



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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Fourth Sunday of Easter - 8th May 2022



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: We all experience difficult times, when it seems that Jesus is a million miles away. But the fact is that Jesus hasn't gone anywhere. He is right here with us. He knows what is happening in our lives. He knows what is going through our minds and how restless and anxious we are. Even though we are down and almost out, we are assured that we are in the arms of the everlasting shepherd who lovingly supports and strengthens us in our weakest and most painful moments. Like the lamb that is often pictured in Jesus's arms, we can be at peace and feel safe in the arms of our loving shepherd. How much does this shepherd love us? So much that he even gave his life for the sheep.

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Saturday 7 th May	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 8 th May	St Bernadette's	9am	Fourth Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12 noon		Marzena Skoszek (Sick) Private Intention
Monday 9 th May	St John's	9am	Weekday of Easter	Private Intention
Tuesday 10 th May	St John's	6pm	Weekday of Easter	Canon Des Millett
Wednesday 11 th May	St John's	9am	Weekday of Easter	Holy Souls
Thursday 12 th May	NO MASS TODAY			
Friday 13 th May	St John's	9am	Weekday of Easter	Special Intention
Saturday 14 th May	St John's	12noon	Saint Matthias	Clifton Benefactors
		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 12noon		People of the Parishes Private Intention

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 Mirren, 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

Good Shepherd Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is dedicated to praying for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life. A retiring collection will also be made to support our seminarians training for the priesthood. Please give if you can. You can also give on the parish website or the card reader in the porch at St. John's.

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.

Sharing the Journey: An opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of online conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation. Our remaining speakers & dates are: Thursday 19 May: Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties – Cristina Gangemi Thursday 16 June: Being a Catechist – David Wells Thursday 14 July: Formation of the Heart – Raymond Friel. All are welcome to join. The conversations will take place on Microsoft Teams, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. To register your interest please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent out a day before each session.

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.

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 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.

Christian Aid: Saturday Morning Market, St James Church Hall, 21 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.

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

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.

✉ This newsletter is on the parish website : www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk

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 and would like to offer a warm welcome to all of our parish community to join us in praying the rosary. Don't worry if you've never prayed the rosary or don't have any beads - we can help with both. This is also a lovely opportunity for our First Holy Communion children to pray the rosary before making their first reconciliation (available from 11.15 in May and June).

Weekly Children's Rosary on Sundays @9.50 in St. John's Parish Centre

The children from the Lenten children's rosary group have asked for the group to keep going on a weekly basis as they missed it when it stopped. Again we would love to welcome new members to join us whenever you can make it - grown ups are very welcome too! It is a joy and privilege to be lead by the children in prayer.

On both days we will have rosary themed colouring available for any children too young to join in. Please let Sinead know if your child has any dietary requirements as the children will be given a little treat to enjoy afterwards (haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk). **Please add your prayer intentions to our box, we will pray for them and place them on the altar for mass.**