour Queen Elizabeth II in the Precinct at 8pm.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY - 18th SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTION

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate at the Bishops' Conference in supporting our bishops in three important areas:

- Firstly, evangelisation and catechesis. Guided by the Bishops, this work supports the dioceses in bringing the beauty of the Catholic Faith to the people in their parishes, and to those who do not yet know the Lord.

- Secondly, the beauty of the Liturgy and our church buildings. The Mission directorate ensures that liturgical directives from Rome are acted upon and liturgical texts are translated into English. Historical building experts work in the Directorate and support dioceses to fund and maintain beautiful places for prayer.

- Thirdly, sharing the beauty of the Catholic faith with Christian and non-Christians through outreach and dialogue. This work supports the bishops at the national level and helps create greater understanding. The directorate also reaches out to those with no faith, but who seek the Lord "with a sincere heart".

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support these three important areas of work.

More information can be found at:
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/what-is-evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

FR RICHARD' BIRTHDAY

Fr Richard will be celebrating a significant birthday this weekend and you are welcome to join him for a light buffet and drinkies after 6pm Mass at St Joseph's on Saturday 17th September and a Bring and Share Lunch after the 11am Mass at St Francis on Sunday 18th September. All Welcome.

TODDLERS GROUP – ST JOSEPH'S Tuesdays during Term-time:

Parents or carers with Babies and Toddlers are very welcome to this group on Tuesdays in St Joseph's church hall from 10.30am-11.30am. Toys, activities and songs along with snacks included. For more details, text or ring Tom on 07970953461.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

If you would like to volunteer to make tea/coffee after the 9am Mass at St Joseph's and 11am Mass at St Francis Church, please contact Fr Richard.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

This week they write: "We appreciate that money is scarce but, if you are in a position to donate, ANY of the following would be appreciated :

- Jars of coffee - any size or brand
- Deodorant- neutral scented are especially appreciated as they can be used by any age or sex."

For more details consult the Portishead Foodbank page on Facebook.

Please leave your contribution in the trolley in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity.
Deacon Didier

STELLA MARIS

Invitation to webinar: Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on **Tuesday 27th September from 7.30pm to 9pm GMT** to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, **please register in advance** at

www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment