



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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Thirty Second Sunday of the Year ~ 7th November 2021



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: The Gospel is a series of contrasts – rich and poor, greedy and generous, arrogant and humble – and it is not difficult to guess which of them Jesus is praising. He praises true religion in the widow who gave all she had in the cause of God. He berates those whose greed took away the property of people like this widow. The Eucharist each week is our involving ourselves in the total loving of Jesus for us, especially the poor. This means we rejoice in the message of Jesus, and that he is on the side of the poorest, and on everyone's side, even when we are not at our best. It also means that we accept the challenge to be that loving energy of God for the world in which we live. We are the ones to show God's care for creation, for justice, for peace and for reconciliation. The widow in the Gospel had a generous heart, looked outward to the needs of others, and gave what she could. Can we not do the same?

ALL PUBLIC MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM AND YOUTUBE				Mass Intention:
Saturday 6 th November	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	Gill Miller (RD)
Sunday 7 th November	St Bernadette's	9am	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	50 th Anniversary Rosemary and John Foster Frank Geraghty Constance and Charles Sammunt
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		
Monday 8 th November	St. John's	9am	Ordinary time	Holy Souls
Tuesday 9 th November	St John's	6pm	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Gerard Gilroy (RD)
Wednesday 10 th November	St John's	9am	St. Leo the Great	Special Intention
Thursday 11 th November	St Bernadette's	11am	Requiem Mass	Elizabeth Palmer RIP
Friday 12 th November	St John's	9am	St. Martin of Tours	Rita Burke (RD)
Saturday 13 th November	St John's	12noon	St. Josaphat	Holy Souls
		6pm	Vigil Mass	Carmel, Gordan and Susan Gardner
Sunday 14 th November	St Bernadette's	9am	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joan Robi (Ann)
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		D'ced Saummunt Family 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, Charlie McCarthy, 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: Jack Russell, Patrick Dooley. Elizabeth Palmer, Rita Burke. May they rest in peace

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

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 2nd December, Thursday 9th December, Thursday 16th December and Thursday 23rd 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.

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.

November Holy Souls: November is a month of Remembrance. We remember those who have died in this last year. We think of those who die in war and conflict. We also remember loved ones and friends who have died. Holy Souls Envelopes are available for you to place the names of those who you wish to be remembered at Mass during November. Please return to Church and place them in the box provided. You may also place an offering in the envelope if you wish.

Grand Christmas Draw 2021: Tickets are now available for the 2021 Grand Annual Draw. 1st prize £1000! 2nd Prize £250, 3rd Prize £100, 4th Prize, a sumptuous christmas hamper, 5th 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 19th 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 27/28th November Christmas Goods 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.

Universal Church Synod: Pope Francis has launched a universal Church Synod. Inviting all to be part of a discussion regarding the teachings of the Church. Every Parish is invited to be part of this. The Diocese of Clifton invites us to be part of this process. If you wish to represent the thoughts of the catholic community in Trowbridge and Westbury, please let Fr. Tom know and he will pass your details on to the Diocesan Synod link person.

CAFOD Rep: After 6 years of being our Parish Cafod representative, Richard Denys is standing down. We thank him for his commitment to the work of CAFOD.

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

A lift needed for Mass: A new parishioner, recently moved to Hilperton Marsh, seeks a lift to Mass. If you could help with this, please let Fr. Tom know and he will give you the details and you can make contact. Many thanks.

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. September Draw Winning results as follows: £200 134 Karen Yates £ 70 129 Family Moore £ 50 298 Rosemarie Winchester £ 10 172 Maria Kane.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Elizabeth Palmer during the week. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Bernadette's on Thursday 11th November at 11am. We keep Elizabeth and her family in our prayers at this time. May she rest in peace.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Rita Burke. Her Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Devizes on Tuesday 16th November at 11am. We keep Rita and her family in our prayers at this time. May she rest in peace.

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