



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



St Francis of Assisi Church
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Sunday 22nd January 2023
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God

St Joseph's Church
West Hill
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	Portishead	Tues & Fri	10.30am – 1pm
Parish website:	www.josephfrancis.org		

This Week's Mass Times

Sat 21 st Jan	6pm	St Joseph	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sun 22 nd Jan	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		<i>Pino Pellegrino (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		
Mon 23 rd Jan	9am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tues 24 th Jan	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales	
Wed 25 th Jan	7pm	St Francis	Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul	<i>For the Unity of Christians</i>
Thurs 26 th Jan	9.15am	St Francis	Memorial of Saints Timothy & Titus	
Fri 27 th Jan	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 28 th Jan	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas	
	6pm	St Joseph	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Eddie Parsons (RIP) (Ann)</i>

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

We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others) has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. 'Zebulun and Naphtali' was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus 'settles' and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY

These eight days of prayer for Christian Unity are traditionally kept in the days leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Resources are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/> with readings, meditations and prayers for each day of the octave. For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Mass will be celebrated for the Unity of Christians on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Wednesday 25th Jan, at 7pm at St Francis'.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH 25th ANNIVERSARY MASS

We will celebrate this important anniversary of the Dedication of St Francis' Church on 5th February with a special celebration Mass. There will be a bring and share lunch afterwards. Parishioners from St Joseph's are very welcome to join us for this special occasion.

JOINT PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

All are welcome to come along to this Fish and Chips Quiz Night on Friday 10th February starting at 7.00pm in Nailsea. There will not be a charge for this as it is just an opportunity for both parishes to get together to meet old friends and make new. Come as a team – max 6 or make up a team on the night. Pre ordered fish and chips will be delivered. Sign-up sheet in the porches. Bring your own drink. Tea and coffee will be provided. Raffle on the night – any donations of raffle prizes gratefully received. Please leave in the box in the porch. See you there!

JOINT PARISH TRIP - Save the Date

Keep Saturday 1st July free for our joint parish day trip to Wintershall for an amazing outdoor performance of The Life of Christ. More information to follow. In the meantime, check out the flier in the porch.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2023

A short **Memorial Service** will be held around the Holocaust Memorial commemorative oak tree at Lion's Green NAILSEA on Friday January 27th at 10am. The **North Somerset Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony** this year will be held at Weston Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-Super-Mare BS23 1PR on Saturday January 28th at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Alex Raikes (CEO of SARI, Bristol) For further information please contact Alison (alison.delaplace@gmail.com)

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

A big thank you to the generous parishioners who place their donations in the Foodbank caddy in the church lobby. The Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PortisheadFoodbankInfo> gives the latest information. Here is what they say this week:

“If anyone is able to make a donation we would really appreciate if they could donate any of the following: Any type of UHT fruit juice, Tinned custard, Tinned rice pudding (both of these products provide the calcium many of our clients need), UHT milk.

Even one item is much appreciated as we appreciate that everyone's budgets are stretched these days

Many thanks from the Foodbank team.”

EXPLORING THE FAITH

The next meeting of the ‘*Exploring the Catholic Faith*’ series is taking place on **Tuesday 24th January 2023** at 7.30pm in **St Joseph's hall**. We continue to explore the Church's teaching, this time on the **Eucharist**, on **Marriage**, and the links between these two Sacraments. As always, we will unwrap the topic in a relaxed and informal manner, with the support of the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. All are welcome. Contact Deacon Didier for further information.

LIVE MUSIC & PIZZA SOCIAL EVENING

– **ST JOSEPH'S** with Table 9 (Easy Listening Guitar Band) on Saturday 28th January: Come and enjoy an evening to raise funds for Ukrainian Refugees. Vince, Tom and Sean will be playing some easy listening music (new and old) from 7.30pm in St Joseph's Hall, Portishead. Pizza can be ordered on the night but please bring your own drinks. There will be a picture round quiz too. More details, email Tom tafosman@hotmail.co.uk

WOMEN CONNECT

Some women from St Joseph's Parish have approached me about starting a group across both parishes for women. There will be an introductory meeting on Thursday 9th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall at St Joseph's. It is very much a come along and have your say as to the shape and purpose of the group. For this first meeting I will offer a short overview of women in the Bible and there will be an opportunity for sharing and discussion on the theme of ‘change’ – something that affects all of us. Refreshments will be available. If you would like to come along but don't like driving at night, please let me know and we can arrange lifts. Thank you. Anne-Marie

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Programme is underway. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

INVITATION – FR SEBY

Has invited the parishioners of St Francis and St Joseph's to his Episcopal Ordination on Saturday 18th February in Vadodara, India. Please see Fr Richard for further details.

HCPT QUIZ: Saturday 18th February

Ploughmans' meal & Quiz with skill challenge in **Greyfriars Hall, Clevedon** at 7.30pm. BYO drinks. Ring Christine Harris (01275 342828) for more details.

ROAD CLOSURE – PORTISHEAD

Following the work by Wessex Water, North Somerset Council will be completing resurfacing work on West Hill beginning on Monday 9th January. It is anticipated that the work will take 31 days to complete. During this time various road closures will be in place, due to the recent bad weather the road closure positioned between the junctions of Coombe Avenue and West Hill Gardens will now be extended to Wednesday 25th January (8am – 5pm). Please see the notice board in the lobby of St Joseph's for further details or the social media pages of the council, or details of updates on One Network:

https://twitter.com/NStravel_roads

<https://www.facebook.com/NStravelandroads/>

<https://one.network>

VOCATIONS RETREAT IN LENT

Answering God's Call": A vocations discernment retreat for young Catholic adults for Lent

Listening to the 'voice' of Christ, discerning, responding to the call

at Brownhill monastery, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 8AL

Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March 2023

For Catholic men and women aged 18-35

The retreat will cover the following areas:

Listening. What is the 'voice' of Christ and how do I know that He is speaking to me?

Discerning. What is Christ asking me to do?

Responding. How should I respond? How do I know that I am doing the right thing?

Commitment. Answering God's call.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE, BACKWELL - Sunday 22nd January 2023 You are invited to join fellow Christians for a short prayer service to support the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the Baptist Chapel on Chapel Hill in Backwell on this Sunday at 3.30pm 22nd January 2023. The theme this year is Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice with a focus in particular on racial injustice.

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ADULT FORMATION & EVANGELISATION OFFICER

- Are you passionate about your faith and have a desire to share it with others?
- Would you like to support our parishes in their mission to be communities of evangelisation, mission rooted in synodality?
- Do you have an interest in developing resources and working with a variety of different groups to deliver effective and dynamic ongoing faith formation and sacramental preparation, alongside accompanying parishes in their outreach to those seeking faith or simply curious?

The person appointed to this role will be someone committed to the mission of the Church, a confident communicator, able to promote the Gospel and support parishes to grow in their capacity to be places of mission and outreach. He or she will work closely with the Officer for Caritas and Environment on some joint projects, particularly in the area of Youth Ministry.

If you are interested in such a role and would like to work for Clifton Diocese, please send your application to

Sarah.Adams@cliftondiocese.com. For

more information and an informal conversation, prior to applying, please contact Sarah Adams, Director for the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation, on 0117 902 5595. Further Information and Application form can be found here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

Closing Date for Applications: **Friday 11th February 2023**; interviews week beginning Monday 20th February 2023.