



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



St Francis of Assisi Church

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Sunday 9th May 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 8 th May	6pm	St Joseph	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>Siobhan Crowley (RIP)</i>
Sunday 9 th May	9am	St Joseph		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11am	St Francis		
	6pm	St Francis		
Monday 10 th May	9am	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Tuesday 11 th May	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Easter	
Wednesday 12 th May	7pm	St Francis	Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord	
Thursday 6 th May	9.15am	St Francis	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	<i>Private Intention</i>
	12 noon	St Joseph		
Friday 14 th May	10am	St Joseph	Feast of Saint Matthias	
Saturday 15 th May	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Seventh 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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Psalm Response

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

Ascension of the Lord

Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

The Pope's prayer intention for May: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

For our country and for the family of nations, that God may reign in the hearts of all and so bring peace justice and truth to the ends of the earth.

For our brothers and sisters who suffer, that their sorrow may be turned to gladness which no one can take from them.

For the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved, that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's unconditional love for them.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 13th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Vigil Mass at 7pm on 12th May at St Francis', Masses on 13th May at 9.15 am at St Francis' and 12 noon at St Joseph's.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers at St Joseph's Church for the position of Gift Aid Secretary and for someone to maintain the Memorial Garden. If you are interested in helping with either of these roles please speak to Fr Richard for more details.

SOCIETY OF PILAR, INDIA

Each and every day, the parishioners of our Deanery are remembered in Mass by the Society of Pilar, India, of which Fr. Seby is currently the 'Shepherd.' Both our parishes and schools will remember Fr. Seby from his many visits. In a recent email he wrote of COVID, "My worst fears are coming true..." Today, just today, the deaths number 400,000. That is the approximate combined population of Nailsea, Portishead, Clevedon and Weston Super Mare, multiplied by three. Many countries are responding with medication and much needed equipment. Fr. Seby is asking us to pray. Please can we all make a concerted effort to remember in prayer the wonderful priests and sisters of the Society of Pilar, many of whom are on the critical list at this moment. Please hold in your hearts the thousands of Tribal people served and educated in the loving care of the Society. Pope Francis calls on us to "...respond effectively to the needs of the least fortunate", here's our chance. Thank you in anticipation.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Bishop Declan invites us all to participate in praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit beginning this week on Thursday 13 May (Feast of the Ascension). Each of the nine days will focus on a different fruit of the Spirit. You can access the prayer resource for the Novena on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/novena>
We hope as many people will join us in praying the Novena as we continue to 'Dare to Dream' and invite the Holy Spirit to bless our diocese as we move forward.

LAUDATO SI 16TH-24TH MAY

From 16 May, Catholics will connect with each other and feel inspired about the steps taken on our ecological conversion journey, learning from global visionaries and community leaders who are bringing *Laudato Si'* to life. Resources and the official prayer are available below.

[Join today to receive the official *Laudato Si'* Week prayer and resources that will help you spread the good news!](#)

CAFOD – CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

CAFOD is holding a special online Mass on Friday 7 May at 6.30pm to pray for the people of India. You can register here: bigmarker.com/cafod/India-Emergency

FUNDRAISER FOR PAX CHRISTI

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun. Please go to their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/ for details on how you can sponsor them.