

A warm welcome to all who gather today
around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of

Saint John the Baptist, Saint Bernadette & Saint Thomas More

Working in Communion for Mission

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 24th March 2024



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: In J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*, Frodo recalls to Sam the words of Bilbo Baggins. "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." As married men and women; priests; religious brothers and sisters, or committed single people, the Cross is inevitable if we are walking closely with Jesus. Of course, we don't seek suffering, but if it comes our way let's not be afraid to allow it to transform us into committed Christians. Let our Saviour be our pattern. Shame will not cover us – only glory.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN’S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 23 rd March	St. Thomas More’s	4pm	Vigil Mass	Tina & Jim Finnegan (RD)
	St John’s	6pm		Alleluia Fernandes
Sunday 24 th March	St Bernadette’s	9am	Palm Sunday	People of the Parishes
	St John’s	10.30am		Margaret Parsons
Monday 25 th March	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 26 th March	St John’s	6pm	Tuesday of Holy Week	James Finnegan
Wednesday 27 th March	Clifton Cathedral	11am	Chrism Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 28 th March	St John’s	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord’s Supper	
Friday 29 th March	St John’s	3pm	Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	
Saturday 30 th March	St John’s	8 pm	Easter Vigil	People of the Parishes
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Sunday 31 st March	St Bernadette’s	9am	Sunday of the Resurrection	People of the Parishes
	St John’s	10.30am		People of the Parishes

KEY: RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'd=Deceased.

Confessions: Saturdays 3.30pm BOA, 5.15-5.45pm St. John's, on request before Mass St. Bernadette's.

In our Prayers this Week...

Sick: Please pray for those who are sick: John Streeter, Cecily Geldart, Maureen Watson, Noreen Leat, Anne Whitehead, Wally Gooding, Mary Berridge, Maurice Cockell, David Bath. Gloria Stenhouse, Richard Barrow, Angela Parr, Paul Cronin. Cynthia Booth. Richard Morris. Please let Canon Tom know if you wish a name to be added to the list.

Recently Deceased: Martyin Kennon, James Finnegan, Fr. Malcolm Ferrier, Fr. Raymond Hayne. May they rest in peace.

Holy Week: With today's celebration of Palm Sunday, we enter in Holy Week, the most special time of the Church's year. All service for Holy week will take place at St. John's in Trowbridge. On Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet will take place 7.30pm. There will be a period of watching in the Parish Centre afterwards ending with night prayer at 10pm. On Friday, the celebration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3pm. On Saturday, the Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please bring along a plate of food to share. All are encouraged to attend the great liturgies of Holy Week. In addition to the above, there will be the opportunity to take part in Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at St. Bernadette's Westbury and St. Thomas More at 10am.

Where are you staying?: The Cistercian Sisters of Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland, Pembrokeshire, are holding two 'Come and See' weekends. Inviting single catholic women to experience the life of a Cistercian Sister. Friday 27th-Monday 27th May and Friday 16th – Monday 19th August. Email comeandsee@ca@gmail.com

First Holy Communion 2024: We hope to get the First Holy Communion preparation course back in track soon. The next session will be on

2024 A Year of Prayer: Pope Francis has invited the Universal Church to enter into a special Year of Prayer in 2024, this is to prepare us for the Jubilee Year of 2025. There are of course many opportunities to gather in Prayer in Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Westbury. Also, a series of reflection in St. John's Bath. Please see noticeboards

Lectio Divina at St. Bernadette's takes place 10:15-11:00am on the second Wednesday of each month. An opportunity to listen to the Gospel and then, in the silence that follows, to reflect personally on what we have heard and on how we can put this into action in our own lives. If you have a Sunday Missal, please bring this with you. All welcome.

Lectio Divina at St. Thomas More: We began Lectio Divina on Monday 22nd January and subsequently every fourth Monday of each month at 10.15 - 11am. The session will follow the same format as at St. Bernadette's. All are welcome.

A Time of Prayer: On Wednesday mornings at St. John's Church from 9am we will be praying the Healing Rosary for Families for all families, but especially those in our parishes and schools.

A time of prayer at St. Bernadette's takes place 10:15-11:15am on the last Wednesday of each month: The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary are prayed together followed by a time for private prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome to attend any part or all of this time of prayer.

Quiet time for Prayer: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament St. John's every Thursday 9.30-10.30am. A time for quiet prayer and reflection.

St. Thomas More: All welcome to celebrate the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) which will be partly sung at St. Thomas More Church Bradford-on-Avon. Every Sunday at 5pm.

Westbury Town Prayers: Town Prayers is in St. Bernadette's every Tuesday at 2.30. during March. All welcome.

St. Bernadette's Drop In: St Bernadette's Drop In will be on Wednesday 3rd April 2pm to 4pm. Everyone welcome for tea, cake and chat.

St. Bernadette's Plant Sale: St Bernadette's Social Committee are planning another plant sale in May for charity. If, when you are sowing your flower & veg seeds, you would sow extra for the sale, it would be great. Thank you.

Hillary and Chris Clifton: are doing the 'The Big Lent Walk' raising funds for CAFOD over the Lenten six weeks. If you wish to support them by donating, please visit www.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/chris-and-hilary-big-lent-walkrun

Trowbridge Food Bank: As always, a massive thankyou to all who have contributed to the Trowbridge Foodbank Collection each month. Many people rely on your generosity. The next collection will take place on the weekend of 30th/31st March 2024. Please leave your donated goods in the Church Porch at St. John's and St. Bernadette's.

300 Club: If you wish to join the 300 Club, please ask Canon Tom or Mike Heather for an application form. They are also available on the parish website. Thank you. March winners as follows £200 188 Sadie Harrington £70 294 Val Algar £50 273 John Grant £10 196 E. Rockliffe

Easter Offering: Envelopes for Canon Tom's Easter Collection are available from the Church Porches. You can also use the tap and go card reader by the exits at St. John's. You can also make your donation online through Dona Donations on the Parish Website. www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk Many thanks.

With Sadness: It was with deep sadness that we heard of the death of Fr. Malcolm Ferrier and Fr. Raymond Hayne last week. Both were of great help to our parishes over the years, offering supply cover and help in any way they could. Details of the Requiem Masses will be made available when known. Rest in Peace.



Parish Giving: There are many ways you can give a donation to Parish Funds. A monthly standing order (Ask Canon Tom for a form) Or use the Dona Donation Card Reader in the Church Porch at St. John's. Or by a cash donation during the collections. Or by using the QR Code next to this notice. Thank you for your generosity.

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