



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



St Francis of Assisi Church
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Sunday 22nd November 2020
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

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This Week's Mass Times

All Masses will be livestreamed at <https://www.josephfrancis.org/livestream>

Sunday 22 nd November	11am	St Francis	Solemnity of Christ the King	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 23 rd November	12 noon	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Justin Templer (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 24 th November	12 noon	St Francis	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	<i>Nathalie Dowdall (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 25 th November	12 noon	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 26 th November	12 noon	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 27 th November	12 noon	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 28 th November	12 noon	St Francis	Our Lady on Saturday	

Confessions

By Appointment

Adoration – Private Prayer

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

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

'Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep.' This hymn which is usually sung today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the Lord to come.

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 no congregational carol singing. All of this is subject to change depending on government restrictions.

CHILDRENS LITURGY – All welcome. Sunday 22nd November at 10.30am. Join us for a children's liturgy session catering for ages 2 - 7 on Zoom with prayer, 'Christ the King' Activity and song. Separate challenges for pre-school and school age children. Resources needed: one A4 piece of card, colouring pens, scissors and stapler/sellotape. Total session time: 20mins max. Please email Tom for details and to request a Zoom login / link: tafosman@hotmail.co.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.

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.

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.

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)

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

Ambitious, experienced in Finance, Catholic and available for 9 meetings per year? St Francis Catholic Primary School is looking for a new School Governor to join our Board! You might be a former pupil now established in a career, school parent, somebody professionally connected to us or simply interested in giving something back to the community. More details here - <http://www.st-francis.n-somerset.sch.uk/>

RED WEDNESDAY

Over the last five years Aid to the Church in Need's #RedWednesday campaign has been hugely successful in drawing attention to the human rights tragedy of Christian and other religious persecution. This #RedWednesday, 25th November, Aid to the Church in Need launches Set Your Captives Free, a report on Christians unjustly detained for their faith. This event will be chaired by Rehman Chishti MP and guest speakers include Archbishop Kaigama of Abuja, Nigeria, former MP Rob Ffello and Maira Shahbaz – whose case of abduction and terror is explored in the report. This livestream event begins at 4.30pm. www.acnuk.org/event/redwednesday-digital-event/

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS BOXES

In spite of Covid-19 we are invited to fill some boxes or bags with "goodies" for our Seafarers, as we have done every year. See the suggested list below. Please drop your box, or bag, into St Joseph's church lobby from Friday 4th December when public Masses resume. Deacon Didier will collect your gifts and take them to the Sailors' Chaplain for distribution. If your gift-box is for a lady seafarer please mark the box with a big "L" in the top right hand corner On behalf of the seafarers, many thanks! items: Health care (antiseptic cream, plasters, cough lozenges, lip salve) Toiletries. Quick meals (soup, noodles, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, fruit bars. Stationery. Small items of clothing.

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>

PORTISHEAD CHURCHES TOGETHER

Carol singing: a drive-in Christmas carol service will be held in the Portishead Sainsbury's car park on Sunday 13th December, at 6.30pm and repeated at 8pm. Mark the date and watch out for booking instructions.

Follow the Star: St Peter's Church invites children and families to a fun trail on the theme of following the Christmas star on Saturday 19th December between 1 and 3pm. Volunteers are welcome to dress up as characters in the story. Please contact Deacon Didier.

Christmas Lunch: The High Street Methodist church is cooking lunch on Christmas day and delivering it to lonely people in our town. Please contact Deacon Didier if you know of anyone who would like to receive one, or if you are willing to volunteer as a cooking or delivering helper.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN NAILSEA & DISTRICT

Christmas drive-in carol service is being held at Nailsea School car park on Sunday, December 20, at 4pm. This is being organised by the Rev Michelle Taylor. Aviator brass quintet will be playing carols while people stay in their cars and sing if they wish. The nativity will be told with readings in between the carols and the event will last between 30-45 minutes. To book email michelle.taylor@trendlewoodchurch.org.uk with your name and car registration.

ADVENT RETREAT

The Bernardine sisters at Brownhill monastery are hosting an online Advent retreat on two consecutive weekends, 27-29 November and 4-6 December. It starts on Friday evening at 9pm. The theme is "*Stand up on the heights and watch for the Dawn*". Contact Sr Mary Philippa on brownhillbookings@bernardine.org to get the link.

MISSIO/RED BOX – ST JOSEPH'S

Many thanks to our collectors for your valiant efforts through the difficulties this year, and thank you to all those red box members who still had coin to put in their boxes. Also, many of you who donated direct, by one of the methods suggested in the magazine. Thank you, all charities are struggling at this time.

You collected £875.45, over half of last year's cash total, which was splendid in the circumstances. Head office will let us know the total, in cash and direct donations in due course. In the meantime, the 2021 calendars have arrived, which I will get to you by the beginning of December, and ask you to deliver them and we will hope for better times next year. Once again, many many thanks to all who donate and all who collect. Don't forget to keep your box in a prominent place and say a regular prayer for the missionaries and the people they minister to with your help.

Mary Rose Local secretary.