



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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Fifth Sunday of Easter - 15th May 2022



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: The new commandment that Jesus gives to his disciples – to love one another – is positive and open-ended. Rather than focusing on 'thou shalt not', it says, 'thou shalt'. Where many Old Testament laws were very specific, this law is very broad. We can never claim full compliance, because there is no end to the requirement. When have we loved enough? There is always need for more love. People could respond to the old law with a bookkeeper's mindset. Not so with this new commandment! As with all of the commandments however, this one ultimately requires us to throw ourselves on the mercy of God. Most of us fail daily to act in loving ways, even towards loved ones. The good news is that God loves us anyway! We must pray for grace to keep the commandment – and for grace when we fail.

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| Saturday 14 th May | St John's | 6pm | Vigil Mass | Anthony Mercieca |
| Sunday 15 th May | St Bernadette's | 9am | Fifth Sunday of Easter | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 10.30am 12 noon | | Private Intention |
| Monday 16 th May | St John's | 9am | Weekday of Easter | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday 17 th May | St John's | 6pm | Weekday of Easter | Mary and Romeo Segna |
| Wednesday 18 th May | St John's | 9am | Weekday of Easter | St. Antony Donors |
| Thursday 19 th May | St Bernadette's | 10am | Saint Dunstan | |
| Friday 20 th May | St John's | 9.15am | Weekday of Easter | Katie Corcoran (Ann) |
| Saturday 21 st May | St John's | 12noon | Weekday of Easter | Clifton Benefactors |
| | | 6pm | Vigil Mass | |
| Sunday 22 nd May | St Bernadette's | 9am | Sixth Sunday of Easter | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 10.30am 12noon | | Marion Figgins RD Philomena Wright (Ann) |

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, John Murren, 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, Anne Ryder, Brian Tanner, Carmine (Mario) Di Meola

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal: The situation in Ukraine is one we cannot ignore. We are 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 on the ground helping people affected by this conflict. Caritas Ukraine has 19 centres across the country. 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.

Evening Prayer at Clifton Cathedral: Bishop Declan invites every parish to an evening liturgy at Clifton Cathedral on June 22nd at 7pm when he will also present Clifton's Synod report to each parish. Please let Fr. Tom know if you wish to attend.

Celebration of Marriage: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2 July (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He will send a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2022 or those who will marry during this year. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversary during 2022 or getting married this year please email (adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) so that a personal invitation can be sent out, leaving details of your names, address, and the number of years you are both celebrating.

Hanging Baskets: We hope to once again place summer hanging baskets on the exterior walls of St. John's. If you are willing to take a basket and fill it, then please let Fr. Tom know before the 30th May. Many thanks.

Foundation Governors: Do you have a passion for Catholic Education and wish to play a substantive role ensuring that the teachings of the Church play a fundamental role in our Catholic Schools? If so, then there are Foundation Governor places available to be filled at St. John's Catholic Primary School. If you are interested and wish to know more, then please contact chair@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk or leave contact details at the school 01225752006.

Christian Aid: Saturday Morning Market, St James Church Hall, 21st May 2022, Please support this event. Cakes for the Cake stall always needed on the day

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 28th/29th May. Please leave you donated goods in the Church Porch at St. Johns and St. Bernadette's. Many thanks again.

Could you support prisoners as a Chaplain at HMP Erlestoke? There is an opening for a suitably qualified person to be appointed as Lay Catholic chaplain at HMP Erlestoke. The position is offered as flexible working, full-time, job share or part-time. The minimum theological training required is CCRS. Salary: £32,405 - £36,476. Visit: www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/jobs.cgi?jcode=1786571 Apply before 11:55 pm on Friday 27th May

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. May winners as follows £200 119 Anne Henderson £70 206 Angela McAuley £50 284 John & Marion Sullivan £10 256 Peter Wheen

Cally Todd Walking the Camino in aid of Dorothy House Hospice: Cally began 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.

Monthly Children's Rosary: First Saturday of the Month, starting 8th May @11am in St John's Church. In response to Our Lady of Fatima's request to keep the first five Saturdays. We are starting a monthly Children's Rosary group. Don't worry if you've never prayed the rosary or don't have any beads - we can help with both. All welcome.

Weekly Children's Rosary on Sundays @9.50 in St. John's Parish Centre: Every Sunday morning 9.45am in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Rosary. Led by the children of the parish, suitable activities available for children maybe too you to participate fully.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Brian Tanner last week. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 25th May 12noon at St. Bernadette's Westbury. We keep Brian and his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

With Sadness: : It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Carmine (Mario) Di Meola last week. His Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 27th May 11.am St. Johns. We keep Mario and his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.