



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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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 31st July 2022



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: We read in the parable of the barns: 'But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?"' If we try to protect ourselves from our insecurities by hoarding and collecting, keeping things for ourselves, and not sharing with others, then we forget our dependency on each other and our ultimate dependency on God. We are made secure not by 'stuff' or by money, but by loving and by being loved. This means loving God and loving our neighbour. How can we express this love today?

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Saturday 30 th July	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 31 st July	St Bernadette's	9am	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12 noon		People of the Parishes
Monday 1 st August	St John's	9am	Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori	Robert Slipper
Tuesday 2 nd August				No Mass Today
Wednesday 3 rd August	St John's	9am	Ordinary Time	Special Intention
Thursday 4 th August	St Bernadette's	10am	St John Mary Vianney	St. Antony's Donors
Friday 5 th August	St John's	6pm	Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
Saturday 6 th August	St. John's	12 noon	Feast of the Transfiguration	
		6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 7 th August	St Bernadette's	9am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		Canon Des Millett 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 pray 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, Brian Barrett
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: Agnes Napper, Ramona Power.

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.

Listening With the Heart: On Wednesday 22nd June, Bishop Declan hosted a beautiful liturgy in Clifton Cathedral and presented to all of our Diocesan Parishes, schools and colleges the results of the Synod discussions that took place towards the end of last year. This document 'Listening With the Heart' is available to read and download on the Clifton Diocese website. www.cliftondiocese.com/synod. If you cannot access the internet and would like a copy, please ask Fr. Tom and he will make a paper copy available for you.

Shroud of Turin Exhibition: St. John The Baptist Church will host The Turin Shroud Exhibition from Monday 26th September-Monday 3rd October 2022. This exhibition will display the story and a replica image of the famous Shroud of Turin. The Shroud is widely believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus after his crucifixion. More details about the exhibition will follow soon.

Relics of St. Bernadette: In September and October this year, the relics of St. Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage through England, Scotland and Wales. St. Bernadette's relics will be visiting Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 10th September 2022 for one day. This will be a unique opportunity to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. Please join us for this special experience, when pilgrims will be able to join us for Mass with anointing of the sick, Torchlight procession, Rosary, and the opportunity to venerate these relics of "The Saint of Lourdes". Exact details will be available soon.

ABC Group: About becoming Catholic. About being Catholic: This course is for all those interested in becoming Catholic, knowing more about the Catholic Church. Or those who were baptised Catholic but missed making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. The first session for 2022/23 session takes place on Tuesday 11th October at 6.45pm in St. John's Church. Please ask Fr. Tom for details if you wish to know more, or just come along to the first session if you are interested.

First Holy Communion 2023: Application forms for First Holy Communion 2023 are now available to collect from Fr. Tom. If your child is in Yr 3 or above then please collect, complete a form and return to Fr. Tom. The closing date for application is 16th October 2022, the first session of preparation will take place on the 27th of October at 7pm in St. John's Church. Children and parents will be given full details of the course at this meeting.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: As you know, Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass was suspended due to the COVID pandemic in March 2020. We would like to restart this enjoyable activity for our children in October 2022. If you were a helper or leader of this in the past or would like to be a new volunteer, then please come along to a short meeting on Tuesday 20th September 6.45pm in the Parish Centre. Many thanks. Fr. Tom

Missio Red Boxes: The Missio Red Boxes are due to be counted again now so please bring them and leave with Fr. Tom. (Please do not leave them unattended) Once the contents have been counted, the boxes will be available for you to collect from the Church Porches. Thank you for your kindness.

Congratulations: We congratulate Cally who has for the last few weeks been walking to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino way. During this process Cally has been raising money for Dorothy House. You can still give. Please see the parish website for details

Monthly Children's Rosary: Please note that the next First Saturday of the Month Children's Rosary will now take place on Saturday 6th August. All welcome. Don't worry if you've never prayed the rosary or don't have any beads - we can help with both.

Weekly Children's Rosary on Sundays: 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

ACROSS Pilgrimages to Lourdes: ACROSS is a charity established to enable people with complex medical and care need to travel to Lourdes on specially adapted coaches called a Jumbulance. They need volunteers always to assist and enjoy such pilgrimages. They are particularly seeking nurses and doctors to volunteer at this time. If you are a nurse or a doctor or know of a nurse or doctor who might like to help. Please contact Lisa O'Connor. Tel Number 020 3542 1800 or email lisa@across.org.uk For more information on ACROSS and what it does, visit www.across.org.uk

Trowbridge Food Bank: As always, a massive thank you 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 27th/28th August. Please leave your donated goods in the Church Porch at St. John's and St. Bernadette's.

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. July winners as follows £200 214 Johanna Duffy, £70 90 Sarah Marshall, £50 290 Dierdre Lee £10 141 Rosa Binding

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