



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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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022



**Sunday Scripture Thoughts:** "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". That's a phrase we are all familiar with. In a way this might apply to ministering in the name of Jesus. If we're constantly 'doing' things for the Lord, rather than spending time to 'be' with the Lord, then we can start to lose the focus and real meaning of who we are called to be in Christ. Any vocational journey requires a good balance. As Mary found out, spending time with the Lord must come first. Only then can we maintain Martha's level of enthusiastic work!

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Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	Philomena Wright
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	St Bernadette's	9am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12 noon		People of the Parishes Joachim Fernades (Ann)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	No Mass Today		Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	No Mass Today		Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	No Mass Today		Ordinary Time	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	No Mass Today		Ordinary Time	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	No Mass Today		Saint Mary Magdalene	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	No Lunchtime Mass		Saint Bridget	
	St. John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	Mary Laase (Ann)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	St Bernadette's	9am	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		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, Mary Marshall

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.

**Some News:** Fr. Tom announced some exciting news after the beautiful End of Term and Yr 6 Leavers Mass. He shared the news that last week he received a letter from Bishop Declan. It said "At a recent Cathedral Chapter the Canons nominated you to become a member of the Chapter. I am writing to ask you to take up the office." The same day Bishop Declan came to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young adults. Before the Mass, Fr. Tom told the Bishop that he humbly accepted the kind invitation. Sometime in October, date TBA, Fr. Tom will become Canon Tom!

**Welcome:** We welcome Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr. Raymond Hayne & Bishop Crispian Hollis next weekend and thank them for saying Mass whilst Fr. Tom is away.

**Tea and a Chat:** After the very successful 'Tea and a Chat', the second Tea and Chat event is scheduled for Tuesday 16 August in the Parish Centre at 2.30 onwards. All very welcome. A rough idea of numbers would be helpful if possible by letting Becky or Mary know (01225 767215)

**Shroud of Turin Exhibition:** St. John The Baptist Church will host The Turin Shroud Exhibition from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September-Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A time of prayer:** St. Bernadette's, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 10:00-11:00am. Focusing on the June & July prayer intentions of Pope Francis for the elderly (27<sup>th</sup>) 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."

**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 Todd 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lisa@across.org.uk) For more information on ACROSS and what it does, visit [www.across.org.uk](http://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 30<sup>th</sup>/ 31<sup>st</sup> July. Please leave your donated goods in the Church Porch at St. Johns 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

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEKEND**

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