



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



St Francis of Assisi Church

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Sunday 2nd May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 1 st May	6pm	St Joseph	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 2 nd May	9am	St Joseph		<i>Alec Van Eker (RIP)</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St Francis		
Monday 3 rd May	9am	St Francis	Feast of Saints Philip and James	
Tuesday 4 th May	10am	St Joseph	Feast of the English Martyrs	
Wednesday 5 th May	7pm	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Thursday 6 th May	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday of Easter	
Friday 7 th May	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Easter	
Saturday 8 th May	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>Siobhan Crowley (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

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Psalm Response

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

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 world, especially for all those who live in poverty, that we may share more justly the many resources God has given us.

For the suffering Church across the world, especially for the communities in the Middle East, that they may be enabled to live in peace.

For our own community, that each of us will reflect the love of Christ by the way we live our lives.

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.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means ‘rediscovery’. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the programme commencing with a ‘Virtual’ weekend on 1st – 4th July 2021 Call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 – or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

MY DAY BY DAY BOOKS

My Day by Day books for the month of May are available from both Parishes, price £1.

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

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE 2021 - Tuesday, 4 May 2021

In consultation with survivors, the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales. The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) has highlighted the importance of prayer and suggested to Pope Francis that the worldwide Catholic Church should join together in a day of prayer for victims and survivors of Abuse. The Holy Father has welcomed this initiative. From 2021, in response to a request from the *Let’s Be Honest* working group, the Bishops chose the **Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter** as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse — 4 May 2021. There were two connected reasons for moving the Day of Prayer from Lent to Easter: this is not a penitential day for the failure of the Church and others to respond to the scourge of abuse but a day of prayer for those who have been abused in a season of hope and new life. It is vitally important for the local Church to acknowledge and respond in prayer when it is able rather than restrict its activities to just one day in the year. Much of the material in this resource has been written by, and with, survivors. Though it is hoped that survivors will be included in any local initiative, that may not always be possible. This should not be a barrier to using the *Let’s Be Honest* service as it was prepared by survivors so that their voice would be heard – especially in places where it has not yet been heard.

BERNARDINE CISTERCIANS OF ESQUERMES

Virtual Day of Reflection and Prayer - Sharing the Joy of Easter: 5th May

Programme — Bernardine Cistercians

Rejoice in the Risen Christ. Join us virtually to pray and share together as the Easter season unfolds. The day will be led by a Sister with opportunities to share in the prayer of the community, to reflect with other participants, and to take time to be still with the Lord. www.bernardine.org