



A warm welcome to all who gather today
around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of
Saint John the Baptist
&
Saint Bernadette
Working in Communion for Mission
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th October 2020



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: Jesus is very clear that we are called to serve God and be a good citizen at the same time. God works in and through every stratum of society to build community. We are instruments of God's love and desire for unity. Rarely, except in situations of social justice, do we find ourselves in conflict with what the law asks of us and what our conscience is telling us. When we do, we must speak out, but with compassion, with love and with respect. God needs each one of us to serve the wider community, to build relationships wherever we are. Witnessing to God's presence by my own life gives dignity and worth to those around me.

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Saturday 17 th October	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	Estella Ines, Carlos David Alvares
Sunday 18 th October	St Bernadette's	9am	Twenty- Ninth Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes Thanksgiving People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		
Monday 19 th October	St John's	9am	Ordinary Time	Joachim Fernandes (RD)
Tuesday 20 th October	St John's	6pm	Ordinary Time	Fr. Rodell (RD)
Wednesday 21 st October	St John's	9am	Ordinary Time	Sheila Low (Ann)
Thursday 22 nd October	St Bernadette's	10am	Ordinary Time	Ann Cranmer (RD)
Friday 23 rd October	St John's	9am	Ordinary Time	Kate and Danny Doherty
Saturday 24 th October	St John's	12noon	Ordinary Time	Joan and Richard Hughes (50 th Wedding Ann) People of the Parishes
	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 25 th October	St Bernadette's	9am	Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	Peter Forrester (Ann) Kevin Johnson (Ann) People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		

KEY: SI = Special Intention RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary

Confessiona: Saturdays 4.30pm-5pm in St. John's Church. On request at St. Bernadette's before Mass

🕯 In our Prayers this Week...

Prayers: Please for those who are sick: John Streeter, Stephen Marsh. Helena Drawnel, Cecily Geldart, Maureen Watson, Antony Higgins, John Durkin. If you are sick and wish your name to be added to the prayer list, then please let Fr. Tom know. If you know of anyone who wishes to be added, then again, please let Fr. Tom know.

Recently Deceased: Diedre Dolly, Sheila Brennen. May they rest in Peace.

Anniversaries: We keep in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St John the Baptist, Trowbridge with Westbury.

A few words from Fr. Tom: On Saturday 10th October, Carlo Acutis (picture below) was Beatified by the Church (the step below being made a saint) in Assisi, Italy. Carlo was born in London in 1991. He and his family returned to their native Milan soon after. Carlo grew up to be a gifted computer programmer and loved football and his playstation. At the age of seven he came home from school asking his non-religious parents if he could make his holy communion. This started his beautiful relationship with the Church and the Eucharist. Carlo saw the Eucharist as his 'pathway to heaven'. This pathway was made even more clear when Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia in 2004. He died two years later at the tender age of 15. Soon after many thousands of people were praying to heaven for his intercession in their lives. It is thought that Carlo will become the first Millennial Saint. To find out more about this remarkable young man, search his name on the Internet. Blessed Carlo Acutis, Pray for us. *Take care all and God Bless. Fr. Tom*



Some Notices! **First Holy Communion 2021:** All parents of children in Yr 3 or above are now welcome to apply for First Holy Communion in 2021. Application forms are available to collect from Fr. Tom after one of our parish Masses at St. John's and St. Bernadette's. Full details of how preparation will take place will be given soon. Obviously, preparation will take place differently as we now have to ensure all are kept safe from the virus.

Rosary: October is here and as you know it is a month dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be the opportunity to recite the Rosary before Mass at St. John's on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 5.30pm. During this month,

we place all our petitions before Mary Queen of Peace. Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Collection: If you have not done so already, please place your CAFOD Harvest Fast Envelope in the basket provided. You can place cash as well or use the Card Reader, pressing the SECOND COLLECTION tab. Or direct through the CAFOD website. Many thanks.

Offering: The parish still needs your generosity during these times. If you do not do so already please consider setting up a direct debit if you can afford it. Please let me know if you need a form by emailing me thomas.finnegan@cliftondiocese.com You can also use the Paypal donation button on the Parish Website. You can make your usual cash offering as you leave Church after Mass. There are white collection boxes stationed at each door.

New Tap and Go Contactless Giving Reader: Ever come to Church without cash and want to give? Do not like using cash? A visitor? Contribute to the second collection but have not brought enough cash? Contribute to a specific project through the building fund. Then please use the new card reader in the Church Porch. It is very easy and accessible. You can give up to £45 contactless, or give a larger amount with your pin number on your credit/debit card. You can even register your donation to be giftaided, register once and all following donations will be giftaided as long as you are a UK tax payer. Use before or after Mass (please not during Mass) And during these times, please sanitize your hands before and after use. Many thanks.

The Giving Machine: Just a reminder that St John the Baptist, Trowbridge is still a part of 'TheGivingMachine.' Simply shop online via The Giving Machine at 2000's of shops such as Argos and John Lewis, and raise a cash donation for St John the Baptist, Trowbridge, at no cost to you. Go via TheGivingMachine website or mobile app every time you shop online. Once registered, mark St. John the Baptist, Trowbridge as the cause you wish to support. Quick Sign up code is 266718 It's completely free and easy to join! www.thegivingmachine.co.uk St. John's Quick Sign up code is 266718

300 Club: Last months winners as follows: £200 103 Ray Barlow, £70 11 Nick and Alison Crangle £50 104 Angeline Escott, £ 10 118 Lucy Arnold. 300 Club Application forms are available from Frank Geraghty, f.geraghty303@btinternet.com, 01380871083. New members most welcome. The September Draw will take place in the Car-Park after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 4th October. Remember you have to be in it to win it!

NHS QR Code: If you have downloaded the NHS Covid app on your phone, you can now 'check-in' to St. John's & St. Bernadette's Churches by using the unique QR code in the Church porches. This is to help the 'track and trace' system now active in England.

Newsletter: If you know of anyone who does not have email and would like a paper copy of this newsletter, please let Fr. Tom know their names and address.