



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



St Francis of Assisi Church
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Sunday 24th January 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 23 rd January	6pm	St Joseph	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Eddie Parsons (RIP)</i>
Sunday 24 th January	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St Francis		
Monday 25 th January	9am	St Francis	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 26 th January	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of Saints Timothy & Titus	<i>Sean Kelleher (Good Health)</i>
Wednesday 27 th January	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Helen & Shawn Barrett (Silver Wedding Ann)</i>
Thursday 28 th January	9.15am	St Francis	Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas	
Friday 29 th January	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 30 th January	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Philomena Phelan (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;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

Psalm Response

Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close at hand:
repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything – today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

In his *Motu Proprio Aperuit illis*, published on 30 September 2019, Pope Francis instituted this day, to be kept on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, as a day to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. He has chosen this particular Sunday as a fitting part of that time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and pray for Christian Unity.

ECHOES OF GOD: JOURNEYING WITH THE WORD OF GOD

David McLoughlin invites you to join him on a journey through the whole Bible in this wonderful 7-week course. [Echoes of God \(www.godwhospeaks.uk\)](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

FORMED

Hope in Mercy with Fr Michael Gaitley, author of 33 Days to Morning Glory. Was Vatican II a mistake? Has Pope Francis departed from the teaching of his predecessors? Does the Holy Spirit have something to say about the troubles in the Church and the world today? Fr Michael Gaitley, MIC, answers these questions and more. [Hope in Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley - FORMED](#)

FORMED Daily Reflections. Sign up at [FORMED Daily Reflections](#) to receive these daily reflections directly to your inbox. Start your day off right. Be inspired and renewed each morning with a short video from Dr Tim Gray.

SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF LIVE-STREAMED FROM ST NICK'S CHURCH:

Because of the Covid restrictions it is not possible for the Deaf Community to come to St Nick's for their normal monthly Signed Mass - so we are live-streaming our parish's 10am Mass with Signing by Sherrie Eugene-Hart every First Sunday of the Month (live-streamed from parish website: www.tolentino.org then click on 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass' page).

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS FOR PARISH ADMINISTRATION

With immediate effect my email address will be stjosephandstfrancis@Cliftondiocese.com. Please update your contact list. Many thanks Elaine

CAFOD 40 DAY 'WALK FOR WATER' CHALLENGE THIS LENT

Will you join those who have already expressed interest in taking part in the Lent 'Walk for Water' Challenge?

Many of you will have taken up daily exercise in the current pandemic, some of you will already be doing 10,000 steps. This will merely be an extension of what some of you already do!

Do not be put off by the thought of having to sort out sponsorship, as I will set up a page for people to donate with CAFOD.

For preparation pour yourself a glass of water, then go to cafod.org.uk/fastday and view the CAFOD Lent video!

Further details contact Clive Collins 01275 851596 or clive_mary_collins@hotmail.com

THANK YOU

Shirley Richardson's family would like to thank Father Richard for delivering the Requiem Mass, Martha and Jenny for the beautiful flower arrangements and parishioners for the cards and messages of condolence. We as a family felt truly blessed to be part of such a caring community.

Ann Keen's family would like to thank the parishioners for their kind words and cards of sympathy, it was very comforting to speak to some of them and read their lovely words about how much they thought of mum. She loved attending St Francis church and found so much peace and comfort in the catholic faith.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

'Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ', says St Jerome. If you think your knowledge and understanding of the Bible could be improved, consider joining an excellent Catholic online course. It is proposed by Fr Michael Wojciechowski who came from South Africa three years ago and replaced Fr Tom for a few weeks. The course is over three years; it comes from the Lourdes Educational Centre of Koininia John The Baptist centre in South Africa. It is free but donations to help the centre are welcome. For details how to join please email lourdes.educational@gmail.com. For further information you can also contact Mike and Aga Parry (agamike@parryl.co.uk)

CAP: Do you have a heart for those in financial difficulty or distress?

Due to the upcoming retirement of the current post holder we are looking to recruit a new **Gordano Area Debt Centre Manager** from May 2021. Supported by 7 local churches including St Joseph and St Francis, the Debt Centre has been running for nearly three years helping clients on their journey to be debt free through home visits and ongoing support. The Manager is responsible for running the centre and delivering individual debt advice as provided by CAP. The role also involves promoting the work of CAP within the area, connecting with referral agencies, fundraising, and recruiting, training and supporting a team of volunteer Befrienders and coordinating the supportive prayer network.

We are looking for a practising Christian, a committed member of one of the churches that support the debt centre, and someone who has a strong daily relationship with God. They will be eager to share their Christian faith as well as having the skills to manage the relationships with clients and IT-based administrative skills. Full training is provided by CAP and financial adviser qualifications are not required.

The role is for 16 hours a week, with occasional evening and weekend work as necessary. Salary £9,744 (FTE £22,837). The job specification can be found at https://capuk.org/downloads/cap_debt_help/debt_centre_manager_job_profile.pdf

The deadline for applications is 12 February 2021. If you wish to apply please speak initially to Deacon Didier.