



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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 12th September 2021



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: How much time do we spend trying to 'straddle the fences'? Striving both to be 'good' Catholics and to have the good things that everyone else wants as well. We don't want crosses. We even think that one of the purposes of prayer is to ask Jesus to take away the nasty things and make life smooth all the way. But Jesus is urging us to let go. Our happiness, we need to learn, is not in having or grabbing, but in sharing that which we do have. It is in giving, not in getting. It is in taking up a cross, and following the Lord. Jesus's way has also to be our way.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM AND YOUTUBE				Mass Intention:
Saturday 11 th September	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	Susan Cole
Sunday 12 th September	St Bernadette's	9am	Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes Joachim Fernandes People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		
Monday 13 th September	St John's	9am	St John Chrysostom	
Tuesday 14 th September	St John's	6pm	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Bob Harpe (Sick)
Wednesday 15 th September	St John's	9am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Holy Souls
Thursday 16 th September	St Bernadette's	10am	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	St. Anthony's Donors
Friday 17 th September	St John's	9am	St Edith of Wllton	Special Intention
Saturday 18 th September	St John's	12noon	Ordinary Time	
		6pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 19 th September	St Bernadette's	9am	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Agnes Schembi Brian and Geraldine Rutter (30 th Ann) Deidre Dolly (Ann)
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		

KEY: SI = Special Intention RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'ed=Deceased. Confessions Saturdays 4.30-5pm

☪ In our Prayers this Week...

Prayers: Please for those who are sick: John Streeter, Stephen Marsh. Cecily Geldart, Maureen Watson, Antony Higgins, Noreen Leat, Charlie McCarthy, Anne Whitehead, Wally Gooding, Frank Geraghty, Patrick Dooley. 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: Michael Magee, Margaret Rolfe, Christine Scrivener, Olive McQuaide. May they rest in peace

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

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Thomas More, Marlborough, with Pewsey.

First Holy Comunion 2022: Applications for First Holy Communion will begin in September. If your child is in Yr3 or above, please ask Fr. Tom for an application form. The closing date for applications is December 10th 2021. Course details will follow after all applications are received.

Confirmation 2022: We were not able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020 or 2021 because of the Covid restrictions. We are glad to announce though that Bishop Declan has been invited to Trowbridge to celebrate the Sacrament Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7pm. If you are in Yr 8 or above from September 2021, then application forms will be available from Fr. Tom at St. John's or St. Bernadette's in September 2021. (Closing date 10th Dec 2021) Course details will follow applications.

OPEN EVENING AT ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE: Parents with children currently in years 5 or 6 are warmly invited to attend an Open Evening at St Augustine's on Thursday 16th September, from 5pm onwards. The Headmaster will speak to parents at 5pm or at 6pm, and there will be an opportunity to tour our departments and facilities. You are reminded that all secondary school applications for current year 6 children must be received by Wiltshire by 31st October.

Trowbridge Foodbank: As you know, when the Covid lockdown came in March 2020 we had to cease our usual collection for the Trowbridge Foodbank. Now that restrictions have eased, we can resume our usual collection routine. The next Foodbank Collection will be on the 28th/29th August. However, stocks are at present low at the Foodbank, so if you wish to donate any non-perishable food before then, please do. Please leave in the Church Porch at St. John's and the box provided at St. Bernadette's. Thank you for your generosity.

ABC Group: About becoming Catholic. About being Catholic: This course is for all those interested in becoming Catholic, knowing more about the Catholic Church or those who were baptised Catholic but missed making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. The first session takes place on Wednesday September 29th at 7pm in St. John's Church. (COVID permitting) Please ask Fr. Tom for details if you wish to know more.

Westbury Town Prayers: Westbury Town prayers, part of Westbury churches together, meet on Tuesdays at 2.30 at All Saints Church all welcome.

A time of prayer for the joy of the Gospel to fill the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus: St. Bernadette's, Wednesday 22nd September 2021, 10:00-11:00am. "I invite all Christians everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day." Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 2013. The Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary will be prayed together 10:00-10:30am, followed by a time for private prayer from 10:30-11:00am. If you are able to, please do come along for part or all of this time."

Christian Aid Talk: Rev Tracey Lewis will present stories from her visit to the Holy Land and encounters with Holy Land encounters with Palestinian Christians in 2019. Thursday 30th September 2021 at 7.30pm. Admission Free, but donations welcome. Wesley Road Church Rooms. Booking is recommended. Please contact Gill Lee on Landline 01225 374247 Mobile 07923 824713

The LOV Verbum Dei Ministry: (https://linktr.ee/lov_verbumdei) is very excited to explore the Gospel of John and Matthew with a 4-Part Series on the Word of God starting on Tuesday 31st August. 1 episode will be released on their YouTube channel on Tuesdays and Fridays over two weeks for all of us to immerse in a unique way into particular passages of the gospel. Please use the below link to watch the episodes. You can also listen each episode on the followings audio platforms (Spotify, Anchor, Google Podcast-simply search for "LOV Verbum Dei" where you can access all their audio resources). Please share it with whoever you think might benefit from it.

Link to the episodes - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnBD0Ooz7iN-DuHmh_nDSx7DI2wc5geZK

Women in Scripture: The Archdiocese of Birmingham has launched a series of podcasts about the heroines in our Scriptures It tells us who they were and what they can teach us. To find our more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/podcasts

300 Club: Thank you to all who have supported the 300 Club over the years, raising much needed funds for our parish. 2021 subscriptions are now due. If you wish to join the 300 Club, please contact Mike Heather at mike284305@btinternet.com Please ask Fr. Tom for bank account details if you wish to pay via BACS. August Draw Winning results as follows: £200128 Jim & Maria Conway £ 70 283 Alistair Erdozain £ 50 167 Ray Barlow £ 10 139 Marion Allen.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Margaret Rolfe last week. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 23rd September at 12 noon. We keep Margaret and her family and friends in our prayers. May she rest in peace.

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