



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



St Francis of Assisi Church
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Sunday 22nd May 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Solemnity of Pentecost

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Parish website:	www.josephfrancis.org		

Mass Times

Saturday 21 st May	6pm	St Joseph	6 th Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 22 nd May	9am	St Joseph		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>Louis Burns (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		
Monday 23 rd May	9am	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Tuesday 24 th May	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Aldhelm	
Wednesday 25 th May	11.15am	St Francis	Funeral Mass	<i>Brian Huggins (RIP)</i>
	7pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord	<i>Pino Pellegrino (RIP)</i>
Thursday 26 th May	9.15am	St Francis	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	
	12noon	St Joseph		
	7pm	St Joseph		
Friday 27 th May	10am	St Joseph	Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury	
Saturday 28 th May	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	7 th Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 29 th May	9am	St Joseph		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>Louis Burns (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		
Monday 30 th May	9am	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Tuesday 31 st May			No Mass	
Wednesday 1 st June	7pm	St Francis	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Thursday 2 nd June	9.15am	St Francis	Memorial of Saint Justin	
Friday 3 rd June	10am	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Saturday 4 th June	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of St Charles Lwanga	
	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Solemnity of Pentecost	
Sunday 5 th June	9am	St Joseph		<i>Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>Brian Huggins (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 6 th June	9am	St Francis	Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
Tuesday 7 th June	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 8 th June	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 9 th June	9.15am	St Francis	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	
Friday 10 th June	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 11 th June	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Barnabas	

Confessions			Today's Readings	Adoration		
Saturday	5.30-5.50pm	St Joseph		Tuesday	2-3pm	St Francis
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm	St Francis		Wednesday	12noon - 10pm	St Joseph
Wednesday	6.30-6.50pm	St Francis		Thursday 2 nd June	8-9pm	St Francis

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

As Eastertide unfolds, we feel the power and influence of the Spirit growing. This is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and the Spirit who brings the Church to birth at Pentecost. As we journey towards Pentecost - the climax of the Easter Season - we should be considering the presence of the Spirit in the Church today: the reconciler of disputes, the solver of problems, true inspiration for the family of God on our journey to the New Jerusalem! From this side, Pentecost is about promise: the Lord at the Last Supper promises that He and the Father will be "at home" with all who keep his words - and it is the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will remind us of these and all his words. We believe that all Scripture is "inspired" - the word of the Spirit - so as we listen or proclaim this Sunday let us look for the fulfillment of the promise made by the Lord.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

This is an unusual "in between" Sunday - in between the Lord's return to the Father's right hand at Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit. The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper - a prayer full of concern for his friends - for us, the Church. Eastertide has been all about the Church, and this Sunday is no exception: the vision of Stephen in the first reading, who sees heaven thrown open and is thus able to pray "Do not hold this sin against them" is a vision of what the Church must be - a community of love and mercy, always inspired (that is, guided by the Spirit) by the presence of Jesus. The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and second coming: as we await the Spirit next Sunday, Saint John gives us the final vision of our destiny: "let everyone who listens answer 'Come!'"

Solemnity of Pentecost

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are

guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension takes place on Thursday 26th May. Masses will be celebrated on Wed 25th May at 7pm (St Francis') and on Thurs 26th May at 9.15am (St Francis'), 12 noon (St Joseph's) and 7pm (St Joseph's)

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY – 28th/29th MAY

There will be a second collection on 28th/29th May for The Catholic Communications Network (CCN). This delivers the bishops' message to the media and to the wider world. It is the media office of the Bishops' Conference and exists primarily to serve the various departments, offices, agencies and consultative bodies of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Conference has seven departments: Evangelisation & Catechesis; Dialogue and Unity; Christian Responsibility and Citizenship, Catholic Communications Network; Christian Life and Worship, Catholic Education and Formation, International Affairs. The Catholic Communications Network works to serve the multimedia needs of the departments – broadcast, print and online.

www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/media_centre

Donations can also be made online at

<https://www.josephfrancis.org/donate>

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

The Bishops of England and Wales have said that Catholics should return to Mass at Pentecost. They have also established that, at all Masses on 4th/5th June, each parish should pray for Her Majesty The Queen to mark her Platinum Jubilee. *O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen, and graciously hear us in the day when we call upon Thee.* We express our loyalty and gratitude for the outstanding and unstinting service of Her Majesty The Queen to our nation and to people throughout the world.

BAPTISM

Elizabeth Agnes Stewart (daughter of Robert and Sarah) which will take place at St Francis' during the I I am Mass on Sunday 22nd May. Please keep Elizabeth and her family in your prayers as we welcome her into God's family.

RIP

Dolores Stack passed away on the 12th May 2022 at Bristol Oncology Centre. Dolores funeral will take place at St. Joseph's church on Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 12noon followed by the interment at Portishead new cemetery at 1.15pm approx.

Dawn Sidoli passed away on 10th May 2022 at Southmead Hospital, aged 88 years. Dawn's funeral will take place on Thursday 16th June 12noon at St. Joseph's followed by burial in Portishead cemetery 1.15pm approx. Please continue to pray for the repose of their souls and keep all their family and friends in your prayers.

STATEMENTS BY THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Copies of the two statements from the Bishops of England and Wales are available in the porches of both churches. These refer to 'Migration issues in the UK' and 'Returning to Mass at Pentecost'.

MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

The My Day by Day Booklets for June are now available at both churches. Price £1

REMEMBRANCE BOOK – ST FRANCIS

The Book of Remembrance is kept in a glass case at the rear of the church at St Francis. This book is to remember the anniversaries of St Francis parishioners. Christina Rogers updates the book on a regular basis. If you would like more details please contact Chris at cmrogers@sky.com

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Strength to Strength is a six session course by CaFE that is designed to help you develop your prayer life. A very friendly and welcoming online group would like to invite you to join them on a fortnightly Monday evening to watch the video input and discuss the ideas raised, as well as spending a short time of prayer and worship together. The course will begin on Monday 23rd May. If you are interested, speak to or email Nicola Osman in Portishead (nicola.osman@hotmail.co.uk) or Sarah Chaplow in Nailsea (s_gauci@hotmail.com)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Father Richard, Flower Ladies, Choir and Parishioners for making Lou's Requiem Mass so very special from Sylvia Burns & Family.

HOLIDAYS – Elaine

I will be on holiday from Thursday 26th May, returning on Monday 6th June.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

This week they write: "If you are fortunate enough to be able to donate to us this week we are very low on the following: Fruit juice, Powdered potato, Tinned meats or tinned meat products such as stew, chilli, curry etc Thank you as always. Please note that Portishead Foodbank is NOT open Friday 3rd June but is OPEN WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 12.00 - 2.00pm instead. We will accept vouchers but there will be NO fresh food that day. We will be open as normal the following week." For more information consult

<https://www.facebook.com/PortisheadFoodbank> or Deacon Didier.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH : Are you thinking about First Holy Communion for your child in June 2023 ?

If you have a child in **Catholic school** who will be in year 4 (or above) next school year, and you are thinking about him or her making their First Holy Communion, please send your name, the child's name and date of birth, and your e-mail contact details to Alison Delaplace at alison.delaplace@gmail.com or by text message to 07565 390752

You are also invited to an Information Evening with Fr Richard on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm at St Joseph's church (on West Hill, BS20 6LN) which will be an opportunity to find out about the preparation sessions and ask any questions you may have.

If your child is at a **non-Catholic school** and will be going into year 3 (or above) next school year, please also get in touch with Alison Delaplace (details above) to find out about pre-catechesis in preparation for First Holy Communion in 2024.

PORTISHEAD CHURCHES TOGETHER PENTECOST PICNIC

On Sunday 5th June, to celebrate Pentecost as well as the Queen's platinum jubilee, we are all invited to join an ecumenical picnic on the Flower Show field (opposite Gordano School) from 12.30 to 2pm.

THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE - CAFOD

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tons of food and we only need 3.7 billion tons to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

Clifton Diocese produce a weekly newsletter, you can subscribe by going to the diocesan website at www.cliftondiocese.com - scroll down to the bottom of the page to enter your email address to receive it each week.

MARRIAGE CATECHISTS

A formation course for married couples and widowers who are interested in becoming a marriage catechist. Your role will be to accompany, support and help prepare the couple for the sacrament of marriage showing the engaged couple that being married is an ongoing action that happens daily. Your own married lives will have seen ups and down, glorious moments, and difficult ones why not think about becoming a marriage catechist and share your experiences of this remarkable vocation.

Held over three evenings, 9th, 23rd, and 30th June at English Martyr's, Tuffley. We begin with refreshments from 7pm and start the session at 7:15pm.

You can register via the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marriage-catechists-series-of-three-sessions-tickets-329642659067> For more information and/or to register your interest please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

VACANCY – ST FRANCIS

Our Parish School needs you!

On the 1st of March 2022, the Newman Catholic Trust formally began its journey. In coming together, our parish primary school, St Francis in Nailsea, joined with St Bernard's in Shirehampton and St Teresa's in Southmead on an exciting journey of collaboration and cooperation to provide the best for our children. As Saint John Henry Newman famously remarked, "Growth is the only evidence of life", and, now, collectively, our schools are working to grow our family and develop a faith community that will transform the future of Catholic education in the region.

To be truly Catholic in our actions and our identity means everything we work towards and strive to achieve as a Trust must be for the greater glory of God. Our aims and ambitions for our schools and for the Trust are for that greater glory. To this end the Bishop is actively recruiting Foundation Governors to support the work of the Trust going forward.

The role of a Foundation Governor

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and represent the Bishop's education policy (e.g. worship and religious education). This is why Foundation Governors will always outnumber other governors.

To apply to become a Foundation Governor, please visit the Clifton Diocese website following this link:

<https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance>

Cath Hanley

Chair of Governors

St Francis' Catholic Primary School