



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



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Sunday 17th October 2021
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 16 th October	6pm	St Joseph	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sunday 17 th October	9am	St Joseph	Mass for the Opening of the Synod	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11am	St Francis	Mass for the Opening of the Synod	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St Francis	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday 18 th October	9am	St Francis	Feast of Saint Luke	
Tuesday 19 th October	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 20 th October	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 21 st October	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday 22 nd October	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saint John Paul II	<i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 23 rd October	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

It's often the case that the 'values of the Gospel' contradict the 'values of the World' – sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the World's life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought 'among the pagans' – he will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words about the 'worldly way of behaving' to heart: 'This is not to happen among you.'

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

The process of consultation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops, entitled "For a Synodal Church" begins this month with a diocesan phase. The opening of this phase is being marked by a Mass celebrated in Cathedral by Bishop Declan this Sunday, 17th October. He has also asked that each parish should celebrate a Mass for the opening of the synod on this Sunday. The 9am Mass at St Joseph's and the 11am Mass at St Francis' will both be celebrated as Masses to mark the opening of the synod. More information about the consultation process will follow shortly.

The Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 24th OCTOBER

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. There is a second collection at all Masses next weekend for Missio and for the support of those communities around the world so in need. You can also donate by calling **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visiting Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: **missio.org.uk**

NOVEMBER LIST & MASSES

This month of the Holy Souls is always an opportunity to pray for those who have died. November envelopes are available at St Joseph's and St Francis' for you to make use of for the November Dead List, please return them to the Presbytery or the Church as soon as possible. It is also worth thinking about the Masses you might want celebrated during November as they do get requested early on. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are also available, please make sure you indicate a preferred date and check with Fr Richard if there is a particular date you would really like.

BAPTISM

Zara Wlaznik is to be baptised at St Joseph's on Sunday 17th October. Please keep Zara and her family in your prayers as we welcome her into God's family.

QUIZ EVENING

At St Francis', Saturday 23rd October at 7pm. Tickets £5 to include a ham or cheese ploughmans. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Limited space, only 50 tickets available so buy now! Sign up after Sunday Masses this and next Sunday, or email stf-quiz@mail.com to reserve your place.

DRINKS & NIBBLES

After 6pm Mass at St Joseph's on Saturday 16th October. Everyone welcome!

THE BIG PICTURE

A friendly group of parishioners from both parishes have been meeting online to explore faith through a number of successful and fruitful courses. Having just completed a course about the Holy Spirit, we are very excited to invite you to our next course: The Big Picture.

The Big Picture is a bible study course put together by CaFE and the Bible Society. It is designed to help people find their place in the big picture of salvation history, through engaging films and discussion. We will be meeting on Zoom on the first and third Mondays of each month at 19:45, commencing Monday 1st November. The course trailer is available here:

<https://vimeo.com/144758134>

Please catch up with Sarah Chaplow or Nicola Osman in person or via email (s_gauci@hotmail.com and nicola.osman@hotmail.co.uk). We look forward to welcoming you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is required for Children's Liturgy of the Word at both St Francis' and St Joseph's for the Sunday morning Masses. If you are interested please contact Fr Richard.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

The recent Harvest Fast Day collection raised a total of £913.50 from both parishes. This money will help CAFOD in its global work of making a real difference to the world's poorest. The parish collection is now closed but if you still want to donate please do so via the CAFOD web site www.cafod.org.uk/give

Thank you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

a series of online conversations for CLOW leaders from across the diocese. Our next microsoft teams session will be on: Wednesday 3 November, 7.30-8.45pm. Register at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com, a 'teams' invitation will be sent to you a few days before the session.

CONTEXT OF YOUNG PEOPLE POST-LOCKDOWN

Million Minutes invites us to join them for a webinar on how we support our young people post-lockdown on **Wednesday 20th October at 7pm** to discuss how we, as youth ministers, volunteers and parish communities, can support young people post-lockdown. This session will have input on current research, sharing of resources available, and opportunities for discussion and network-building.

The session aims to:

- Gain an understanding of how young people have been affected by the national lockdowns through examining research
- Discuss the support that we can offer as Catholic communities to young people over the coming months
- Be aware of the resources available to further enable our work
- Building our network through opportunities for discussion

This will be a live session and will not be recorded. You will receive a digital resource pack, including any presentation slides, following the session.

Register now at: <https://millionminutes.org/events/2021/youngpeoplepostlockdown>

If you have any questions regarding the event, feel free to email Beth (Senior Parish Engagement Officer) at beth@millionminutes.org

SYNOD INFORMATION SESSIONS

So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for our participation in the Synod, we are offering information sessions to give everyone an opportunity to find out more and so be able to fully engage with the process. The dates of the information sessions are:

6 November, **10am-12noon**: St John's Centre, Trowbridge

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367>

6 November, **2.30pm-4.30pm**: St Patrick, Brockworth

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brockworth-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190970737617>

13 November, **10am-12noon**: Emmaus House, Bristol

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190972171907>

13 November, **2pm-4pm**: St Joseph, Bridgwater

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bridgwater-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190973525957>

If you plan to attend one of the sessions around the diocese, please let us know through the Eventbrite link above.

Also, we are holding two online Teams sessions on 8 & 9 November at 7pm. If you intend to participate in one of the online Teams sessions please let us know at the synod@cliftondiocese.com email address so that we can send a Teams invite a few days before the event.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES with Christians Against Poverty - Putting Faith into Action

Our Gordano Valley Debt Centre is seeing an increase in clients from Portishead and Pill. We are looking to increase our team of "Befrienders" who work alongside the Debt Centre Manager to help clients with the process of becoming debt free. No financial experience is necessary as this is a listening and supporting role for a few hours a month. Confidentiality and friendliness are the key requirements. To find out more, please speak to Ann on 07568 354 880 or email her at anntarr@capuk.org.

CLIFTON CLIMATE LITURGY

Saturday October 23rd, 11.00am – led by Bishop Declan:

As Christians, we the stewards of God's creation, have responsibility for our planet's future. We have a unique opportunity very soon to prepare spiritually for the challenges and opportunities COP26 in November offers our world. The Climate Liturgy being led by Bishop Declan on Saturday October 23 in the Cathedral in Bristol, offers the chance to engage with the issues facing our planet through prayer and worship.

The Liturgy will be both a recognition of the work of organisations involved in the Climate Change Campaign in the Clifton Diocese, and an ongoing call and blessing by Bishop Declan for all to continue the action to protect God's world.

Tackling climate change is literally a life-and-death issue, and the Liturgy also offers the opportunity to pray together that leaders at COP26 will have the courage to act before it is too late. To safeguard Creation and the lives of Brothers and Sisters who are already experiencing the very real cost of climate change, our UK Government needs to commit to, and see through bold targets at COP26, enabling both global and local change to be made.

Representatives from the organisations involved in the Campaign will be holding stalls after the Liturgy as an opportunity for engagement, dialogue and action. Come along on October 23, and be part of the mobilisation. Contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton for any further details – ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk