



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



St Francis of Assisi Church
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Sunday 5th February 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th Anniversary of the Dedication
of Saint Francis' Church

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 4 th Feb	6pm	St Joseph	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun 5 th Feb	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>Fr Gabriel Leyden (Birthday)</i>
Mon 6 th Feb	9am	St Francis	Memorial of Saints Paul Miki and Companions	
Tues 7 th Feb	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 8 th Feb	7pm	St Francis	Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani	
Thurs 9 th Feb	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 10 th Feb	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Scholastica	
Sat 11 th Feb	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes	
	6pm	St Joseph	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</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

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith – to be a people of 'good deeds', as Jesus teaches in today's portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world's criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with 'the word' – we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world's gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found – their way to the Father.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

When a new church is dedicated, the bishop leads a ceremony rich in symbolism. Water, word, incense, chrism, and candles are just a few of the signs used to signify the holiness of this house of prayer. There will be music and processions, decorations and preaching. But the most important moment in this special rite is the Prayer of Dedication. In the Prayer of Dedication the bishop prays that God will make this church an ever-holy place. The prayer has much to say, and it asks much of God. As in all liturgical prayer, it begins by calling upon God by some title—in this case, “O God, sanctifier and ruler of your Church”. Then the prayer speaks about the mystery of the Church. The Church has many attributes: It is fruitful, holy, favoured, and exalted by God. It brings forth new members, reaches out to the world, becomes the dwelling place of God, and stands as a city on a hill. Once all this has been recalled, the bishop asks God to send the Holy Spirit “to make this for ever a holy place / with a table always prepared for the / Sacrifice of Christ”. That is the central sentiment of the entire prayer. The text continues, praying that in this place Baptism may overwhelm sin, God’s children may be fed at the tables of the Word and the Eucharist, and prayer may resound for the world’s salvation. The text also prays that in this building the poor will find justice, that victims of oppression will find true freedom, and that the whole world will enter God’s city of peace by setting foot in this church.

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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 at 11am. There will be a bring and share lunch afterwards. Parishioners from St Joseph’s are very welcome to join us for this special occasion.

AMEN’S GROUP – ST FRANCIS

Our St Francis Men’s Group meets on the second Sunday of each month. Come and join us next Sunday 12th February 9.30 - 10.30am in St Francis church hall for Bacon rolls and Bible study on the Sunday readings with a short video and discussion ahead of morning mass. Email Peter at peter.j.jennings@btinternet.com for more details.

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

You are invited to come and reflect on our gospels for the Sundays in Lent in a friendly and relaxed manner. This will take place in both parishes, at St Francis on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm**, and at St Joseph on **Friday lunchtimes at 1.30pm**. Both groups will look at the gospel of the following Sunday. The dates are: Wednesdays 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 31st March and Fridays 24th February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March. Contact Fr Richard or Deacon Didier for further information.

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Our series of meetings ‘Exploring the Catholic Faith’ continue on **Tuesday 6th February** at 7.30pm in **St Joseph’s hall**. We explore together the Church’s teaching, this time about two Sacraments of Healing: Confession/Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. As always, we will discover the topic in a relaxed and informal manner, with the support of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible. All are welcome. Contact Deacon Didier for further information.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

The latest information is on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PortisheadFoodbanklnfo>. This week’s request: “If you can donate this week - UHT milk and fruit juice would be especially welcome. Many thanks from the team.” Please leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph’s church lobby.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Is helping a bit more in the parish one of your New Year resolutions? Are you willing to give an hour every few weeks to keep **St Joseph’s church** clean and tidy? If so, we would love you to join the cleaning team. Please talk to Val Granger or email her at val.granger@sky.com

TRANSPORT TO MASS

There is a lady who lives in Backwell on Downside up near the airport who would very much like to come to Mass on Sundays at least occasionally. So I am looking for volunteers who could help out by driving her from time to time. If you could do this please contact me. Mary Ronayne Tel: 857679 or mary@ronayne.me.uk or speak to me after Mass.

LADIES CIRCLE – ST FRANCIS

The next meeting will be Tuesday 7th February. We will be discussing trip to Sidmouth. All Welcome

QUIZ NIGHT

Last chance to sign up for the Fish and Chips Quiz Night which will take place this **Friday 10th February 7.00pm** in the parish hall Nailsea. There is no charge for entering the quiz – it's about getting together, from both parishes, and having a good time. Bring your own drink. Tea and coffee will be provided. There will be a raffle. Thank you very much for the donations for raffle prizes.

WOMEN CONNECT

Women from both parishes are welcome to come along to this 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

THE NATIONAL BOARD TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

You are invited to join a webinar on the theme of 'Waiting for the Gift' led by Sr Gemma Simmonds, CJ, exploring the role of women in the Church and looking to the future in hope. If you want to join individually the zoom meeting id is 842 3594 1992. Passcode 794656. Alternatively, we could do it together, in the St Joseph's parish hall **Saturday 11th February 11.00am - 12.30pm**.

Refreshments will be available before we start.
Anne-Marie

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

We invite both parishes to join together for a day trip on **Saturday 1st July** for an amazing outdoor performance of the Life of Christ. It will mean an early start but, I guarantee, it is worth it! Tickets are £25 per adult, £15 per child and £70 per family (2 adults and 2 children). I have secured funding from the Sisters of Mercy for the cost of the coach.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Church porch with a deposit of £10 by **26th February**. We will show a short video clip, of last years performance, in the hall, after all Masses, next weekend (11th / 12th February).

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Sat. 27th May ~ Saturday 3rd June 2023

Price including flights from Bristol to Toulouse, Coach transfer to and from Lourdes. Full Board in 4 Star Hotel Helgon, *close to the Domain*. Full Pilgrimage programme. £899 per person based on 2 sharing ~ Single supplement £245. Travel insurance required by all. To book see the Booking forms at the back of the Church £300 deposit required.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE 1st 19 TO BOOK WILL HAVE THE PRICE OF £899

those booking after, will be subject to the current Easyjet price for the flight.

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FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

St Francis' Catholic Primary School, Nailsea: Foundation Governor vacancies:

We currently have two Foundation Governor vacancies at our school and we would love to welcome you to join our Local Governing Committee. Governors have an important role in school life and a mixture of skills and experience are welcomed. Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role. Local Governing Committee meetings are held six times a year, after school time. St Francis' is part of a wonderful community is also part of the new Cardinal Newman Catholic Educational Trust. Please apply by completing the application form: <https://schools.cliondiocese.com/form2> or contact Cath Hanley, Chair of Governors via cog@stfrancispri.org