



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



St Francis of Assisi Church

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Sunday 28th March 2021

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

St Joseph's Church

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 27 th March	6pm	St Joseph	Palm Sunday	
Sunday 28 th March	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		<i>Marian Mullany (RIP) (Ann)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 29 th March	9am	St Francis	Monday of Holy Week	<i>Stan Brown (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 30 th March	10am	St Joseph	Tuesday of Holy Week	<i>Mary Hill (RIP) (1st Ann)</i>
Wednesday 31 st March	7pm	St Francis	Wednesday of Holy Week	
Thursday 1 st April	6pm	St Joseph	Maundy Thursday	
	8pm	St Francis		
Friday 2 nd April	3pm	St Joseph	Good Friday	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
	5pm	St Francis		Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday 3 rd April	9pm	St Francis	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 4 th April	9am	St Joseph	Easter Sunday	<i>Peter Rose (RIP) & Mary Rose</i>
	11am	St Francis		<i>Keith McGlynn (RIP)</i>
	No 6pm Mass			

Booking on Eventbrite required for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

Stations of the Cross

Sun	3pm	Online
Sun	5pm	St Francis

Morning Prayer

Thurs	9am	St Francis & St Joseph
Fri	9am	St Francis & St Joseph
Sat	9am	St Francis & St Joseph

Confessions

Sat	5.30-5.50pm	St Joseph
Sun	5.30-5.50pm	St Francis
Wed	6.30-6.50pm	St Francis
Thurs	9.30-10.00am	St Francis

Adoration

Tues	2-3pm	St Francis
Wed	12-10pm	St Joseph

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday the reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Maundy Thursday

The Evening Mass commemorating the Last Supper has, as its theme, service and sacrifice - which are aspects of the same mystery. We see Jesus as one who serves, who gives himself. Just as he gives himself in washing the feet of his disciples, so he gives himself in the bread and wine he takes, blesses and hands to them. And in the same way he will give himself on the cross tomorrow. All these acts of self-giving are the same act - that of the Son of Man who came 'not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Good Friday

Good Friday is such a powerful day; we venerate the sign which is central to our faith - the cross, because on it the sinless one experienced the fullest emptying of himself, the fullest sharing in what it is to be human, to enter the darkness of death. It is the ultimate 'submission' (as the second reading says), by which the suffering servant "is made perfect". By this death, our high priest feels "our weaknesses with us", and leads each of us by the hand through our own death to the liberation we shall celebrate tomorrow. The cross is thus triumphant, a victory-sign.

The Easter Vigil

Easter is the original feast, and this vigil is 'The mother of all vigils'. It is thus the most solemn, special and sacred celebration of the whole liturgical year. Tonight we welcome the risen Christ by using symbols of light, water, bread and wine, and we know that he is with us. More than ever he is present in his celebrated word, as in the light of his rising we review God's eternal plan of salvation, prefigured in the history of ancient Israel, achieved in the rising of the eternal Word, and present in the Sacraments of the Church. This is the feast which most clearly celebrates who we are as the holy people of God, gathered in the light of Christ by the power of the Spirit.

PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

The Holy Father's prayer intention for March: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

For peace in our world, that the people of our generation may follow the example of Christ and find peace through forgiveness and reconciliation.

For those imprisoned for their witness to the Gospel, that they may be set free to share the message of the crucified and risen Christ.

For our parish community, that we may keep Holy Week well and so be drawn more deeply into the saving mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection.

EASTER OFFERINGS are traditionally a personal gift to the priests of the parish. Envelopes are available at both churches or donations can be made online using the Easter Offering button on the website josephfrancis.org

RIP

Stan Brown passed away on 18th March. Please pray for the repose of his soul and remember his family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS

Please remember that the clocks will be going forward by 1 hour this weekend.

THE FINAL WALK: Stations of the Cross

10am – Good Friday. The young people of our local parishes of Nailsea and Portishead lead us with art, music and word through the final few hours of Jesus' earthly life before his sacrifice on the cross. This event will be available on Zoom at 10am on Good Friday morning. Please email Tom for a Zoom link on tafosman@hotmail.co.uk

EASTER DRIVE-IN CELEBRATION

Following the success of the drive-in carol service last Christmas Churches Together in Portishead are organising a drive-in celebration for Easter in Sainsbury's car park. It will take place at **6pm on Easter Sunday** (4th April). Tickets will be available from the GVC website (<https://www.gvc.org.uk/>) from Monday 29th. If you would like to volunteer as a steward to make the event run smoothly please contact Dave Francis: df@gvc.org.uk or Deacon Didier.

APPOINTMENT – Mr Robert King

Governors of St Bede's Catholic College are pleased to announce that, following a rigorous 2 day interview process, Mr Robert King has been appointed to the role of Principal from 1st September 2021.

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER – it's the last week!

Eleven people from our two parishes have been walking the equivalent of 10,000 steps (5miles) for 40 days in Lent, to raise money for CAFOD's walk for water challenge. That is a minimum of 200 miles each or 2,200 miles in total. Wow! It makes you tired just thinking about it, but remember we had a choice.

Many people across the planet have no choice but to walk long distances every day to collect water for their families. Thank you for your many contributions so far (a lot were given anonymously) which will go to CAFOD to help improve the situation by installing village water pumps etc There is still time to donate if you wish by using this link <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/StFrancisNailseaandStJosephPortishead>

REFLECTIONS ON THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Fr. Tom Dubois offers us four reflections on the Easter Triduum

As part of the Catechists on-line formation programme currently running, Fr. Tom Dubois offers us four reflections on the Easter Triduum. They were filmed before he went on his sabbatical to France and before the pandemic prevented us from being in our churches last year. We hope you will enjoy his prayerful appreciation of these most holy of days and we pray for him as he continues his time of prayer and retreat. www.cliftondiocese.com

SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS

Seby Mascarehas is one of the first young priests to visit St. Francis from rural India. He has kept in touch ever since those very early days when Lis Jeffery and Sue Jones visited India in 1980's. Recently Seby sent this talk which is on youtube and we would like to share it with our parishes during Holy Week. There will be many older parishioners who remember Seby and I'm sure they would love this chance to see him again during this time.

The link: <https://youtu.be/SsWp/ci2n6qk>

[\(1\) SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS - A talk by Fr. Seby Mascarenhas SFX - YouTube](#)