



A warm welcome to all who gather today  
around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of  
**Saint John the Baptist**  
&  
**Saint Bernadette**  
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## Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021



**Sunday Scripture Thoughts:** King and Kingdom may be apt terms for Jesus's mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of kings we imagine or expect – indeed, Jesus's kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognise Jesus as king. Let us pray that we may see with eyes of faith that we might recognise that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and saviour of all.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM AND YOUTUBE				Mass Intention:
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	St Bernadette's	9am	Christ The King	John Mills
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		People of the Parishes People of the Parishes
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	St. John's	9am	St Cecilia	Carmela Mercieca
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	St John's	6pm	Ordinary Time	Clifton Benefactors
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	St John's	9am	Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	Holy Souls
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	St Bernadette's	10am	Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving Mass
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	St John's	9am	Ordinary Time	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	St John's	12noon	Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
		6pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	St Bernadette's	9am	First Sunday of Advent	Roy and Margaret Matthew
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		Kirsten and Ciaran Simmonds 25 <sup>th</sup> Ann People of the Parishes

KEY: SI = Special Intention RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'ed=Deceased. Confessions Saturdays 5.15-5.45pm

### ☪ In our Prayers this Week...

**Prayers:** Please for those who are sick: John Streeter, Stephen Marsh. Cecily Geldart, Maureen Watson, Antony Higgins, Noreen Leat, Anne Whitehead, Wally Gooding. 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:** Elizabeth Palmer, Rita Burke, Charlie McCarthy. May they rest in peace

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

**Deanery Service of Reconciliation:** There will be a Deanery Service of Reconciliation on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7pm at St. John's. There will be visiting priests during this service. All welcome.

**Advent Sycamore Course:** After our successful Lent and Easter Sycamore course via Zoom, we will once again meet online with the Advent Sycamore course. The gatherings will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, beginning at 6.30pm and finishing at 8pm. If you wish to participate, please send Fr. Tom an email and he will add you to the invitation list.

**Red Missio Box Collection:** If you hold a Red Missio Box, then please return to Church and give Fr. Tom for counting over the next few weeks. Please do not leave them in the Church porch, where they could be 'taken' by mistake! Many thanks.

**"A time of prayer for the Holy Souls:** St. Bernadette's, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, 10:30-11:30am. The Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary will be prayed together 10:30-11:00am remembering especially family, friends and parishioners of St. Bernadette's and St. John's who have died, followed by a time for private prayer from 11:00-11:30am. If you are able to, please do come along for part or all of this time."

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021) Course details will follow applications.

**5<sup>th</sup> Trowbridge (St John's RC) Brownie Unit:** The present Brown Owl Frances Westlake and Snowy Owl Louise Barrete have after thirty years of dedicated service decided it is time to step down. We thank them for their total commitment to the 5<sup>th</sup> Trowbridge St. John's Brownie Unit. (one of the few remaining Catholic Units) This group of 30 girls, therefore need two more leaders to take them on into the future. If you feel that you can step into this role, please contact Frances Westlake fswnine@btinternet.com or speak to her on on 07815763977. Full training will be given and every support will be given.

**Second Collection:** This weekend, there will be a second collection for the Clergy Retirement Fund. Supporting the elderly clergy of our Diocese who have now retired after long and dedicated services to our parishes. Please give if you can. Envelopes are available in the Church Porches.

**Grand Christmas Draw 2021:** Tickets are now available for the 2021 Grand Annual Draw. 1<sup>st</sup> prize £1000! 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £250, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £100, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize, a sumptuous christmas hamper, 5<sup>th</sup> prize, a case of table wines. Tickets are £1 each, please take a book or more and return completed counter-slips and money to St. John's presbytery. The draw will take place after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December. All proceeds will be shared among the charities we support, including Fr. Pratap in India.

**Trowbridge Foodbank:** Thank you for your continued support of Trowbridge Food Bank. The next collection for non-perishable items and food will be on the weekend of 27/28<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Goods/toys for children especially welcome this month. Please leave in the Church Porch at St. John's and the box provided at St. Bernadette's. Thank you for your generosity.

**CAFOD:** CAFOD Christmas World Gifts catalogues are now available in the church porches.

**Westbury Town Prayers:** Westbury Town prayers meet on Tuesdays at 2.30pm at All Saints Church all welcome.

**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. October Draw Winners as follows: £200 168 Maureen Fatcher £ 70 84 Frank Garbutt £ 50 139 Marion Allen £ 10 239 Maureen Stephens