



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



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**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

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<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Today's Readings</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
Saturday 3.15-3.45pm St Francis 5.15-5.45pm St Joseph		Wednesday 12noon-11pm St Joseph Includes Evening Prayer at 5.30-6pm

## Liturgy this week

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> March	11am Cathedral Rite of Election, Clifton Cathedral 4pm St Francis Vigil Mass in Hall 6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass	<i>Thanksgiving to Mother Mary Edward Partick Casey</i>
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9am St Joseph Mass 11am St Francis Mass in Hall	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>No Mass today</b>	
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10am St Joseph Mass	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm St Francis Mass	
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am St Francis Mass in the Meeting Room	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March	10am St Joseph Mass	
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>No morning Mass today</b> 4pm St Francis Vigil Mass 6pm St Joseph Vigil Mass	<i>Thanksgiving to St Joseph</i>

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.

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

This weekend we begin our process of consultation on Mass times for the weekends. Please read the information about the consultation and use it as a basis for any reply that you may wish to make to the Parish Pastoral Council.

Parish Finance Reports for 2024 are now available for both parishes. Copies of the report are available in the porches of each church and are on display on the noticeboards. Copies have also been emailed out along with this week's newsletter. Our grateful thanks to the Finance and Fabric committees in both Communities.

## **BUCKFAST ABBEY PILGRIMAGE**

We had a most enjoyable weekend at Buckfast Abbey reflecting on the Jubilee Year of Hope. Thank you very much to everyone who worked hard to make it a success - all those who helped with the organisation before, during and after, as well as all of you who participated in the sessions, services and liturgies. We were fortunate in enjoying the stunning surroundings of the Abbey in the beautiful spring sunshine. Through prayer, reflection and compassionate conversations we contributed to the drawing ever closer of our two parishes into one community. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, 'For the greater glory of God'

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> MARCH - CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL**

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on 14<sup>th</sup> March. It's a day when we're asked to pray and make a Lenten sacrifice by eating simply and giving generously. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 3033030.

## **SECOND COLLECTION - 22<sup>ND</sup>/23<sup>RD</sup> 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.

## **DATE FOR YOR DIARY**

**Joint Parish International Mass and Meal –  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

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

## **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.

## **DAY BY DAY BOOKS**

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

## **SEASON OF LENT**

This week we begin the season of Lent.

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.

## **YOUTH CLUB**

We will meet again on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
4.00pm - 6.00pm.

## **FILM NIGHT**

Our next joint parish film night will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Our preparation for sessions for First Holy Communion will begin again on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. This job is now complete. The Glaziers are delaying again and say they won't be on site for another fortnight. This is a bad situation, and we will do our best to hurry things along. 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.

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.

## 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](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk) to get the Zoom link.

The dates are as follows:

**Tuesday mornings 11am in St Joseph's hall** – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Mondays evenings 7.45pm on Zoom** – 10<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> April

## 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.

## JOURNEY IN FAITH

For both our parishes "Journey in Faith" is an opportunity to discover or rediscover the Catholic Faith. Elsewhere it may be called "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, sometimes at St Francis' and other times at St Joseph's. From now until Easter we are meeting in St Joseph's Hall. Our theme for the next two Tuesdays beginning on **11<sup>th</sup> March is Christian vocations**. What do we mean when we say that we all given a vocation? What is the specific vocation of married couples? What are priests and religious called to and how can we help them? We watch a short video and we talk about it with the help of Scripture and the Catechism. The meetings are friendly and informal. All are welcome and can join at any time. Contact Deacon Didier for information.

## CONFIRMATION 2025

Our joint parish programme continues on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

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

- Loo rolls
- Tinned meat products
- 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.

## **CONFIRMATION RETREAT PRAYER MINISTERS**

On Saturday the 22nd of March our Confirmation candidates will meet for a retreat day about the Holy Spirit at the convent in Lawrence Weston. To support the candidates in their journey towards the sacrament of Confirmation we are looking for trained prayer ministers to pray with our young people on the 22nd March at the Convent in Lawrence Weston (transport there can be arranged). If anyone is able to help please email [confirmationalpha1984@gmail.com](mailto:confirmationalpha1984@gmail.com)

## **THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION**

The Catenians provide friendship and support for Catholic men and their families. We are proudly Catholic and do all we can to support our Parish, our Clergy and the young people of our Catholic community. If you are interested, there are some leaflets available in the lobby at St Joseph's Church.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) and we will help you with this. The closing date for tickets is 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## **2025 CURIA CONFERENCE-29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

A Curia Conference will take place at Saint Bendan's school in Bristol on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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>

## **NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH**

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from **10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)