



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



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Sunday 6th April 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Confessions	Today's Readings	Adoration
Saturday 3.15-3.45pm St Francis		Wednesday 12noon-11pm St Joseph Includes Evening Prayer at 5.30-6pm

Liturgy this week

Sat 5 th April	No morning Mass today	4pm St Francis Vigil Mass	<i>For Cheltenham Filipino Rosary Group Libby Intentions</i>
		6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass	
Sun 6 th April		9am St Joseph Mass	
		11am St Francis Mass	
		4pm St Joseph Stations of the Cross	
Mon 7 th April	No Mass today		
Tue 8 th April		10am St Joseph Mass	
Wed 9 th April		11.45am St Joseph Requiem Mass for Remi Partridge	
		7pm St Francis Mass	
Thur 10 th April		9.15am St Francis Mass	
		7pm St Francis Reconciliation Service led by Bishop Bosco	
Fri 11 th April		10am St Joseph Mass	
Sat 12 th April	No morning Mass today	4pm St Francis Vigil Mass	<i>Special Intention of Maggie</i>
		6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass	

Please note that there is Mass at 10am in Clevedon every day preceded by morning prayer at 9.45am and a Vigil Mass for Sunday on Saturdays at 6.30pm. Mass in Yatton on Sundays at 8.30am.

SECOND COLLECTION – EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a second collection this weekend at both parishes for Easter flowers. Thank you to all those who decorate our churches so beautifully.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Will go to the support of The Holy Places in The Holy Land

BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER

This weekend we have a pastoral letter concerning Terminally ill adults (end of life) Bill. Please do your bit in writing to our M.P. – Cards are available at the church doors.

EASTER MASSES

Mass may be a little longer on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, so would the Nailsea people be patient if Fr. Frank is a little late for Mass at 11.00am on those days. There will be no Easter offering envelopes put out this year. All collections at Easter will go to the general parish accounts.

NOTICE BOARDS

Please do not use blue-tac or Sellotape on any of the walls/doors in the church or halls. Use ONLY the noticeboards. It is noticeable how much the walls are marked with blue-tac which is extremely hard, if not impossible to remove. If anyone knows how to remove marks in the porch, please let Fr. Frank know.

ALTAR SERVERS

Our joint parish Triduum will be a coming together of both St. Joseph's and St. Francis. We want to try and be as inclusive as possible with people from both parishes exercising various ministries. May we ask our Altar Servers to meet in St. Francis on Holy Thursday at 10.30am and again on Holy Saturday at 10.30am to go through the liturgies. We ask those being received/baptised to attend the Holy Saturday 10.30am rehearsal.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN 5TH APRIL – ST FRANCIS

Our annual Lenten clean will take place on Saturday 5th April from 9am. If you are able to help even for a short period that morning please let me know asap! Mary Collins 07749823563 or cjmmcollins@outlook.com

DATE FOR YOR DIARY

Our annual **Joint Parish Music Evening** will take place on **Friday 23rd May**. Come along and enjoy the sing-a-long and the musical talents of our children and young people. All are welcome.

EASTER CLEAN AT ST JOSEPH'S

The Easter Church Clean at St Joseph's will take place on **Tuesday 15th April at 10.30am**. Volunteers are required, regular cleaners and anyone else with a spare hour or so. The more the merrier, and easier. Contact Bruno Taylor on 07747 627499 or just turn up.

INTERNATIONAL MASS AND MEAL

Due to only one person coming forward to help organise this event it will now be postponed until a later date.

BISHOP'S VISITS

Bishop Bosco is scheduled to visit Saint Francis' three times in the coming months. He will lead the **Reconciliation Service on Thursday 10th April at 7pm**. We encourage all parishioners to join us for this occasion The Bishop will lead and preach. Then there will be confessions with visiting Priests. This service is for the whole area, so please make every effort to come along. Please make a Lenten confession a priority. On May 21st Bishop Bosco will visit Saint Francis School and on June 24th he will celebrate Confirmation at 7.00pm

BUCKFAST ABBEY PHOTO

A print of our group photo, taken at the end of our time together in Buckfast, is available to buy for just £1.00 (5x7) after all Masses this weekend.

YOUTH CLUB

There will be no Youth Club this month, (**11th April**) as it is in the school holidays and many young people and our volunteers will be away on holiday. We will meet again on **Friday 9th May**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross continue at 4.00pm on Sundays throughout Lent at St Joseph's Portishead. Churches Together Ecumenical Stations of the Cross will take place on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm in St Francis Nailsea.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, led by children and their families, will take place on Friday 18th April at 11.00am in St Francis. Followed by hot cross buns in the hall. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The next session in preparation for Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 23rd April. We are most grateful to parishioners who have provided our young people with a meal at the start of their sessions. We are looking for someone to provide food for **5.00pm on Wednesday 7th May**.

Also, on the following dates in Nailsea: Wednesday 21st May and Wednesday 4th June.

Thank you very much

ST FRANCIS UPDATE

It is a huge disappointment that work on the church roof has been so slow and consistently delayed. Thankfully, we will have the church for Holy Week, but two more sides of the windows have yet to be done. When will it be finished? Completion date was to be February 14th !!! The plan is that the workers will return on Easter Tuesday and complete the job in two weeks. That timescale will only involve one weekend on which we will have to use the hall once more. The total work will cost in the region of £115,000, plus we have to pay for an asbestos inspection and look at a new sound system. This leaves the parish with a considerable amount of money to pay back, as we are paying via loans. We will really have to watch our pennies for the foreseeable future.

JOINT PARISH FAITH SHARING FOR LENT

During Lent you are invited to take part in our Joint Parish Faith Sharing initiative. In line with the theme of this Jubilee Year we will be using **'We Dare to Hope'** a resource suggested by our diocese. There are five sessions that last about an hour. They will take place on Tuesdays during Lent at **St Joseph's Portishead** beginning with Mass at 10.00am followed by refreshments, ready to start by 11.00am and to finish by 12 noon. Alternatively, the sessions will also be run **on Zoom** on Monday evenings at 7.45pm. Please contact Nicola or Tom Osman tafosman@hotmail.co.uk to get the Zoom link. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday mornings 11am in St Joseph's Hall
8th April.

Mondays evenings 7.45pm on Zoom –
7th April and 14th April.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

An Evening at Table9: to raise much-needed funds for the church roof at St Francis in Nailsea, local Clevedon-based band 'Table9' will be entertaining us with upbeat tunes from all eras on Friday 4th July, 7.30pm at St Francis church hall. Tickets will soon be available at £5 for adults and FREE for children. See Tom Osman for more details.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

If you are in a position to donate this week we would really appreciate:

- EASTER EGGS
- Tinned custard
- Tinned tomatoes
- UHT milk

Thank you so much for your donations last week. Please leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph's church lobby.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PORTISHEAD

Some events for your diary:

- Walk of Witness: on Good Friday 18th April, starts at 11am at St Peter's church and finishes in Portishead Precinct
- "Sonrise" service: Easter morning Sunday 20th April at 5.45am on Battery Point.
- United Service for all: Sunday 11th May at 11am at Gordano School (refreshments at 10.30am)
- Book of Revelation: Tue 13 May at Portishead Methodist Church, 7.30pm. How should we read the book of Revelation/Apocalypse? Join us for an evening with Dr Jamie Davies (Tutor in New Testament, Trinity College, Bristol) as he guides us through how we can approach this book.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER PARTNERS

As our children continue their journey towards First Holy Communion, we ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers.

We have allocated Prayer Partners in St Francis. Is there anyone from St Joseph's who would like to pray for a child between now and their First Holy Communion?

Thank you

PRAYER AND SHARE

You are most welcome to Prayer and Praise on Palm Sunday at 6pm followed by a Bring and Share Supper. 6pm-6.45pm Praise and Worship music and Prayer. 7-7.45pm Bring and Share Supper. Held at Greyfriars hall, Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Clevedon. All welcome as we enter into Holy Week and run up to Easter! For more details, please email Tom on tafosman@hotmail.co.uk.

ENCOUNTER

The Clifton Encounter Team invite all of us to a time of renewal, prayer and shared faith between Easter and Pentecost. During that time we are called to take the opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with God. The Launch will be in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday May 3rd, with special streams for children. The day runs from 9.30am – 4.30pm. The other sessions will be in-person at the cathedral or via the livestream. The following sessions will run from 7.00 – 9.00pm on Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 May & June 4th. There will be a Vigil for Pentecost Mass Saturday June 6th (Exact time to be confirmed) For Further information keep an eye on the diocesan website or email: pentecost@cliftondiocese.com

JOINT PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday 12 th April	4pm – St Francis. Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday 6pm – St Joseph. Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday
Sunday 13 th April	9am – St Joseph. Mass of Palm Sunday 11am – St Francis. Mass of Palm Sunday
Monday 14 th April	7.30pm – St Francis. Ecumenical Stations of The Cross
Tuesday 15 th April	10am – St Joseph. Morning Prayer 12 Noon – St Francis. Requiem Mass
Wednesday 16 th April	11am - Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral 7pm – St Francis. Mass & Reception of Oils
Holy Thursday 17 th April	9am – St Joseph. Morning Prayer 9am - St Francis. Morning Prayer 7.30pm – St Francis. Mass of The Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Procession to the Altar of Repose. Night Prayer
Good Friday 18 th April	9am - St Joseph. Morning Prayer 9am – St Francis. Morning Prayer 11am – St Francis. Family Stations of The Cross 3pm – St Francis. Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, 19 th April	9am - St Joseph. Morning Prayer 9am – St Francis. Morning Prayer 8.30pm – St Francis. The Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, 20 th April	9am - St Joseph. Mass of Easter Sunday 11am – St Francis. Mass of Easter Sunday

All welcome to the Easter celebration in the hall following the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

Fr. Frank will be away from after Easter Sunday Masses until approx. May 2nd.

There are several rehearsals that relevant people need to attend:

Holy Thursday 10.30 - Altar Servers

Holy Saturday 10.30 - All taking part in the Vigil

Musicians/cantors will be notified via WhatsApp.

