



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 Third Sunday of the Year ~ 14th November 2021



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: What are the events that shake us in our world today? How are we being put to the test daily? Do experiences of rejection, suffering, loss, deprivation or emptiness lead us to give up the Word of Life that we once received with joy? Do concerns about money, success at work or in school, health, status or recognition drown out the Word of God that has been planted in our hearts? The Good News of Mark's Gospel is that we do not have to replicate Jesus' faithfulness in time of trial by the sheer force of our own will. The Lord has changed our situation forever. The Christian community is empowered to engage in single-minded prayer that cannot be derailed by fear, grief or persecution. Jesus has atoned for human sin and undermined the very powers that seek to separate humans from God. Therefore all things are possible when we come to God in prayer.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM AND YOUTUBE				Mass Intention:
Saturday 13 th November	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	Carmel, Gordon and Susan Garner
Sunday 14 th November	St Bernadette's	9am	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joan Rich (Ann)
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		Deceased members of the Sammunt family People of the Parishes
Monday 15 th November	St. John's	9am	Ordinary time	John Boy McDonagh (Ann)
Tuesday 16 th November	St John's	6pm	St. Edmund of Abingdon	Stephen Bannister (RD)
Wednesday 17 th November	St John's	9am	St. Hugh of Lincon	Holy Souls
Thursday 18 th November	St Bernadette's	11am	Ordinary Time	Carmena Sammunt & Martin Mongan (Ann)
Friday 19 th November	St John's	9am	Ordinary Time	Special Intention
Saturday 20 th November	St John's	12noon	Ordinary Time	Mary Murphy (RD)
		6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 21 st November	St Bernadette's	9am	Christ The King	John Mills
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		People of the Parishes 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.

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 Tuesday 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.

5th 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 5th 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 07815763977. Full training will be given and every support will be given.

Second Collection: Next 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. 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 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.

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.

CAFOD Harvest Collection: CAFOD Family Fast Day in the parish raised £830. Your donations will go towards helping the poorest communities affected by the impact of the climate crisis. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Elizabeth Palmer RIP: Elizabeth Palmer's family were grateful for the support of so many parishioners at her funeral on Thursday and for the prayers of those who were unable to attend. A Mass at St Bernadette's will be offered for all of you.

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