



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



St Francis of Assisi Church
Ash Hayes Road
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Sunday 29th November 2020
First Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's Church
West Hill
Portishead BS20 6LN
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| Office Hours: | Nailsea | Mon & Thurs | 9.30am – 1pm |
| | Portishead | Tues & Fri | 10.30am – 1pm |
| Parish website: | www.josephfrancis.org.uk | | |

This Week's Mass Times

All Masses will be livestreamed at <https://www.josephfrancis.org/livestream>
Public Masses resume on Wednesday 2nd December

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| Sunday 29 th November | 11am | St Francis | First Sunday of Advent | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Monday 30 th November | 12 noon | St Francis | Feast of St Andrew | |
| Tuesday 1 st December | 12 noon | St Francis | Memorial of St Alexander Briant | |
| Wednesday 2 nd December | 7pm | St Francis | Weekday of Advent | <i>Kimberley & David Hayles (25th Wedding Ann) Kate Sutor (RIP)</i> |
| Thursday 3 rd December | 9.15am | St Francis | Memorial of St Francis Xavier | |
| Friday 4 th December | 10am | St Joseph | Memorial of St Osmund | |
| Saturday 5 th December | 10am | St Joseph | Weekday of Advent | |
| | 6pm | St Joseph | Second Sunday of Advent | |

Confessions

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| Wednesday | 6.30-6.50pm | St Francis |
| Saturday | 5.30-5.50pm | St Joseph |
| Sunday | 5.30-5.50pm | St Francis |

Adoration

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| Tuesday | 2-3pm | St Francis |
| Wednesday | 12-10pm | St Joseph |
| Thursday | 8-9pm | St Francis |

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Psalm Response

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: 'Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down!' is the cry, of a people who need God. '...The master is coming' is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

PUBLIC SERVICES will resume on Wednesday 2nd December. Registration for weekend Masses will continue, please let us know if you can't attend to leave room for others. Please only attend if you are pre-registered. All the previous government guidelines remain in place - face masks to be worn, hand sanitiser to be used on entering/exiting the church and social distancing.

PASTORAL LETTER

For this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, Bishop Declan has sent a Pastoral letter. This can be viewed at <https://cliftondiocese.com/bishop>

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve - St Francis 5pm,

St Joseph 6.30pm & 10pm,

St Francis **11.30pm** (note this is a change to the usual time)

Christmas Day - St Francis 9.30am,

St Joseph 11am & **12 noon** (an additional Mass to the usual times)

Booking is essential (even if you are already registered for Sunday Masses), and can be done by visiting <https://www.josephfrancis.org/christmas> Please only book if you are definitely planning to come, if your plans change ensure you cancel your booking so that others can attend. All the Christmas Masses will be livestreamed. We regret that there will be no congregational carol singing. All of this is subject to change depending on government restrictions.

BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING

Bishop Declan asked that we make this information available to parishioners:

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

FR RICHARD ELSON

My induction as Parish Priest will take place on Wed 9th December at St Francis at 7pm (on the anniversary of my ordination) by the Dean, Canon Tom Gunning, who will be representing the Bishop. This will be subject to government restrictions in place at the time. Please email Elaine at elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk if you would like to attend to ensure we stay within the numbers permitted. This event will also be available to watch via Livestream.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP: Saturday 28th November at 3pm Joe Meigh will once again be leading us in worship with Stuart Ford reading our scripture and giving us some reflection on this reading via Zoom on the last Saturday of November. If you would like to join or need further information please email Tom (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk)

ON-LINE PARISH CAROL SERVICES

CAROL SERVICE, ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Thursday 17th December at 7pm

A Live-streamed traditional Carol Service with carols and readings, using a combined choir and musicians from both parishes. Service sheets will be available either to collect or to download, so that parishioners can join in singing the carols at home.

CAFOD CAROL SERVICE

Monday 21st December at 4pm

As we are sadly not able to meet in person to share our Carol Services this year, we are meeting on Zoom to share the story of Christ's coming with scripture, Carol-singing and artwork over the internet. In the service we will focus on one aspect of CAFOD's recent efforts and you can donate on their website if you wish. If you would like to contribute to the service (reading, recording music, dressing as a nativity character and sending a photo sent in or producing artwork – especially young people with pictures and photos) please contact Tom – tafosman@hotmail.co.uk. If you would like to be present for this service online, please email Deacon Didier to request a Zoom Invitation on didier.delaplace@cliftondiocese.com

HOLIDAY

I will be away from the office Monday 30th to Thursday 26th and Monday 7th December. If you have newsletter items please send them to me as usual, but any other enquiries please contact Fr Richard. Regards Elaine

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We are hoping to run programmes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation between February half term and Easter and then between Easter and May half term 2021.

If you are interested in your child taking part please register by sending me an email to Fr Richard. richard.elson@cliftondiocese.com

DIOCESAN DIARIES/DIRECTORIES 2021

Are available from the lobby of both St Francis and St Joseph's, £6.50 Diaries and £5 Directories. If you are unable to collect please contact me and I can arrange delivery.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The group continues to "meet" in our separate homes on Monday at 8:00 p.m. In Advent we will do lectio divina on a seasonal scripture text to lead us into silent prayer. Using a text with guidance to be circulated each week. If you would like to receive this contact Shelagh at shelagh.layet@gmail.com. The group also continues to meet on Zoom on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Email Shelagh to obtain Zoom details.

PRAYING THE READINGS

This opportunity to ponder the forthcoming Sunday scripture readings continues each Friday at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. Exploring what the readings say to us – now. All welcome to join for the Advent season. Email Roger at roger.layet@btinternet.com to obtain Zoom details.

PARISH CHARITIES QUIZ NIGHT (ONLINE)

Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm. Join us for a fun-filled evening on Zoom with brainteasers for all ages and abilities to support Nailsea and Portishead charities. Quiz hosted by Tom Osman. Breakout rooms are available for households (max 8 people per team). Please email Bev to enter a team sharp.bev@gmail.com. Any questions about quiz please email Tom (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk). To donate to either parish charity before or after quiz, please go to <https://www.josephfrancis.org/outreach>