



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



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**Sunday 21st February 2021
First Sunday Lent**

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 20 th February	6pm	St Joseph	First Sunday of Lent	<i>Jerry Crowley (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Sunday 21 st February	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>Nellie McNamara (RIP)</i>
Monday 22 nd February	9am	St Francis	Feast of the Chair of St Peter	<i>Jerzy "George" Jarosz (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Tuesday 23 rd February	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Lent	<i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 24 th February	7pm	St Francis	Weekday of Lent	<i>Shirley Richardson (RIP)</i>
Thursday 25 th February	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday of Lent	<i>Jim Walker (RIP)</i>
Friday 26 th February	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Lent	<i>Margaret Forde (RIP)</i>
Saturday 27 th February	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Lent	
	6pm	St Joseph	Second Sunday of Lent	

Confessions

Wed	6.30-6.50pm	St Francis
Sat	5.30-5.50pm	St Joseph
Sun	5.30-5.50pm	St Francis

Adoration

Tues	2-3pm	St Francis
Wed	12-10pm	St Joseph
Thurs	8-9pm	St Francis

Stations of the Cross

Fri	10.30am	St Joseph
Sun	3pm	Online
Sun	5pm	St Francis

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Psalm Response

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (as Saint Peter points out) are saved by the waters of Baptism. This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ, who came to establish this "new and eternal Covenant in his blood". He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite "having been tempted in every way that we are".

ONLINE DONATIONS

Thank you for the kindness and generosity you continue to show through your giving to the parishes. In addition to the other ways of giving, we now have a new system for receiving online donations on the parish website www.josephfrancis.org/donate. This will make it easier for us to allocate your donations to the appropriate parish, parish project or second collection. If you would like to make a regular donation, it is better to do this with a standing order - please contact Fr Richard for details.

CARE OF CREATION - COUNTDOWN TO COP26

First week of Lent

The Pope has asked for a new appreciation of the interdependence of all things in our beautiful planet

The parable of the seed growing by itself; Mark 4.26

This speaks of the kingdom of God, but also speaks of the bounty of the world. We could extend it by 10,000 and more reasons for thanking God. For example, when we wake, we can thank God that we have breath, and that we have had air to breathe all the time we were asleep, for the loveliness of light returning, for our strength as our muscles respond to our thought, for the warmth of the atmosphere and the stability of gravity, for the peace in our streets... and that is in the first seconds of waking up!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

This coming Friday is Family Fast Day for which we can consume less and give whatever money is saved, to alleviate the suffering of the poorest in the developing world. The theme this Lent is to reduce water poverty, by giving this Fast Day we can reach vulnerable communities around the world with clean water and other support. To donate use an envelope which will be available after mass, or text LENT to 70460 including a donation amount or go to cafod.org.uk/give

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

There are lots of resources for studying and praying with the Bible for those who are celebrating this Lent at Home at www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/lent-at-home

RIP

Margaret Forde passed away on Saturday 13th February. 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.

The funeral of **Jim Walker** will take place at St Francis' Church on Wednesday, 24th February at 12 noon, followed by committal at South Bristol Crematorium. Please continue to keep Jim's family and friends in your prayers at this time. Family attendance only but the services will be livestreamed on www.josephfrancis.org

SAINT ROSE'S SCHOOL in Stroud is seeking to raise £1.5 million to build Quentin House, a specially-adapted residential home-from-home for some of its children. Saint Rose's is unique within our diocese for the help it gives children and young people with complex physical and other needs to fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions. Quentin House, named after Sister Quentin, the former long-serving, dedicated and inspirational headteacher, will help Saint Rose's continue its mission. For more information about this project and how to donate or fundraise please visit <https://stroses.org.uk/quentin-house/> or contact the appeals office at the school (01453 763793 ext 225 or gail.mattocks@stroses.org.uk).

ONLINE YOUTH MINISTRY COURSE

Are you interested in working with young people in your parish but feel you haven't the knowledge or skills to do this. If so, then this course may be of interest to you. Equally if you would like to brush on your skills or hear how others are doing the work then this course may also be of interest to you. It's an on-line course so no travel required! Cost £48 for 10 sessions with highly skilled speakers experienced in Youth Ministry. Starts Tuesday 16 March : <https://www.cas-leriggmanor.co.uk/engage>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday March 5th

There are still two weeks to go before this year's **World Day of Prayer**, but if you want to have a **WDP booklet** to follow one of the on-line or Zoom services on offer, you will need to ask us in advance, either Jane Elliott (for Nailsea parishioners) or Alison Delaplace (for parishioners in Portishead and Pill).

There will be a **live-streamed WDP service from St Francis church Nailsea on Friday March 5th at 2pm**. Everyone can access this on the parish website: www.josephfrancis.org/livestream.

Alternatively, there will be a **WDP service from Pill on Zoom on Friday March 5th at 7.30pm**. To attend you will need to book with Monica Ovel who will give you the Zoom link.

Information on how to make a financial donation to the WDP charities will be given in next week's newsletter, or see the WDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk

THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. We are planning to run an online course, entitled “The Sanctuary Course for Catholics” which explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations. It is designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes regarding mental health. The programme is open to everyone, including people with questions about mental health, people supporting loved ones with mental health problems, and people living with mental health problems. Should you be interested, please register with Eric Smith at eric.at.images@gmail.com giving your full name, contact mobile/telephone number and email address. The programme consists of 8 weekly sessions, each of which lasts for 1-1½ hours. We will meet online each Monday at 2.30pm from 22nd Feb-22nd Mar and from 12th-26th Apr.