

A warm welcome to all who gather today
around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of

Saint John the Baptist, Saint Bernadette & Saint Thomas More

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd October 2023



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: Companies use a number of different selection techniques in order to recruit new personnel. These can be anything from a traditional interview all the way through to a full-blown assessment centre. Whichever process they use, the employers are seeking to choose the right people for their business venture. From a Christian point of view, we must always remember that we have not been chosen because of any skills that we have or any interview techniques we have mastered, but instead we have been chosen simply because we were in the mind of God from before all time. With that loving message being constantly reinforced, we can move forward in hope to discern how we can explicitly live this out through our vocation.

| ALL PUBLIC MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM AND YOUTUBE AT ST. JOHN'S | | | | Mass Intention: |
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| Saturday 21 st October | St. Thomas More's | 4pm | Vigil Mass | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 6pm | | People of the Parishes |
| Sunday 22 nd October | St Bernadette's | 9am | Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 10.30am | | Mary Fitzpatrick (RD) |
| Monday 23 rd October | | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | No Mass Today |
| Tuesday 24 th October | St John's | 6pm | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Paddy Flanagan |
| Wednesday 25 th October | St John's | 11am | Requiem Mass | Richard Morgan |
| Thursday 26 th October | | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | No Mass Today |
| Friday 27 th October | | 9am | Weekday in Ordinary Time | No Mass Today |
| Saturday 28 th October | St. Thomas More's | 4pm | Vigil Mass | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 6pm | Vigil Mass | Sylvester Sefanowski |
| Sunday 29 th October | St Bernadette's | 9am | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 10.30am | | Frank Moore (RD) |

KEY: RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'ed=Deceased.

Confessions: Saturdays 3.30pm BOA, 5.15-5.45pm St. John's, on request before Mass St. Bernadette's.

In our Prayers this Week...

Sick: Please pray for those who are sick: John Streeter, Cecily Geldart, Maureen Watson, Noreen Leat, Anne Whitehead, Wally Gooding, Mary Berridge, Maurice Cockell, David Bath. Gloria Stenhouse, Jim Conway, Richard Barrow, Angela Parr, Tina Finnegan. Please let Canon Tom know if you wish a name to be added to the list.

Recently Deceased: David Marshall, Frank Moore, Richard Morgan. May they rest in peace.

A Message from Canon Tom: Dear all, you may have noticed that I have been away a great deal recently from the Parishes. For this I apologise but I have a very good reason for this. Three months ago, my mother Tina was diagnosed with inoperable cancer and is now under end-of-life care. This has been a very difficult time for us, my dad Jim, my sister Rachel and my brother Patrick and our extended family. I know you will keep us all in your prayers over the next few days/weeks. I did want to announce this to you all in a person, but this weekend Canon Alan Finlay a retired priest from Weston-Super-Mare is saying all our Masses in whilst I am at our family home in the Forest of Dean.

First Holy Communion 2024: Application forms for First Holy Communion 2023 are now available to collect from Canon Tom after Mass. If your child is in Yr 3 or above then please collect, complete a form, and return to Canon Tom. The closing date for application is 7th January 2024. The first session of preparation will take place on the 18th January 2024 at 7pm in St. John's Church. Children and parents will be given full details of the course at this meeting.

International Cuisine Evening: There will be an International Cuisine Evening at St. John's Parish Centre on Friday 20th October. Please sign up to bring a dish from the nation of your birth or culture on the list in the porches for St. John's, St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette's. And of course, come along on the evening and taste the delights of the cuisine of our increasingly international parish community.

A Day on Catechesis: A date for the diary. On Saturday 28th October at St. John the Baptist, Trowbridge, we are holding a day with the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph to explore the ministry of catechesis. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone feels called to this ministry. We will begin with prayer at 10am, with refreshments from 9.15am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. If you are interested in attending this day, please register through the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

November Holy Souls: November Holy Souls: November is a month of Remembrance. We remember those who have died in this last year or further back. We think of those who have died in war and conflict. We also remember loved ones and friends who have died. Holy Souls Envelopes are available for you to place the names of those who you wish to be remembered at Mass during November. Please return to Church and place them in the box provided. You may also place an offering in the envelope if you wish.

Mass for Loved ones and Friends who have died: Each year we have a Mass in November dedicated to loved ones and friends who have died recently and those who died in the past. This will take place on Tuesday 7th November 6pm St. John's.

All Saints Bring and Share Party: On Sunday 29th October there will be a All Saints Bring and Share Party in St. John's Parish Centre for children and of course adults as well! 3.30pm-6pm. Come dressed as your favourite saint, bring a saint themed game or activity. Bring a saint themed pumpkin to enter our competition. For more information and to sign up, please contact Eloisa Nash eloisanash@hotmail.co.uk

Talk by Joanna Bogle: On Sunday 29th October. Catholic writer and broadcaster Joanna Bogle will be speaking after the 10.30 Mass in St. John's Parish Centre (11.45am-12-15pm) The theme of the talk is 'Feasts and Seasons'. All welcome.

A Time of Prayer: A time of prayer at St. Bernadette's takes place 10:15-11:15am on the last Wednesday of each month (25/10; 29/11): The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary are prayed together followed by a time for private prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome to attend any part or all of this time of prayer.

Lection Divina: Lectio Divina at St. Bernadette's takes place 10:15-11:00am on the second Wednesday of each month. An opportunity to listen to the Gospel and then, in the silence that follows, to reflect personally on what we have heard and on how we can put this into action in our own lives. If you have a Sunday Missal, please bring this with you. All welcome.

A Time of Prayer: On Wednesday mornings at St. John's Church from 9am we will be praying the Healing Rosary for Families for all families, but especially those in our parishes and schools. You are invited to place the surnames of your families (or any families you would like us to pray for) in our intentions box to be prayed for each week and in return please take a Unity Prayer cards, the box, prayer cards and intention slips will be by Our Lady's altar in each of the churches.

Quiet time for Prayer: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament St. John's every Thursday 9.30-10.30am. A time for quiet prayer and reflection.

St. Thomas More: All welcome to celebrate the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) which will be partly sung at St. Thomas More Church Bradford-on-Avon. Every Sunday at 5pm.

Trowbridge Food Bank: As always, a massive thank you to all who have contributed to the Trowbridge Foodbank Collection each month. Many people rely on your generosity. The next collection will take place on the weekend of 28th / 29th October 2023. Please leave you donated goods in the Church Porch at St. John's and St. Bernadette's.

300 Club: If you wish to join the 300 Club, please ask Canon Tom or Mike Heather for an application form. They are also available on the parish website. Thank you. £200 27 Kathryn Sinclair £70 205 Maria Dela Ysla £50 159 Mary McDonald £10 251 Caroline Gumbley.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Richard Morgan recently. Richard will be received into St. John's Church on Tuesday 24th October at 5.45pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 25th October at 11am. We keep Marion and Richard's family in our prayers. May Richard rest in peace.

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