



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



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Sunday 12th January 2025
Feast of the Baptism of The Lord
1st Week in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's Church
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| Saturday | Confessions 5.15-5.45pm | St Joseph | Today's Readings | Tuesday 2pm-3pm | St Francis |
| Sunday | 5.15-5.45pm | St Francis |  | Wednesday 12noon-11pm | St Joseph |
| Wednesday | 6.15-6.45pm | St Francis | | Includes Evening Prayer at 5.30-6pm | |

Liturgy this week

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| Sat 11 th Jan | No Mass this morning 6pm | St Joseph | Vigil Mass |
| Sun 12 th Jan | 9am | St Joseph | Mass |
| | 11am | St Francis | Mass |
| | 6pm | St Francis | Mass |
| Mon 13 th Jan | No Mass today | | |
| Tues 14 th Jan | 10am | St Joseph | Mass |
| Wed 15 th Jan | 7pm | St Francis | Mass |
| Thur 16 th Jan | 9.15am | St Francis | Mass |
| Fri 17 th Jan | <i>Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot</i> 10am | St Joseph | Mass |
| Sat 18 th Jan | 9.15am | St Francis | Mass |
| | 6pm | St Joseph | Vigil Mass |

Justin Templar (Ann)

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.

WORLD PEACE SUNDAY 2025 – SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales designate the second Sunday in Ordinary Time every year as 'Peace Sunday', a day when every parish is encouraged to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace that year. Pope Francis' theme for 2025 is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Our crib offerings this year have been paid to Charlton Farm Children's Hospice which is part of our parish, and which does tremendous work for children with life limiting illnesses. We have donated a total of £1,294 to this worthy cause, thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

There will be the White Flower appeal in both churches. This organisation promotes the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death and helps women in crisis pregnancies.

YOUTH CLUB

The next Youth Club will be on **Friday 10th January in St Joseph's Church Hall.**

HOLIDAYS

Fr. Frank will be away from 23rd – 31st January. Fr. Philip Beisly will say the two Masses in Nailsea on Sunday 26th January. Fr. Antony Collins O.F.M. will say the Vigil Mass in Portishead and Fr. Tony Baya O.F.M. will say the Sunday 9am Mass.

JOINT PARISH CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The Confirmation preparation will begin on Wednesday 22nd January with a parents and young people's introductory session. 6.00pm at St Joseph's church hall, Portishead.

If you have already signed up for the confirmation programme you will receive an email about this.

If you haven't yet signed up, this is open to year 9 and above, please do so as soon as possible by clicking on the following link <https://forms.gle/dSPhmTdwitypeoke8>

The first session will take place on Wednesday 29th January at 6.00pm in the church hall at St Joseph's Portishead. As this is a joint parish programme of ten sessions five will take place in Portishead and five in Nailsea. We are looking for any volunteers, from either parish to help with the preparation of food for each session. Please get in touch if you are able to help - even if is only for one session. It would be much appreciated.

Thank you

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's school will have Mass on **Tuesday 21st January at 1.20pm** to which all parishioners are welcome to attend. This will replace the usual morning Mass.

SOUND SYSTEM – ST FRANCIS

Apologies for the sound problem with the livestream in Nailsea. The people who deal with the system can't come before January 29th. In the meantime, a local gentleman has looked at the system and we hope the sound is better. May we ask that nobody moves the angle of the microphones at the lectern: They are omnidirectional and quite powerful.

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – 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. We're also invited to join a **Prayer Walk from 10 to 11.30am on Friday 17th January** through the town together, to intercede for our schools, care homes and other community places. Starting point: **St Joseph's church at 10am.**

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

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

- UHT milk
- UHT juice
- Coffee
- Meat products such as curry, chilli, stew

Also if you have any spare clean carrier bags or bags for life we would really appreciate them.

Please leave your donations in the trolley in the church lobby. Many thanks.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2025

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. Several events will take place locally on and around January 27th, including a pop-up art installation involving a 2nd generation Holocaust survivor in Portishead and Pill libraries (Tuesday 28th January-Saturday 1st February), and a short service by the memorial tree at Lions Green, Nailsea at 10am on Monday January 27th. For further information see www.hmd-north-somerset.com or ask Alison Delaplace.

HOLY DOORS

It is a custom to have a holy door in each diocese every holy year. In Clifton Diocese there are holy doors in the Cathedral and at the church in Glastonbury. Please see the diocesan website for updates.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Joint Parish Fish and Chips Quiz Night. Friday 21st February 7.00pm, St Francis Church Hall.

JOINT PARISH LINE DANCING

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/>

ST FRANCIS ROOF PROJECT

Work on the roof of the church in Nailsea is due to start very soon. We will announce the arrangements for Mass as soon as we have firm information.

BUCKFAST PILGRIMAGE

It is great to have so many people signed up for our Joint Parish trip to Buckfast. If you haven't paid the remaining balance, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay in cash, on the parish website or on the card machine at St Francis' Church. If you do pay online, please let Anne-Marie or Shelley-Anne know that you have done this. Thank you.

There will be a short briefing, in the hall, after all Masses Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd February.

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.

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.

CAFOD - A YEAR OF HOPE

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. [Register here for free.](#)

BEYOND THE THRESHOLD

[creating safe spaces for people to find out who we are, what we believe and what we're like!](#)

A day for all! On **Saturday 18 January** we will explore the key principles that we need to employ before we embark on any specific programme of catechesis.

Our day at St Brendan's College, Brislington, will begin at 10am (9.30am refreshments) and will be led by International Speaker and Author, **David Wells** as our keynote speaker and in addition there will be a series of workshops to look at how we understand the principles of creating a safe space, enabling others to know who we are, what we believe and what we are like! Please click on the Eventbrite link to register for the day: <https://beyondthethreshold.eventbrite.co.uk>

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering [Essential Training for Catechists](#). This will include six sessions for the formation of catechists, beginning at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening.

16 January - Introduction to catechesis

23 January - Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis

30 January - The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism

6 February - Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible

13 February - Methods and Resources

20 February - Preparing a Catechetical Session

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link [here.](#)