



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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Second Sunday of Easter - 24th April 2022



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: *There is an atmosphere of mystery, surprise and also of disbelief in the Sunday Gospel today. The disciples finally get to see the Risen Lord together for the first time since the stories and rumours of his rising from the dead first started circulation on Easter Sunday. They are in a state of wonder and awe. Except Thomas, he was not with them and refused to believe. The Lord appears to them a second time and Thomas is invited to touch Jesus' wounds. It is only then that Thomas believed. Let us take comfort in Thomas' doubt but also learn from the words of Jesus who says, 'blessed are those who believe, but have not seen'.*

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Saturday 23 rd April	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	Jen Whitehouse (RD)
Sunday 24 th April	St Bernadette's	9am	Second Sunday of Easter	For Victims of Covid Annette (sick) People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12 noon		
Monday 25 th April	St John's	9am	Saint Mark	
Tuesday 26 th April	St John's	6pm	Saint George	Canon Des Millett
Wednesday 27 th April	St John's	10am	Requiem Mass	Mary Louise Scammell
Thursday 28 th April				No Mass Today
Friday 29 th April	St Bernadette's	12noon	St Catherine of Sienna	Memorial Mass for Ann and Philip Brown
Saturday 30 th April	St John's	12noon	Weekday of Easter	Special Intention
		6pm	Vigil Mass	Fr. Vincent Flanagan (RD)
Sunday 1 st May	St Bernadette's	9am	Third Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
	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... Sick: Please for those who are sick: John Streeter, Stephen Marsh. Cecily Geldart,

Maureen Watson, Antony Higgins, Noreen Leat, Anne Whitehead, Wally Gooding, Mary Berridge, Anne Ryder. 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: Mary Louise Scammell

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal: The situation in Ukraine is one we cannot ignore. As Lent begins, we're all shocked by the situation unfolding in Ukraine. People are separating from their loved ones and fleeing the country, simply to survive. CAFOD'S sister organisation, Caritas Ukraine, and other Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries, are already on the ground helping people affected by this conflict. Caritas Ukraine has 19 centres across the country. They are extremely experienced, having been active for 30 years and have been responding to the conflict in eastern Ukraine since 2014. Caritas Poland, Caritas Romania and Caritas Moldova are all supporting people who have fled Ukraine and are in need of food, water, shelter and means to continue their journeys to safety. Whatever you can give today will help us reach more families with urgent assistance. Your support today will have a direct impact on the people of Ukraine. You can donate today directly on the CAFOD website. <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

Prayer for Peace: Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

A time of prayer for peace in our world: St. Bernadette's Wednesday 27th April 2022, 10:00-11:00am. 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."

Thank you: Fr. Tom would like to thank all those who helped make our Easter Services so special. As always, our Churches looked beautiful and so marked the Lord's Resurrection with the dignity deserved. Our Holy Week Services were very special too and a huge thanks to those who helped raise our hearts and minds to the Lord.

Another Thank you: Fr. Tom would like to say thank you for all the kind words, cards, gifts and very generous Easter offering this year. Mass was offered for all your intentions in Lourdes when Fr. Tom was on Pilgrimage with HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust during Easter Week. Also a big thank you who donated towards HCPT with the 'Hang a Star on the Christmas Tree' during Advent and Christmas 2019. Your 'prayer stars' were finally placed on a large candle and left near the Grotto on Thursday 21st April in the evening.

Childrens Rosary: Childrens Rosary will continue on the the first Saturday of each month in St. John's Church at 11am. All welcome.

Cally Todd Walking the Camino in aid of Dorothy House Hospice: Before the March 2020 COVID lockdown, retired Dorothy House Doctor Cally Todd (parishioner at St. Johns) had planned to walk 500 miles of the Camino Way to Santiago de Compostela. Well, the walk is back on! Cally will begin the journey on Easter Sunday 2022 and you can support Dorothy House Hospice by sponsoring her by calling 01225 721480 or by visiting www.justgiving.com/CallyCamino700 Thank you.

Peter Borra Memorial: On May 1st the family is holding a Memorial service to celebrate Peters life and to meet together to share our memories and say "Good-bye". This will be held at Trowbridge Rugby Club at 2p.m. On May 1st (BA14 6DW). If you wish to attend. Please email Sylvia Borra

Trowbridge Food Bank: As always, a massive thankyou to all who have contributed to the Trowbridge Foodbank Collection each month. In these uncertain days, many people rely on your generosity. The next collection will take place on the weekend of 23rd / 24th April. Please leave you donated goods in the Church Porch at St. Johns and St. Bernadette's. Many thanks again.

300 Club Membership: If you wish to join the 300 Club, please ask Fr. Tom for an application form. They are also available on the parish Website. Thank you. April winners as follows £200 14 Wendy Carruthers £70 34 Pat Waylen £50 66 Barbara Cherniachowicz £10 274 Samantha McCrindle.

Memorial Mass: In the first few weeks of the Covid National Lockdown in 2020, Ann and Philip Brown of Coulston sadly died withing a few days of each other. As you remember, our Churches were closed and we could not hold a Church service for either of them. Fr. Tom and the Vicar of the Parish Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, held a joint graveside service for them both. Their daughter Lucy, said at the time that she would like to hold a proper memorial Mass for them both when able. This will take place at St. Brnadette's on Friday 29th April at 12noon. Those who remember Ann and Philip are especially welcome to attend, as are all parishioners.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Mary Louise Scammell recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on at St. John's, Wednesday 27th April at 10.00am. We keep Mary Lou's family in our prayers. May she rest in peace.