



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



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Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 20 th Apr	6pm	St Joseph	Fourth Sunday of Easter	<i>Justin Templer (RIP)</i>
Sun 21 st Apr	9am	St Joseph		<i>Moya Price (RIP)</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>Felix Beggs (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon 22 nd Apr	9am	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	<i>Brian Huggins (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Tues 23 rd Apr	10am	St Joseph	Morning Prayer	
Wed 24 th Apr	No Mass			
Thurs 25 th Apr	9.15am	St Francis	Morning Prayer	
Fri 26 th Apr	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Easter	<i>Bob James (RIP)</i>
Sat 27 th Apr	10.30am	St Joseph	Mass with the Anointing of the Sick	<i>The sick & housebound</i>
	6pm	St Joseph	Fifth Sunday of Easter	

Confessions

Saturday	5.30-5.50pm	St Joseph
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm	St Francis

Today's Readings



Adoration

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

This is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general "theme" to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising): the first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the "power of this name" is that in him we are all God's children, and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

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.

Prayer for Vocations Sunday

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.

Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 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. Gift Aid envelopes are available and donations can be made online and using the card machine at St Francis'. Leaflets explaining the Clergy Training Fund are also available at both churches.

RIP

Lis Jeffery passed away peacefully on Wednesday 17th April. Funeral details to follow. Please pray for the repose of her soul and family and friends at this sad time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - ST JOSEPH'S

On Saturday 27th April at 10.30am Fr Richard will celebrate a special Mass with Anointing of the Sick. This beautiful sacrament is a great help for those suffering from grave illness or the effects of old age. Refreshments will be offered after Mass. Fr Richard will also endeavour to bring the Sacrament to those who desire to receive it but are unable to attend that Mass. If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick please get in touch with Deacon Didier. Note that there will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick also at St Francis on Saturday 18th May.

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.

UCM - ST JOSEPH'S

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd April at 2pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Everyone most welcome.

PRAYERS

Please continue to keep the candidates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion in your prayers as they prepare to receive these sacraments.

JOINT PARISH FILM NIGHT

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.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

If you're in a position to donate this week we would appreciate

- Tinned meat products
- Tinned vegetables (not beans)
- Tinned custard or rice pudding

Please leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph's church lobby. Thank you as always for your support. The Foodbank Team.

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

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

HCPT QUIZ NIGHT – SAT 27TH APRIL

Ploughman's Supper and Quiz with skill challenge in Greyfriars Hall, Clevedon at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks. Tickets are £10 (£7 for under-16s) for a hearty ploughman's meal and the quiz. Please see Tom Osman (Sunday mornings) to book your place or for more information or email Tom on tafosman@hotmail.co.uk. Supper followed by fantastic cakes sold by Christine Harris. All funds raised go towards taking children with additional needs on a weeklong pilgrimage/holiday to Lourdes. (www.hcpt.org.uk)

LIVING THE COMMON GOOD

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

THE EUCHARIST: A BOND OF LOVE WHICH CAN NEVER BE UNDONE

There is an opportunity on Saturday 8 June at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world.

We are delighted that Fr. Michael McAndrew will lead us in our reflections and conversations. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm.

Please use the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/> to register for the day.