



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



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Sunday 2nd March 2025
Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

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Confessions
On request

Today's Readings



Wednesday

Adoration

12noon-11pm St Joseph
Includes Evening Prayer at
5.30-6pm

Liturgy this week

Sat 1 st March	No morning Mass today	4pm St Francis Vigil Mass in Hall	
		6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass	George & Phyllis Rosario (RIP Ann)
Sun 2 nd March		9am St Joseph Mass	
		11am St Francis Mass in Hall	People of the Parishes
Mon 3 rd March	No Mass today		
Tue 4 th March		10am St Joseph Mass	
Wed 5 th March	Ash Wednesday	10am St Joseph Mass	
		10am St Francis Mass	
		School	
		7pm St Francis Mass	
Thur 6 th March		9.15am St Francis Mass in the Meeting Room	
Fri 7 th March		10am St Joseph Mass	Libby's Intentions
Sat 8 th March		11am Cathedral Rite of Election, Clifton Cathedral	
		4pm St Francis Vigil Mass	
		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 and Mass in Yatton on Sundays at 8.30am.

WELCOME

Canon Michael Fitzpatrick will cover the Masses in Nailsea and Portishead while we are away on our Joint Parish retreat at Buckfast Abbey. Please pray for all our parishioners who are in Buckfast Abbey this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday 2nd March in Nailsea. St Joseph's will continue as usual.

RIP

We were so sad to hear of the death of **Netta Quint** (Nee Matuszewska). Many of you would have known Netta from the 11.00 Mass in Nailsea. Her funeral will be in Poland, but we hope to have a memorial service for her in Saint Francis', when the work on the church is completed. Please pray for the repose of Netta's soul and her family and friends at this sad time.

SECOND COLLECTION - 22ND/23RD MARCH

The Bishops of England and Wales have asked that we have a second collection on the weekend of 22nd/23rd March to support the work of our National Shrine of Walsingham during the Jubilee Year.

SEASON OF LENT

This week we begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday Masses are noted above. It is not a holy day of obligation, but nevertheless a good day to attend Mass.

The Easter Triduum will be celebrated in Saint Francis' Nailsea for both parishes.

The question has arisen in the diocese about people attending Latin Masses and other Sacraments administered by the SSPX and other such groups. Pope Francis allowed laity to receive confession from Priests in these groups during the year of mercy, but then extended that via a document, *Misericordia et Misera*, as a permanent permission. The same goes for the Sacrament of marriage, which requires a proper procedure and the permission of the local Bishop. Masses are valid but illicit – they lack permission and are not acting according to the mind of the Church and are therefore not a choice we should make to fulfil our Sunday obligation.

DAY BY DAY BOOKS

For Lent are available in both churches. Price £1.

YOUTH CLUB

We will meet again on **Friday 14th March** 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

FILM NIGHT

Our next joint parish film night will take place on Friday 14th March at 7.00pm when we will watch Fr Frank's all-time favourite 'Mass Appeal' Bring your own drinks. Tea / coffee provided.

We would love to show 'The Two Popes' at the next film night. Does anyone have a DVD of this that we could use? Thank you.

RITE OF ELECTION

This will take place on **Saturday 8th March at 11am at Clifton Cathedral**. It is a special ceremony led by our Bishop to welcome those who wish to enter the Catholic Church, at Easter generally. This year we rejoice that four people from our parishes will be called. Do come along to support them.

If you are planning to attend, we are asked to sit in parish groups.

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 – 11th March, 18th March, 25th March, 1st April and 8th April

Mondays evenings 7.45pm on Zoom – 10th March, 17th March, 24th March, 7th April and 14th April

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our preparation for sessions for First Holy Communion will begin again on **Saturday 15th March and Sunday 16th March**.

Please keep all of these children and their families in your prayers.

ST FRANCIS UPDATE

The first job in the Church in Nailsea was to remove the glass surround that used to screen off the sanctuary area before the hall was built. The work schedule allows for a week to replace the roof windows on each side of the church. There is a small amount of electrical work to be done including the repositioning of some of the lighting. I am assured that the church will be ready for Bishop Bosco's visit for the penitential service, and it is my hope that we will do the "Easter" clean up on the first weekend of April.

As stated previously, **NOBODY** may go in the church during this time for obvious health and safety reasons.

We are immensely grateful to those who set out the chairs and prepare the hall for Mass.

Weekend Masses in Nailsea will remain the same until after the consultation period:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4.00pm

Sunday Mass as usual at 11.00am.

Confessions will be from 3.15 – 3.45pm on a Saturday and by knocking on the presbytery door at any time apart from Mondays.

Baptisms and Funerals will not be able to take place in Nailsea during the work and will have to be transferred to Portishead or Clevedon.

There will be no livestreaming from Nailsea during the work, so please tune in to Portishead instead. There will be no Communion from the chalice at Masses in the hall.

PARISH HISTORY

We have added some parish history and old photos to the parish website. Do have a look and perhaps see some familiar faces.

We will aim to add more items in the future.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

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

- Tinned custard
- UHT fruit juice
- Rice (just ordinary packets, not the instant packs for microwave)

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

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Bishop Declan introduced the Pastoral area Reconciliation Services during Lent. Bishop Bosco is keen to continue this practice. Our Pastoral area Reconciliation Service will take place in Nailsea at **7.00pm on Thursday April 10th** and a number of local Priests will assist the Bishop in hearing confessions. Please put the date in your diary and come along if you can.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Joint Parish International Mass and Meal – Saturday 10th May.

If you are interested in joining the organisation team please speak to Anne-Marie.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Our joint parish programme continues on Wednesday 12th March.

Please keep our young people in your prayers.

Is there anyone who can help us out by providing food for the group for this last session in Portishead? Please contact Anne-Marie if you think you could help.

Thank you

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you are going into hospital and would like the Sacrament of the Sick, please ask Fr. Frank before you go in and it can easily be done. Then there is no need to receive it again in the hospital. Holy Communion in hospital is arranged via the chaplaincy in all the large city hospitals and to do this one needs to contact the chaplaincy and ask that CATHOLIC communion is brought to you. For emergencies while in hospital, please contact switchboard or ask a member of staff to page the on call CATHOLIC chaplain. Due to there being less priests, it may not always be possible to respond to a call immediately.

JOINT PARISH QUESTION NIGHT

Do you have a question about the Church, our faith or how we might respond to the many changes in societies attitudes to: relationships, marriage, sanctity of life and personal identity eg. LGBTQ and have never had an opportunity to ask it? Well, here is your chance to air those questions in a safe and non-threatening environment.

Fr Frank is open to the idea but equally it will be a chance to share some communal understanding of the questions raised. If you have a question but don't want to ask it in person, there is a box in the foyer where any questions can be dropped off ahead of time and read out on the night.

Friday 21st March 7.00pm in St Joseph's Portishead.

All are welcome. Refreshments served.

LEGACIES

One of the many ways that generous people support the parish is by a legacy in a will. Such gestures help parish life immensely and are deeply appreciated. It would need to be made clear in a will that the money is solely for use in Saint Joseph Parish/Saint Francis' parish at the discretion of the Parish Priest and Finance Committee.

RECONCILIATION RETREAT DAY

On April 5th there will be a retreat day on Reconciliation at Saint Bernadette's school in Whitchurch. The day, from 9.30 to 3.30, will be led by Father Brendan Callaghan S.J., and by Margaret and Barry Mizzen whose son Jimmy was brutally murdered. They will speak about their own journey of reconciliation and not giving in to hate. The Sacrament of Confession will be available as part of the day. Bring your own lunch. To register for the day, please click on the Eventbrite link at <https://embracingthemeracyofgod.eventbrite.co.uk>

UCM – ST JOSEPHS

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th March** at **2pm** in St Joseph's Church Hall. Everyone welcome. The UCM members are knitting hats for the Seafarers Mission and would like to invite other parishioners to join this project. There will be a box in the lobby to drop off any wool you can donate for this project, or you can take a copy of the pattern and knit one yourself, returning it to the same box. DK, Aran or Chunky wool is best for this project. Thank you in advance.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF HOPE

Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him on 19 July for our Diocesan Jubilee Celebration of Hope at Downside School & Abbey. In addition to three keynote speakers, prayer, and reflections we will be offering an exciting and joyful programme for our children & young people. Arrivals/refreshments from 10am. In addition, a free hot lunch will be provided (a lunch box is provided for children under 11). Our Jubilee Celebration of Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3pm. There will be a maximum of 300 tickets. If you would like to join us for the day, booking through **Eventbrite** is essential. Please register via this link: <https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For the catering, a printed/mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required. If you have difficulty accessing Eventbrite, please contact us at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com and we will help you with this. The closing date for tickets is 7th July.

2025 CURIA CONFERENCE-29TH MARCH

A Curia Conference will take place at Saint Bendan's school in Bristol on Saturday March 29th. This gives an opportunity for our diocesan family to hear what the various departments of the curia do – Schools, Finance, Safeguarding, Adult Education etc. For information, contact the diocese or book using the following link: <https://DiocesanCuriaDay.eventbrite.co.uk>

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR & DIRECTOR VACANCIES

Our schools can only function if they have dedicated foundation governors who can offer the support and challenge that school leaders need to continue to deliver high quality Catholic education. Our three multi academy trusts also rely on foundation Directors to enable them to form the thriving organisations that we need to secure Catholic education in the Diocese. St Francis Primary School have two Foundation Governor vacancies at present. For more information for anyone who might be willing to take up these roles, click on the following link [here](#).

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10th-18th March 2025 at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead**. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are at **10am** every day of the Novena except **Sunday** when it is **11am**. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena

The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at **6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead. SL6 7GZ** or email novenamhm@gmail.com