



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



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Sunday 10th January 2021
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 9 th January	6pm	St Joseph	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	<i>Bridie Collins (RIP)</i>
Sunday 10 th January	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		<i>Meg Wetz (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 11 th January	9am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Bill McAleavey (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 12 th January	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 13 th January	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 14 th January	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 15 th January	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 16 th January	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Laureano Lopez Rivera (RIP)</i>

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

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Psalm Response

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all Gods promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

THE NEW GUIDELINES FOR LOCKDOWN

Following the announcement by the Government - we can still attend Mass with the usual sanitising of hands, face covering, stewarding, cleaning and social distancing. We are asked not to mingle with anyone outside our household or support bubble, so please do not gather to socialise before or after Mass. For those who would prefer to stay at home at this time, Masses will continue to be live-streamed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word ONLINE: Sunday (10th January) at 10.15am. For ages 4 to 11 - join us on Zoom for interactive Children's Liturgy for this Sunday's readings for the Baptism of the Lord. Email Tom for the link (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk). Please let any parents or carers know who may be interested.

ONLINE YOUTH GATHERINGS: the next meeting will on Friday 22nd January @6.15pm. If you are interested or know of young persons in Year 6 to Y10 who would like to explore their faith and get involved in charity-work, please let them know. [Email the parish office](#) for Zoom details. Please pray for our younger people.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Doreen 'Shirley' Richardson** and **Ann Keen** and keep their family and friends in your prayers at this time. Ann's funeral will take place at 12 noon on 15th January at St Francis Church.

Shirley passed away on 31st December. Funeral will take place at St Francis Church on Tuesday 19th January at 1.45pm followed by a committal at Weston Crematorium.

Family attendance only but the services will be livestreamed on www.josephfrancis.org

DISCOVERING CHRIST

It is not too late to join the Discovering Christ course that starts on Monday 11th January at 7.30pm! Contact Deacon Didier (didier.delaplace@cliftondiocese.com) or visit the parish website (<https://www.josephfrancis.org/christ-life>) and register online.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2021

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD)2021 is "**Be the Light in the Darkness**". The utterly unprecedented times through which we are currently living are showing some of the best of which humanity is capable but also – in some of the abuse, and conspiracy theories being spread on social media – the much darker side of our world as well. Increasing levels of denial, division and misinformation in today's world mean we must remain vigilant against hatred and identity-based hostility.

Due to ongoing Covid19 restrictions, our local HMD North Somerset group will not be organising an 'in person' ceremony this year. Instead, we wish to promote the **National HMD Trust's ceremony which will be streamed on-line from 7pm-8pm on January 27th 2021**. At 8pm we are all invited to '**Light the Darkness**': Households across Britain will be lighting candles or putting lights in their windows to remember those who were murdered for who they were (in the Holocaust and so many subsequent genocides worldwide) and to make a stand against prejudice and hatred today. For details of how to register for the on-line ceremony please use this link: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/uk-holocaust-memorial-day-2021-ceremony/> Some may wish to take a photo of their candle and upload to social media. Details of how to do this (including the hashtags) are included in the link.

COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Clifton Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more information and to complete an online nomination form or contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

AFTERNOON LOCKDOWN FELLOWSHIP

I am thinking of those lonely or shielding parishioners from both our parishes who maybe cannot attend mass in church right now because they have to keep safe, but who are missing social/spiritual contact with other parishioners? Would any of you be interested in a weekly time of fellowship together on Zoom in the afternoon? I would be happy to organise this if there is some interest. Please contact me if you want to know more : Alison Delaplace 01275 390752 or alison.delaplace@gmail.com