



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



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Sunday 26th November 2023
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 25 th Nov	6pm	St Joseph	Solemnity of Christ the King	<i>Deceased members of Wilks Family (RIP)</i>
Sun 26 th Nov	9am	St Joseph		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>Christine Broderick (RIP) (Ann)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>Gary Waterer (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Mon 27 th Nov	9am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Tues 28 th Nov	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wed 29 th Nov	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs 30 th Nov	No Mass		Feast of St Andrew	
Fri 1 st Sep	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of St Alexander Briant	<i>Pastoral Area of St Alexander Briant</i>
Sat 2 nd Sep	No Morning Mass		Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	First Sunday of Advent	<i>Deceased members of the Crowley and Duggan families (RIP)</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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Shepherd-King o’er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand’ring sheep.” This hymn captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church’s year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the Day of the Lord to come.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER LIST

Envelopes for the November List are available in both churches. Please place the names of deceased relatives and friends for whom you wish to pray in the envelopes and place them in the basket provided. These names will be remembered during Masses during the month of November, along with the names in the Books of Remembrance. At St Francis' this book is by the statue of Our Lady and at St Joseph's the book is in the arched recess on the right-hand side at the front of the church.

MASS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED – 25th NOV

Mass will be celebrated for those who have recently died from both parishes at 10.30am on Saturday 25th November at St Francis' Church.

This is an opportunity to pray for our loved ones who have died in recent years, both those whose funerals have been held in our churches and those that have taken place elsewhere. Please let me know if you would like the name of a loved one to be mentioned at this Mass. Refreshments will be provided after Mass. Fr Richard.

FR MATT ANSCOMBE VF

We welcome our new Dean, Fr Matt Anscombe, to our parishes. Fr Matt will be celebrating all of our Sunday Masses this weekend.

THANK YOU!

Following the Vincentians Mission Appeal by Fr Jude at last weekend Masses a total of **£749.53** was raised by both parishes.

'I am deeply grateful for the generous contributions from your parishes, it is really amazing. May the Lord of the missions continue to support you and your parishioners. Thank you so much' Fr Jude

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 2nd/3rd DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a second collection next weekend 2nd/3rd December at both parishes for floral decorations for the Christmas period.

2024 DIRECTORIES & DIARIES

Diocesan Directories and Liturgical Diaries are now available from both Churches. Price £6 Directories and £6.50 Diaries.

PASTORAL AREA MEETING

A meeting is taking place on Saturday 2nd December at St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea from 10am to 12noon to start to discuss the new Pastoral Area and ways of moving forward as parishes. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Next week, on the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. Our Sunday readings in this new year, will be from Cycle B in the Lectionary. This time next year a new translation of the lectionary will begin to be used during Mass. We will spend some time next year preparing for the introduction of this new translation. If anyone is considering purchasing a new Sunday Missal you might want to consider waiting for a year, when the new editions will be available. In the meantime, both the Catholic Truth Society and St Paul's Publications have produced a paperback Sunday Missal that is designed just for 2024. These have been arranged with just the readings for the coming year and with the relevant solemnities arranged on the appropriate dates. Both Missals are available from the relevant websites: The CTS Sunday Missal 2024 £9.95

<https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/the-cts-sunday-missal-2024/> ST PAUL Sunday Missal 2024 £7.95 <https://stpauls.org.uk/st-paul-sunday-missal-2024.html>

ADVENT SERVICE

Our joint parish Advent Service will take place on **Friday 8th December at 6.30pm in St Francis Nailsea**. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to read at the Advent Service, please email me to let me know. Thank you. Anne-Marie

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Craft activities for all the family, everyone welcome. Bring and Share lunch.

St Joseph's 10.30am-12.30pm on **Saturday 16th December**

St Francis after Mass, 12noon – 2pm on **Sunday 17th December**

WOMEN CONNECT

Our next joint parish session for women will take place on **Thursday 30th November**. 7.00pm refreshments for a 7.30pm start, in St Francis Church Hall.

All are welcome. If you would like help with transport, please let me know and we can arrange lifts. Thank you.

Anne-Marie

MY DAY-BY-DAY BOOKLETS

The My Day-by-Day booklets for Advent are now available at both churches. Price £1.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – ST JOSEPH’S

The Christmas Raffle will take place at the Christmas Social after Mass on Saturday, 16th December. It would be great help if we could have some volunteers to sell tickets after Mass on Saturday night and Sunday morning. There is a list in the church for donations to the raffle and it would be wonderful if you could add your name and contact number against anything on the list that you feel you could donate. Thank you in advance.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

Portishead Foodbank is part of Clevedon District Foodbank. They will be providing over 600 Christmas hamper bags to people and families this Christmas time. If you would like to help, we appreciate any of the following donations:

Cranberry Sauce

Stuffing

Christmas cakes, other cake eg Mr. Kipling,

Biscuits

Mince pies

Crackers

Pringles

Hot chocolate.

We have enough - tinned salmon, tinned ham, selection boxes and coffee.

Please leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph’s church lobby. Many thanks for your generosity.

RECIPE BOOK

Thank you very much to those if you who have sent in a recipe for our joint parish recipe book. We still need more recipes! Please have a think and send one in to Nikita. Her email address is nikitawebster291186@gmail.com or leave a hard copy in the box in the porch. Any questions / queries about this please contact Anne-Marie

BOOK SWAP – ST JOSEPH’S

Got any books just sat on a shelf at home?

Well, bring them to our parish's book swap!

After Mass on Sunday 26th November, we will be holding a book swap at St Joseph's, so bring books you are no longer interested in and swap them. Any genre will do - from adults to preschool books. Come give a book and then swap it with one you haven't read yet! If you are only interested in grabbing a few books, could you please bring a small donation which will go towards the week's offertory. On the other hand, if you would like to only donate books that's absolutely fine too! Don't feel pressured to take one back home as the spare ones will be going to a local charity. Thank you. Greta.

STARTING SCHOOL?

If you have a child born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2024** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the North Somerset Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2024**.

