



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



St Francis of Assisi Church

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Sunday 18th April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

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Parish website:	www.josephfrancis.org		

This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 17 th April	6pm	St Joseph	Third Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 18 th April	9am	St Joseph		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11am	St Francis		
	6pm	St Francis		
Monday 19 th April	9am	St Francis	Memorial of Saint Alphege	<i>Margaret Frost (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 20 th April	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Easter	<i>Moya Price (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 21 st April	7pm	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 22 nd April	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Friday 23 rd April	10am	St Joseph	Solemnity of St George	
Saturday 24 th April	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Fourth Sunday of Easter	

Confessions

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

Adoration

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Psalm Response

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that all he suffered and rise so the 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins' could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us Saint Peter's doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to 'repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.' The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he 'becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away'. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.

PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

The Pope's prayer intention for April: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

For all who feel distant from the presence of God, that they may encounter him anew through the witness of the Church.

For our own community, that we will always be signs of reconciliation and hope for others.

For Her Majesty the Queen and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one, that they will be supported by the prayers of others and be comforted by the sure hope of the Resurrection.

We give thanks to God for the dedication and service of Prince Philip to our country and beyond. May God grant him eternal peace and rest.

BAPTISM

Elijah Bruno Do Rozario will be baptised during the 10am Mass on Saturday 17th April at St Joseph's. Please keep Elijah and his family in your prayers as we welcome him into God's family.

RIP

Margaret Frost passed away this week. Please pray for the repose of her soul and remember her family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. Funeral details to follow soon.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - ONLINE: Sunday 18th April at 10.15am. If you are interested in your son or daughter joining for children's activities, please email Tom (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk) for Zoom details. We would really appreciate your prayers for all our young people who do not have access to children's liturgy in person. Thanks.

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

From next September, it is hoped to be able to offer some Catholic faith education to children not attending Catholic Primary school. If you are interested in this proposition (or know someone who might be) please contact Fr Richard.

MEETING FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to St Joseph's or St Francis'? As we haven't had the opportunity for coffee after Mass or for any social gatherings, it would be good to say hello to anyone who has joined our parishes since my arrival last October. I would like to invite you to join me for a Zoom Meeting on Friday 30th April at 7.30pm. It would be really good to say hello and meet the face behind the mask! Please email me for the link. Fr Richard

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

New Debt Centre Manager for CAP
You may be aware that the CAP Gordano Debt Centre is one of the projects that our parishes support. Due to the retirement at the end of June of Joanna Pritchett, the current manager, the seven churches who fund the Centre have appointed **Ann Tarr** to become the new Debt Centre Manager. We are delighted, knowing Ann's commitment to the cause and her skill and experience in helping the less fortunate. We, in St Joseph parish who know Ann well, are proud of her appointment and wish her every success. We pray for her to have wisdom and stamina, to be at all times '*rooted and grounded in love*' (Eph 3:17) and led by the Holy Spirit. For any information on CAP or the work of the Debt Centre please contact Deacon Didier.

BRIDGE COMMUNITY (formerly Faith & Light)

For people with any kind of disability, their family and their friends.

Our monthly fellowship will bring us together this Sunday 18th April at 3pm on Zoom.

For more information and/or to get the Zoom link contact Deacon Didier.

THANK YOU

CAFOD Walk for Water Challenge

Thanks to the great generosity of parishioners (mainly anonymous!) and friends, the efforts of our 12 walkers for CAFOD during Lent raised a combined total of £3,218. Coming 'hard on the heels' of Lent Fast Day, this is a particularly generous amount. Well done!

Across England & Wales parishes have been involved in 'Walk for Water', not only to raise funds, but to highlight the issue of the lack of clean water for many. In excess of £800,000 has been raised to help improve the situation by the installation of water pumps etc. For more info go to cafod.org.uk

OFFERTORY – STANDING ORDERS AND GIFT AID

The offertory (and other donations) from parishioners are generous and much appreciated, allowing the parishes to be run well, and necessary expenses covered.

You may remember about 18 months ago the standing order process was changed so that your donations now come direct to the parish. Many of you also took the opportunity to increase your donation, and if you wish to do so again now, or at any time, you just need to advise your bank. The majority of standing orders are also covered by gift aid which means the parish can reclaim the tax you've already paid - this means we get an extra 25p in every £1, so is well worth while. Of course, you do need to be a UK taxpayer for a valid claim to be made, and if your tax position changes, please let the Gift Aid organiser at St Francis or the Treasurer at St Joseph's know.

THE WILD GOOSE: A Work of the Holy Spirit

After the success of the online Alpha and Christlife courses, a group in our parishes are coming together to follow an online course called The Wild Goose, which is designed to help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit. The hope is that as you come to experience God's presence and power, this very same Spirit will transform you and breathe life into your very being.

This course involves a video input led by Franciscan Priest Fr Dave Pivonka, followed by the chance for discussion and prayer; it will be hosted via Zoom on a Monday evening commencing Monday 26th April (19:30 - 21:00). Please speak to Sarah Chaplow in Nailsea or Nicola Osman in Portishead for more information or simply email Sarah at s_gauci@hotmail.com. Follow the link to The Wild Goose trailer: <https://thewildgooseisloose.com/wild-goose-main-page>

JOSEPHFRANCIS: PARISH MAGAZINE

We would like to publish the next edition of JosephFrancis our online Parish Magazine and are inviting contributions from anyone who would be interested in writing something. Suggestions might be: accounts of journeys or pilgrimages, articles about hobbies or interests, reflections on a biblical passage, memories, poems or stories.

The suggested length for articles is no more than 1000 words and we recommend accompanying this with up to four images where possible. The deadline for contributions will be Monday 31st May.

If you are interested in writing something or assisting with the magazine in any way, please contact Nicola Osman. nicola.osman@hotmail.co.uk

MULTI-PARISH CO-ORDINATOR:

The parishes of St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham; St Pius X, Witherwood and The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna are coming together to form a new 'Mission Area' within the South Bristol Deanery. To facilitate this coming together, we are looking to recruit a 'Multi-Parish Coordinator' for 15 hours/week on a flexible basis. We are looking for an excellent communicator with good organising and planning skills and good knowledge of the key principles of health and safety regulations. Experience of working with volunteers would be useful. For further details, please contact Fr Matt Anscombe - bristol.stbernadette@cliftondiocese.com

DICESAN VIRTUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Friday 16th April is the Feast Day of St Bernadette Soubirous, so as part of our own ongoing virtual pilgrimage Monseigneur Liam Slattery will be celebrating a livestream Mass at 7:00 pm, please join us through the Clifton diocese website at www.cliftondiocese.com.

THE SANCTUARY LOURDES

We have heard from the Rector of the sanctuary that due to the unfortunate new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until visitors from outside the local area are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses and Rosaries throughout the day which can be viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or on their You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV> or on your smart TV You Tube app.

The rector is inviting all our intentions and petitions which again can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>. This is a difficult time for all of us, but please pray for the local people of Lourdes, along with the Chaplains and those who serve at the shrine. The Rector assures us of his prayers.

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