



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



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Sunday 18th July 2021
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 17 th July	6pm	St Joseph	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Noelle Collins-Gill (RIP) (2nd Ann)</i>
Sunday 18 th July	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 19 th July	9am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Andre Verniquet (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Tuesday 20 th July	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 21 st July	1pm	St Joseph	Funeral Mass	<i>Joan Reed (RIP)</i>
	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 22 nd July	9.15am	St Francis	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene	
Friday 23 rd July	10am	St Joseph	Feast of Saint Bridget	
Saturday 24 th July	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>St Anthony (Thanksgiving)</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
Thursday	8-9pm	St Francis

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Sheep without a shepherd.” This is the simple theme of today's readings. It is interesting that Jesus’ reaction to the crowd is one of pity – as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. This is, in a sense, a clear fulfilment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading, where God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God's love and care. The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves. Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds - a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that the present day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND - Second Collection 17th & 18th July

The collection taken across the Diocese enables the Bishop to support those who offer themselves for training for the Diocesan priesthood. This fund enables the Bishop to fund their training at seminary and offer them a grant during their years of formation. The fund, at times, is also used to support the on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our Diocese and formation of permanent Deacons. Donations can be made through the parish website.

GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS

Following the latest announcement by the government current procedures will remain in place for the time being i.e. face coverings, hand sanitising and cleaning. There will be some changes, such as congregational singing being permitted with the use of face coverings, which will take effect from next weekend. More details to follow.

HOLIDAY – Parish Offices

I will be taking a two week holiday from Thursday 22nd July returning on Monday 9th. I will send the newsletter out early next week on Thursday 22nd and the next newsletter will be on Friday 13th August. Kind Regards Elaine

BAPTISM

Mia Rose Wlaznik is to be baptised at St Joseph's on Saturday afternoon (17th July). Please keep Mia Rose and her family in your prayers as we welcome her into God's family.

RIP

Helvetia Joan Reed (known as Joan) passed away on 1st July. Joan was our oldest parishioner aged 101 years. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep her family and friend in your prayers at this time. Funeral will take place at St. Joseph's church on Wednesday 21st July at 1pm followed by the committal service at Canford crematorium at 2.15pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

This week sees the end of term in our schools, we take this opportunity to wish everyone a good summer break, and thanking all of those who work in and for our schools, as teaching staff, support staff and governors for all they have done during this difficult year.

PORTISHEAD FOODBANK

This week Portishead Foodbank asks for donations of **Fruit Juice, Custard, Rice pudding, Tinned fruit**. Please don't donate pasta or cereals as they have more than enough. You can leave your donation in the Foodbank trolley in the lobby of the church. We will take it to 4 Combe Road. Thank you for your support.

BRIDGE COMMUNITY (formerly Faith & Light)

For people with any kind of disability living in the North Somerset and Bristol areas, and their family and friends. Our monthly Christian fellowship meeting is able to take place IN PERSON this Sunday 18th July from 3pm-4pm at St Joseph's church. We will conform to Covid regulations for support groups, and our meeting will be shorter than usual, with no refreshments or creative activity. We are an ecumenical group. Please remember our community in your prayers and feel free to invite others to join us. For further information contact Deacon Didier.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILIES

It is planned to have a small lending library of religious books available for families to borrow during the year of preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. If you have any suitable books in good condition which you would like to donate, please give them to Fr Richard. Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of books, this would also be welcomed.

YCCN RELAY WALK

Roger Layet writes: The Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) walk from Carbis Bay (where the G7 met) to Glasgow (where COP26 convenes this November) arrived in Nailsea last Sunday and continued to Bristol on Monday. 25 people walked on Monday with Saint Francis parish well represented contributing 9 of the walkers. It was a rich and enjoyable experience to join a diverse group, young and old, including three ministers, Backwell's North Somerset councillor, and people from Nailsea Climate Emergency and various local churches. We made the effort to try to prompt decisive action on the climate from governments; and to instil in ourselves a renewed determination to see past the prevailing culture and try to live more sustainably. In line with the pleas of Pope Francis in Laudato Si.

ADORATION AT ST FRANCIS'

Many thanks to those who have volunteered for the extended period of Adoration on Thursdays at St Francis'. At the moment all of the one-hour slots have been covered, but most of them will only be covered by one person. Ideally two people are needed for each slot, plus a person (or a couple of people) to help co-ordinate the rota. If anyone would like to volunteer for this role, please contact Fr Richard.

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