



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



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Sunday 15th May 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 14 th May	6pm	St Joseph	5 th Sunday of Easter	<i>People of the Parish Confirmation Candidates Brian Huggins (RIP)</i>
Sunday 15 th May	9am	St Joseph	Confirmation Mass	
	11am	St Francis	5 th Sunday of Easter	
	6pm	St Francis		
Monday 16 th May	9am	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Tuesday 17 th May	12.45pm	St Joseph	Funeral Mass	<i>Denese Hallsworth (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 18 th May	11am	St Joseph	Funeral Mass	<i>Betty Farrow (RIP)</i>
	7pm	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 19 th May	9.15am	St Francis	Memorial of St Dunstan	<i>Raymond Dougall (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Friday 20 th May	12.15pm	St Francis	Funeral Mass	<i>Louise Perks (RIP)</i>
Saturday 21 st May	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	<i>Deacon Didier Delaplace</i>
	6pm	St Joseph	6 th 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	2-3pm	St Francis
Wednesday	12noon -10pm	St Joseph
Thursday	8-9pm	St Francis

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, 'love one another', is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost (check the first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter) – it is the risen Lord's parting gift to his Church.

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

The bishops of England and Wales have said that Catholics should return to Mass in person at Pentecost. In a resolution issued after their recent plenary meeting in Cardiff, the bishops stated that: "we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed." But the bishops also offered a reassurance for those who genuinely still do not feel safe to return to their parish churches quite yet. "We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound." We will therefore continue to live-stream Masses from St Joseph's and St Francis' for the benefit of those who are unable to attend Mass. Copies of the full statement from the bishops have been sent out with the newsletter and printed copies are available in both churches.

MIGRATION ISSUES IN THE UK

Following their plenary meeting, the bishops have also issued a statement regarding 'Migration issues in the UK'. Copies of this statement have also been sent out with the newsletter and printed copies are available in both churches.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 MAY

St Francis' Church is being used as a collection point for the local area for Christian Aid Week again this year. Envelopes are available in the porch if you would like to make a donation. For more details see the Christian Aid Website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

HOLY WATER

Since the easing of lockdown restrictions, holy water has been available in the holy water stoups for us to use as we enter the church. In doing so, we are participating in an ancient tradition of using water as a symbol of cleansing and purity, which recalls our baptism. Holy water is now available in containers by the fonts in both churches for parishioners to take home and use. You are welcome to fill a small bottle or another receptacle to take the water home. The water can be placed in a holy water stoup within the home, often hung on the wall near a doorway, or it may remain in the bottle. Holy water can be used for blessing oneself or for parents to bless their children. It serves as a tangible sign of Christ and a reminder of the rites of the Church that use water, including baptism and the Eucharist. Whenever we dip our hand in holy water, we participate in a powerful and ancient sacramental. As in the past, the faithful are encouraged to take water home as a means of blessing and a reminder for one's home and family life to image Christ.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Declan will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation for the 2021 candidates from our parishes this weekend on Sunday 15th May, 9am at St Joseph's Church. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

RIP

Brian Keith Huggins funeral will take place at St Francis Church on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 11.15am followed by the committal at South Bristol crematorium at 12.45pm. Please continue to keep Gill, family and friends in your prayers.

Dolores Stack passed away on the 12th May 2022 at Bristol Oncology Centre.

Dawn Sidoli passed away on 10th May 2022 at Southmead Hospital, aged 88 years.

Please pray for the repose of their souls and keep all their family and friends in your prayers.

UCM – ST JOSEPH'S

Our next meeting will take place this Monday 16th May at 2 pm in the Church Hall. There will be the usual Bring & Buy and raffle. Visitors always welcome.

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)

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

This week they write: "If you are in a position to donate this week we would really appreciate Fruit juice, Rice pudding, Custard, Milk, Cleaning materials including washing up liquid, Unisex deodorants.

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/PortisheadFoodbankInfo> or Deacon Didier.

NAILSEA FOODBANK

The basket for donations to Nailsea Foodbank is now at the back of St Francis church. I will be leaving the Parish in a few weeks and wondered if there was anyone that would like to make the deliveries to the foodbank. The Foodbank is open between 12.30 and 2.30 every Friday at Southfield Road Church. You don't need to drop off every week once a month would be fine. If interested please let me know. Sue Randall 07837343648.

THANK YOU!

Deacon Didier would like to say how grateful he is for all the good wishes, cards, presents and donations he received for his birthday. A big thank you to all who came to my party on Sunday afternoon, and a special thank you to those of you who gave your time helping to make it happen. May God bless you!

ANN'S MAD CHALLENGE - THE LONGEST RIDE ON THE LONGEST DAY

Demand for our services is increasing both in terms of debt counselling and for CAP Money Courses in Portishead, Clevedon and Pill. We have courses in Nailsea. Expansion requires money and that is why I am doing a sponsored bike ride on 18th June across England from the Kent coast to Burnham – 205 miles. I am also seeking to raise awareness of the help CAP offers to people locally.

Please talk about this madcap venture and spread the news of CAP!

Could also you help by encouraging friends and parishioners to be one of the 205 supporters of the ride with a £5 contribution? 205 miles is a long way, double what I have ridden in one ride to date, and it will be so good to have one person backing me for each mile I pedal.

The Just Giving link is below and I have attached a flyer.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gv-cap>

Thank you for your support.

Ann Tarr



WELLSPRING COUNSELLING

5 week MENTAL FITNESS course

Sessions on building mental resilience

For men aged 18+

Taster session 11-25 May @Nailsea school 6-7 pm

5 week course commencing 1.6.22.

- Testing mental fitness
- Resilience
- Understanding extreme emotions
- Beating depression and anxiety

Cost £20.00 and 5 free day passes @The gym Nailsea.

To find out more contact 07903523457

Reception@wellspringcounselling.org.U.K.

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.

SEEDS OF FAITH - TAUNTON

The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is offering a faith formation course 'Seeds of Faith' for experienced and inexperienced catechists, and anyone interested in learning more about our Catholic faith. The course consists of ten Saturday afternoon sessions, we will journey together, share ideas and grow in this special ministry. The sessions start at 3pm, finishing at 5pm, with refreshments from 2.30pm. This is an in-person, live event, the first session starts on **Saturday 18 June at St. George's, Billet Street, Taunton, TA1 3NN**. There will be Mass at St George's at 5.30pm each Saturday. The dates of the course are 18 June, 25 June, 9 July, 16 July, 3 September, 17 September, 24 September, 8 October, 15 October & 22 October. The course fee is £40 (or £5 per session), the payment details can be found on the booking form. For more information, a booking form and/or to register your interest, please contact: 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