



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



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Sunday 14th March 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

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Parish website:	www.josephfrancis.org		

This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 13 th March	6pm	St Joseph	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
Sunday 14 th March	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		
	6pm	St Francis		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 15 th March	9am	St Francis	Weekday of Lent	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 16 th March	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Lent	<i>Sister Genny (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 17 th March	7pm	St Francis	Feast of Saint Patrick	
Thursday 18 th March	9.15am	St Francis	Weekday of Lent	<i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 19 th March	10am	St Joseph	Solemnity of Saint Joseph	<i>Intentions of Benefactors to Parish</i>
				<i>Development 2006-7</i>
Saturday 20 th March	10am	St Joseph	Weekday of Lent	<i>Tony Atkin (RIP) (1st Ann)</i>
	6pm	St Joseph	Fifth Sunday of Lent	

Confessions		Adoration		Stations of the Cross	
Wed 6.30-6.50pm	St Francis	Tues 2-3pm	St Francis	Fri 10.30am	St Joseph
Sat 5.30-5.50pm	St Joseph	Wed 12-10pm	St Joseph	Sun 3pm	Online
Sun 5.30-5.50pm	St Francis	Thurs 8-9pm	St Francis	Sun 5pm	St Francis

Entrance Antiphon	Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.
Psalm Response	○ let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!
Gospel Acclamation	Glory and praise to you, ○ Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, ○ Christ!
Communion Antiphon	Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we'll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. Of course there was an even greater moment when God saved his people: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. So today's theme is "salvation": but to understand "being saved", we must ask "What from?" Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.

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 our schools:

As the community of teachers, staff and pupils rejoices at being together again, may the Holy Spirit inspire all to grow in diligence, wisdom and care for one another.

Mothers' Day:

Let us pray for mothers everywhere and all who share the gift of life with others, that we may all learn to be generous in sharing our lives.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BROTHER FRANCIS

A video of Stations of the Cross for children is available on FORMED, join Brother Francis as he follows Our Lord on the Way of the Cross. Available free with our parish subscription

[Brother Francis: The Stations of the Cross - Episodes - FORMED](#)

RIP

The funeral of Margaret Forde will take place at St Francis' Church on Wednesday 17th March at 12 noon, followed by committal at South Bristol Crematorium. Please continue to keep Margaret's family and friends in your prayers at this time. Family attendance only but the service will be livestreamed on www.josephfrancis.org

REGISTERING FOR WEEKEND MASSES

As numbers are beginning to increase it is now necessary to reintroduce registering for weekend Masses. It is necessary for everyone to re-register even if you have registered previously. Please submit a registration form via the website www.josephfrancis.org. Once registered if you are unable to attend please notify the parish office giving as much notice as possible so that your place may be offered to others.

EVENTBRITE BOOKINGS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

As at Christmas it is necessary to book online using Eventbrite for the main services from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday inclusive. Booking is available from 6pm on Friday 12th March. Please use the links below or visit the website

www.josephfrancis.org/registration

Services at St Joseph's

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145517339279>

Services at St Francis'

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145527497663>

Please contact Elaine if you require assistance.

The Schedule for Holy Week will be displayed on the notice boards in both St Joseph's and St Francis churches.

FINANCE REPORTS FOR 2020

Finance reports have been sent to parishioners with this week's newsletter via email and a small number of printed copies will also be available in the respective Church porches.

CAFOD- Walk for Water Challenge

"Choosing to walk every day is a pleasure (a bit harder to fit in when at work post half term!) But I am reminded that for Abdella and so many others, walking is not a choice for pleasure but a means of accessing life's basics- water. For these few weeks we too are walking for water- for them. Please support the challenge if you can, so that pumps can be bought and more can access life sustaining water, just like you and me. Thank you for your contributions so far.

(Francesca) Use this link

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/StFrancisNailseaandStJosephPortishead>

MISSIO MAGAZINE

There are copies of the magazine and lots of bookmarks available free to all. Please do take one. If you would like a RedBox please contact Martha Orr 01275851980.

THANK YOU!

The CAFOD Lent Fast Day collection raised £794.09 this year for the very poorest. This does not allow for donations made online or by text from parishioners who are unable to come to mass during the pandemic. Your generous gifts will help people struggling to cope in an increasingly hotter and drier climate with issues such as a clean water supply.

Thank you so much and remember, it is not too late to give to our Lent appeal www.cafod.org.uk/lent