



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



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Sunday 1st December 2024
1st Sunday of Advent

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	Confessions	Today's Readings	Adoration
Saturday	5.15-5.45pm St Joseph		Tuesday 2pm-3pm St Francis
Sunday	9.45-10.15am St Francis		Wednesday 12noon-11pm St Joseph
	5.15-5.45pm St Francis		Includes Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
Wednesday	6.15-6.45pm St Francis		

Liturgy this week

Sat 30 th Nov	9.15am St Francis	Mass	
	6pm St Joseph	Vigil Mass	
Sun 1 st Dec	9am St Joseph	Mass	
	11am St Francis	Mass	Keith Rogers & Chris Roger's parents (RIP)
	6pm St Francis	Mass to be celebrated by Fr Reg O.F.M.	
Mon 2 nd Dec	No Mass today		
Tues 3 rd Dec	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier – Jesuit Missionary		
	No Mass today. 10am Morning Prayer		
Wed 4 th Dec	Memorial of Saint Osmund		
	7pm St Francis	Mass	Michael Gehan Bradley (RIP)
Thur 5 th Dec	9.15am St Francis	Mass	
Fri 6 th Dec	10am St Joseph	Mass	Hannah Barry (Ann RIP)
Sat 7 th Dec	Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Patron of The Bishop's House		
	9.15am St Francis	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

FR FRANK will be away from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday night at an ongoing formation event with fellow priests.

RIP

Bill Ewing passed away on 22nd November, aged 81 years. Bill's funeral will take place at St Francis Church on Tuesday 17th December at 12.30pm, followed by a committal at South Bristol Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of his soul and his family and friends at this sad time.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please note the following times of Masses for Christmas this year:

Tuesday 24th December

4.30pm St Francis' – Christmas Vigil Mass

6.30pm St Joseph's – Christmas Vigil Mass

11.00pm St Francis' – Christmas Night Mass

Monday 25th December

9.00am St Joseph's – Christmas Day Mass

11.00am St Francis' – Christmas Day Mass

JOINT PARISH ADVENT SERVICE

Our Family Advent Service will take place on **Sunday 8th December** at 4.00pm in **St Francis Church**. Please come along and enter into this beautiful season. **All are welcome**. We are looking for readers please contact me if you are willing to take part. Thank you. Anne-Marie

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY

The New Translation of the Lectionary has been produced and will come into use in England and Wales on the first Sunday in Advent (1st December) this year. We will notice immediately that this not a new collection or revised readings but a new publication of the Lectionary using a different scripture translation — the content remains the same. So, the reading given for each Sunday and weekday will be the same as we currently have but they will look and sound different from that which we are used to. It will mean, of course, for those of us who like to use a Weekday or Sunday missal, either to prepare the readings or to reflect on them, or even to follow the Word of God as it's proclaimed in the liturgy, we may wish to get a new missal. See the Diocesan Liturgy Newsletter for some more reflections on the New Lectionary
<https://cliftondiocese.com/liturgy-office/>

MY DAY-BY-DAY BOOKLETS

The My Day-by-Day booklets for Advent are now available at both churches. Price £1.

UNIVERSALIS APP

The Universalis app is available to download to your phone/l pad. This app will give you all the prayers and readings for Mass for every day as well as the whole of the divine office. There is even a special filter for Clifton diocese. The payment is a one off and there are no further subscriptions. It is much cheaper than a missal and far more comprehensive.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

New Sunday Missals can be ordered from the Catholic Truth Society online for £19.95.

ROOF UPDATE – ST FRANCIS

We have been very clear that we don't want any of the windows in the church roof to be openable. For some reason it has taken the planners weeks to give clearance for this. They have taken so long, that the work is at least a month behind before it even starts. Hopefully it will start by February. At that stage we will have to change some Mass times to fit in with the use of the hall. We will also have a consultation about weekend Masses.

BLESSING OF BAMBINELLI – 15th DEC

This is a beautiful Advent Tradition - Bambinelli Sunday, Blessing the Christ Child - which has been celebrated in Rome for over thirty years and helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus. Each family brings the Christ Child from their own crib or nativity scene and the Pope blesses it during the noon Angelus that day. It is a wonderful way to bring family and parish together. Following that tradition, I encourage families to bring the baby Jesus from your own cribs to church on the Third Sunday of Advent and, at the end of Mass, I will bless the Bambinelli which have been brought to church. Everyone is welcome to take part – young and old alike.

CONFIRMATION

Our joint parish Confirmation programme will begin with an information evening in January. The programme is made up of a number of sessions including a retreat away day. This is for anyone in school Y9 or above. Dates to be confirmed. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco at St Francis Church, on Tuesday 24th June at 7.00pm.

Enrolment forms are available electronically by selecting this link or as a hard copy in the church porch.

<https://forms.gle/dSPhmTdwytypeoke8>

Any questions please email Anne-Marie

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Craft activities for all the family with a Bring & Share Lunch on Sunday 1st December.

St Joseph's

After 9am Mass (10.15am-ish)-12.15pm

St Francis

After 11am Mass (12.15pm-ish) –2.15pm

All very welcome

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Joseph's PTFA Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30th November, 11am - 2pm at St Joseph's Catholic Primary.

All are welcome to this celebration of Christmas Festivity with live music, Santa's Grotto, bottle stall, cake stall, hot dogs, quality toys/games. See Tom Osman or Tara Iles for details.

CAROL SERVICES

All welcome to any or all of the services below:

Portishead Churches Together

6.30pm Sunday 1st December

at Portishead Methodist Church

1st Nailsea Scouts

6.00pm Tuesday 10th December

at St Francis' Church

St Francis School

6.00pm Tuesday 17th December

at St Francis' Church

St Joseph's School

2.00pm Thursday 19th December

at St Joseph's Church

Our own Joint Parish Carol Service

7.30pm Sunday 22nd December

at St Francis' Church

YOUTH CLUB

Apologies we have to cancel the Youth Club at St Joseph's on the 13th December but will resume in the new year on Friday 10th January.

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. 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. Your generosity is always appreciated. Thank you.

SEAFARERS BOXES

The last date for Boxes to be collected from St Francis will be 15th December but you can still leave boxes at St Joseph's until the end of December. Thank you for your support.

HELP REQUIRED – ST JOSEPH'S

We have two tasks that require volunteers

- The six big candles on the Altar at St Joseph's need to be dismantled and cleaned. We are asking for volunteers to help with this task after the 10am Mass on **Tuesday 17th December.**
- The crib and figures are stored in the loft and assistance is needed to get them out of storage and in place.

Please speak to Mary Rose or Alison Delaplace if you are able to help.

THANK YOU!

The Broderick family wish to thank all the parishioners, friends and family who joined us at Peter's Requiem Mass and celebration last Friday, and for all the messages, cards and donations. Father Frank, Ivan, Chloe and Eliot thank you for a wonderful service, and numerous others who helped in many different ways. He would have been very proud to see so many there and the many smiling faces. God Bless You All.

THANK YOU!

Our thanks to Jason from the Diocesan adult formation team for his talk on Catholic social teaching. If anyone wishes to follow up on this subject, please go to the Clifton diocese website, click on faith and formation, and then click on Catholic social teaching where you will find some more talks by Jason.

LADIES CIRCLE – ST FRANCIS

Tuesday 3rd December is our Christmas meal at Audley Lodge @1pm.

If you wish to share cars to get there, please meet in the church carpark by 12.30pm. Our first meeting of 2025 will 7th January at 3pm, as usual, in the church hall. New members always welcome.

UCM – ST JOSEPH'S

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd December at 2pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Everyone most welcome.

CANDLE COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

If you have any old, used and not needed Candles please donate them for Ukraine. Collection boxes are in the Porch of both churches.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Cards are available in the Church porches to send to our MP's to express Catholic opposition to assisted dying proposals.