



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



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Sunday 24th December 2024
4th Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times

Sat 21 st Dec	9.15am	St Francis	Mass	
	6pm	St Joseph	Vigil Mass	
Sun 22 nd Dec	9am	St Joseph	Mass	<i>Jim Kenny</i>
	11am	St Francis	Mass	
	6pm	St Francis	Mass	
	7.30pm	St Francis	Joint Parish Carol Service	
Mon 23 rd Dec	No Mass today			
Tues 24 th Dec	4.30pm	St Francis	Christmas Vigil Mass	
	6pm	St Joseph	Carols before Mass	
	6.30pm	St Joseph	Christmas Vigil Mass	<i>Peter Steadman (RIP)</i>
	10.30pm	St Francis	Carols before Mass	
	11pm	St Francis	Mass of Christmas Night	
Wed 25 th Dec	9am	St Joseph	Christmas Mass	
	11am	St Francis	Christmas Mass	
Thurs 26 th Dec	No Mass today			<i>Thomas Cahill (Privately offered)</i>
Fri 27 th Dec	No Mass today			
Sat 28 th Dec	No Mass this morning			
	6pm	St Joseph	Mass - Vigil of The Holy Family	<i>Gertrude McLean (1st Ann)</i>
Sun 29 th Dec	9am	St Joseph	Mass - The Holy Family	
	11am	St Francis	Mass - The Holy Family	<i>Pardo & Leahy families (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis	Mass - The Holy Family	
Mon 30 th Dec	No Mass today			
Tues 31 st Dec	10am	St Joseph	Morning Prayer	
Wed 1 st Jan	9am	St Joseph	Mass - Mary Mother of God	
	11am	St Francis	Mass – Mary Mother God	<i>John Hewitt (Ann)</i>
Thurs 2 nd Jan	9.15am	St Francis	Mass – Sts. Basil & Gregory	
Fri 3 rd Jan	10am	St Joseph		
Sat 4 th Jan	9.15am	St Francis		
	6pm	St Joseph		<i>Thomas Kelleher & Family</i>

Confessions

Sat 21st Dec & 4th Jan 9.45-10.15am St Francis
5.15-5.45pm St Joseph
Sun 22nd Dec 5.15-5.30pm St Francis

Today's Readings



Adoration

Tues 7th January 2pm-3pm St Francis
Wednesday 8th January 12noon-11pm St Joseph
Includes evening prayer 5.30-6pm

A very Happy and Holy Christmas to all parishioners, family and friends

I wish all the blessings of Christmas to you all. May we all experience something of the Joy and mystery of this wonderful feast.

I welcome you all to our parish Masses and services. A special welcome to those returning home for Christmas, and those travelling here to be with family and friends.

Our Grateful thanks to all who have prepared the churches and the liturgy for Christmas – We really appreciate your hard work and commitment.
Fr. Frank.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Bishop Bosco has recorded a Christmas message to us all which is available on the diocesan website.

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and a pastoral letter from Bishop Bosco is to be read at all Masses on the 28th/29th Dec.

JOINT PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 22nd December, 7.30pm at St Francis' Church followed by mince pies and mulled wine. All very welcome!

PARKING

All the Masses at Christmas are very well attended so may I ask that you be mindful of our neighbours and avoid parking in areas where their access is compromised. Thank You.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

All Liturgies in Portishead and Nailsea will be livestreamed over the Christmas period.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Envelopes for your Christmas offerings will be available from now until Christmas. Unlike other years, all money will go into the parish accounts. Anything that is personal to Fr Frank needs to go in a separate envelope with his name on it.

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

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

ADORATION

St Joseph's – No Adoration over the Christmas period and will start again on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

St Francis – No Adoration over the Christmas period and will start again on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

BISHOP'S VISIT – ST FRANCIS

Bishop Bosco is scheduled to visit St Francis twice in the new year. Towards the end of Lent he will lead the Deanery penitential service and in June he will come to celebrate the Confirmation Mass.

HOLIDAY

Fr. Frank will be away from 23 – 31 Jan. Fr. Philip Beisly will say the two Masses in Nailsea on the 26th. One of the friars from Clevedon will cover Portishead.

Elaine will be away from the office, finishing at 1pm, Monday 23rd December returning on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

CRIB OFFERINGS

We are most grateful to all those who will be working in our churches over the next few weeks to prepare for the Christmas liturgies. Our crib offerings will go to Charlton Farm Children's Hospice which is part of our parish, and which does tremendous work for children with life limiting illnesses.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

On the weekend of January 18/19 there will be the white flower appeal in both churches. This is a time of reflection on the sanctity of all human from conception to natural death. The white flower appeal seeks to remind us of our duty to protect life. It also offers support for those in a crisis pregnancy.

THANK YOU!

The Royal British Legion have written to thank Nailsea parishioners for £280 donated for the poppy appeal.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC will be having an away day on January 11th at the Immaculate Conception Church, Clevedon starting with Mass at 10am.

LADIES CIRCLE 2025 – ST FRANCIS

Please come along and welcome in the New Year. Tea, cake and friendship. Tuesday 7th January 3pm at St Francis Church Hall
All are very welcome, old friends and new.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

We continue our journey in 2025 on **Tuesday 7th January** with the theme “**The Community of the Church**”. We tackle questions such as: Why do we need the Church? Why are there several Christian Churches? What makes the Catholic Church special? Etc. We meet at **7.30pm in St Francis of Assisi’s Hall**. New participants are always welcome. Please contact Deacon Didier for more information.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

Thanks to all of you who continue to support us with donations. If you are in a position to donate this week we would appreciate:

- tea
- custard
- tuna
- tinned fruit.

Please leave your donations in the trolley in St Joseph’s church lobby. Thank you.

UCM – ST JOSEPH’S

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 7th January at 2.30pm in St Joseph’s Church Hall. Visitors and new members always welcome.

GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS-ST FRANCIS

St Francis Parish have supported the Julian Trust for many years and are appealing for Christmas gifts for the homeless (mostly men). Please bring your gifts to the Advent or Carol services and place them under the tree. An up-to-date list of items which would be helpful to our Homeless shelter is above the basket in the church porch. Gloves and medium sized boxers are always very welcome. We have recently had a huge donation of socks, so probably best to avoid socks as a gift this year Your generosity is always appreciated. Thank you.



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.

WPCU 2025 Portishead

Jesus prayed to his Father that all his followers be one (John 17). In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each year between 18th and 25th January all Christians are urged to enter more fully into the Lord’s desire. This year in Portishead we are all invited to a time of prayer and fellowship on **Sunday 19th January 2025 at 6pm in St Peter’s church**. Please reserve the date in your diary.

IGNITE SERVICE

Please note the “Ignite” service taking place in The Methodist Church, Nailsea, on Sunday January 19th at 6.30. There is a poster in the porch.

JOINT PARISH LINE DANCING EVENING

Friday 31st January 2025, 7pm-10pm St Francis Hall. Join Shelley-Anne Douglas and some of her dancers for an evening of line dancing to lots of different music. No previous experience required and no partners needed! Please bring your own drinks and snacks plus suitable footwear. Tea and coffee will be available. Cost is £5 per person-please sign up and pay after Sunday mass or email shelleyanne.douglas@gmail.com. All proceeds to The Julian Trust:<https://www.juliantrust.org.uk/>

