



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



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**Sunday 19th May 2024
Pentecost Sunday**

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 18 th May	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass of Pentecost	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sun 19 th May	9am	St Joseph	Pentecost Sunday	
	11am	St Francis		<i>Mairead Dent (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		
Mon 20 th May	9am	St Francis	Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tues 21 st May	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 22 nd May	11am	St Francis	Funeral Mass	<i>Lis Jeffery (RIP)</i>
	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thurs 23 rd May	9.15am	St Francis	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	
Fri 24 th May	No Mass		Memorial of Saint Aldhelm	
Sat 25 th May	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint Bede	
	6pm	St Joseph	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	<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



Tuesday	2pm-3pm	St Francis
Wednesday	12noon-11pm	St Joseph
Thursday	8pm-9pm	St Francis

Adoration

THE WORD THIS WEEK

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.

YEAR OF PRAYER

We will be including a different prayer in the newsletter each week during this Year of Prayer. Please contact Fr Richard if you have a favourite prayer that you would like to be included.

Lord Jesus, all power is given you in heaven and on earth. Transform our understanding and our will by the gift of your Holy Spirit; may our minds and bodies be subject to your Spirit and all our affections and desires be directed towards your pure and holy will, to the praise and glory of your sovereign grace. Amen.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 MAY

Abused, homeless and hungry, Aline was on the brink of survival in Burundi. But she transformed her life with a little help from Christian Aid, and secured a vital income and a home for her and her children. Push back against the inhumanity of poverty this Christian Aid Week. Please donate at www.caweek.org St Francis' church is also being used as a collection point for the area, envelopes are available there and donations can be left at the presbytery.

WEDDING SERVICE

Michael Silver and Helen Wilkins will be celebrating their Wedding service at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 25th May at 1pm. Please keep Michael and Helen in your prayers and may God bless them both with a lifetime of shared love, health and happiness.

CELEBRATION MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Join the Bishop for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage & Family Life on **Saturday 25 May at 12noon**. All are welcome.

RIP

John Malone passed away on the 15th May 2024. John's funeral will take place at St Francis of Assisi Church on Thursday 6th June at 12noon followed by a service at South Bristol Crematorium. Please pray for the repose of John's soul and his family and friends at this sad time.

UCM – ST JOSEPH'S

Our next meeting will be the AGM and take place on Tuesday 21st May at 2pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Everyone most welcome.

LET'S GO FLY A KITE!

To celebrate the feast of Pentecost our children will be making kites and flying them! The reason we are making kites is that at Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, the disciples came together to pray. Suddenly they felt a strong wind and saw what looked like tongues of fire over each other's heads. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. We can't see the wind, but we can see its effects. We can't say where it comes from or where it's going to, but we know when it's there and when it's not. The kite is just string and sticks and cloth. It only flies when there is wind. It comes alive, it dances, it moves with the wind bringing joy and vitality. The Holy Spirit is like the wind, and we are like the kite!

EVENT POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

MAY PROCESSION FOR MARY

Tuesday 21st May - 2pm-3pm at St Joseph's Primary school, Portishead. All are welcome to this event to honour Mary, Queen of Heaven and Queen of the May. Always a beautiful occasion with children singing and flowers offered to honour Mary - present at Pentecost, this Sunday's Solemn Feast, with the apostles in the Upper Room. Mr Bath welcomes all parishioners, not just those with relatives in the school.

JOINT PARISH FILM NIGHT – THE MIRACLE CLUB

Set in 1967 the Miracle Club is a heartwarming film that follows the story of three generations of close friends from Dublin.

They set out on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and hope the journey will change their lives but the secrets of the past travel with them.

Come along to the film night and see what happens.

Friday 24th May 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Suggested donation of £5.00 includes free ice cream. Bring your own drinks. All money raised will go to the roof fund.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

Thanks to all of you who continue to support us with donations. Our work is only possible through your help. If you are in a position to donate this week we would appreciate:

- Tinned meat products such as chilli, stew, curry
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned fish

Please leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph's church lobby.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Are parts of the Creed hard to accept? Is devotion to Mary a bit exaggerated? Why is the Bible so important? Why do we need sacraments?... If you would like some answers to these or other questions about our Faith why not come to one or more of the following sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Hall? Refreshments provided. All welcome.

- 11th June – The Creator
- 18th June – The Saviour
- 25th June – the Holy Spirit and the Church
- 2nd July – Scripture and Tradition
- 9th July – The Sacraments
- 16th July – Mary and the Saints

For more information contact Deacon Didier.

STELLA MARIS – THANK YOU & INVITATION

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

GROWING SEEDS OF HOPE

We are delighted to let you know that the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph will be returning once more to lead us in our exploration of how we [form people in the Faith](#). Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. I hope it will also enable and inspire anyone who may not yet be a catechist but who cares about the formation of children, young people, and adults, not only for sacramental preparation but in all the in-between stages.

The day takes place on **Saturday 13 July** at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**. Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. Registration is essential for this event, parishioners just need to contact us at the adult.education@cliftondiocese.com email address.

CCS – ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) at Durham University is offering a fully online **Distance Learning programme in Catholic Theology**. The programme is designed so that participants can work through material at their own pace, studying equally well in any time zone and in many different life situations, alongside work, ministry, family or caring obligations. Participants can study for an MA, a Postgraduate Diploma, a Postgraduate Certificate, or opt to complete a single module: 'Catholic Theology: A Preliminary Tour'.

Full details can be found at:

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/catholic-studies/facilities/distance-learning/>

The CCS is offering bursaries towards tuition fees for 2024-25 - The deadline for applications has recently been extended to 7 July 2024.

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/catholic-studies/facilities/funding-/ccs-bursary-for-distance-learning-2024-25/#d.en.1337643>

Please contact Theresa Phillips, CCS Manager, if you have any questions about this opportunity – theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk