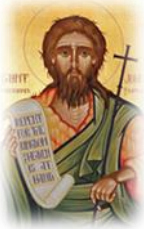


A warm welcome to all who gather today
around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of

Saint John the Baptist, Saint Bernadette & Saint Thomas More

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Second Sunday of Lent – 25th February 2024



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: *Shiny Happy People* was released by the band R.E.M. in 1991. The song has an indomitably joyful tone to it, which some people love and other people hate! The idea of Christ's Church being filled with shiny, happy people would seem to be anathema to many outside the Church, even more so in Lent. However, Lent is to be a joyful time. Yes, it's a time of testing and purification and this can be painful. Nevertheless, anything which brings us closer to Jesus and allows the Holy Spirit to speak more clearly into our lives has to be embraced. God calls us all to be disciples of Jesus. Discipleship requires discipline. Discipline on our vocational journey will lead to deep joy.

| ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S | | | | Mass Intention: |
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| Saturday 24 th February | St. Thomas More's | 4pm | Vigil Mass | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 6pm | | People of the Parishes |
| Sunday 25 th February | St Bernadette's | 9am | Second Sunday of Lent | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 10.30am | | People of the Parishes |
| Monday 26 th February | | | Weekday of Lent | NO MASS TODAY |
| Tuesday 27 th February | | | Weekday of Lent | NO MASS TODAY |
| Wednesday 28 th February | | | Weekday of Lent | NO MASS TODAY |
| Thursday 29 th February | | | Weekday of Lent | NO MASS TODAY |
| Friday 1 st March | | | Saint David | NO MASS TODAY |
| Saturday 2 nd March | St. Thomas More's | 4pm | Vigil Mass | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 6pm | | People of the Parishes |
| Sunday 3 rd March | St Bernadette's | 9am | Third Sunday of Lent | People of the Parishes |
| | St John's | 10.30am | | People of the Parishes |

KEY: RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'd=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, Richard Barrow, Angela Parr, Paul Cronin. James Finnegan. Please let Canon Tom know if you wish a name to be added to the list.

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Coelho. Danuta Bazan, Martyin Kennon, James Finnegan. May they rest in peace.

A Message from Canon Tom: As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, my dads requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, Flaxley Street, Cinderford GL14 2NP on Friday 1st March at 12 noon. As with my mum, anyone who wishes to attend would be made very welcome. Thanks again for all the prayers. If you wish to have a Mass offered during the time I am away, speak to Fr. Frank and he will book it in the Mass Diary. I can also be contacted via email Thomas.finnegan@cliftondiocese.com I hope to return to St. Johns on Tuesday 12th March.

Where are you staying?: The Cistercian Sisters of Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland Pembrokeshire, are holding two 'Come and See' weekends. Inviting single catholic women to experience the life of a Cistercian Sister. Friday 27th-Monday 27th May and Friday 16th – Monday 19th August. Email comeandsee@cliffonabbey.co.uk

First Holy Communion 2024: The preparation course for First Holy Communion course began on Thursday 18th January. Unfortunately, our next session was to be on Thursday 29th Feb at 7pm. But due to Canon Toms fathers funeral on the 1st March, this has now been cancelled.

2024 A Year of Prayer: Pope Francis has invited the Universal Church to enter into a special Year of Prayer in 2024, this is to prepare us for the Jubilee Year of 2025. There are of course many opportunities to gather in Prayer in Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Westbury. Also, a series of reflection in St. Johns Bath. Please see noticeboards

'Stations of the Cross in Lent: This will take place as follows: St. Bernadette, 10:30am, every Thursday in Lent preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will start at 10am, St. Thomas More, 5pm every Friday in Lent (starts 16/02/24), St. John the Baptist, 5:30pm, every Tuesday in Lent (starts 20/02/24)

Legion of Mary: Again this Lent we are inviting you to join us, the Legion of Mary. We meet every Wednesday at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Our aim is to bring Jesus to the world through Mary. For more information please contact Maria Conway on 07799102347 or email mgrconway@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

Lectio Divina at St. Thomas More began on Monday 22nd January and subsequently every fourth Monday of each month at 10.15 - 11am. The session will follow the same format as at St. Bernadette's. All are 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.

A time of prayer at St. Bernadette's takes place 10:15-11:15am on the last Wednesday of each month: 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.

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.

St. Bernadette's Drop In: St Bernadette's Drop In will be on Wednesday 6th March 2pm to 4pm. Everyone welcome for tea, cake and chat.

St. Bernadette's Plant Sale: St Bernadette's Social Committee are planning another plant sale in May for charity. If, when you are sowing your flower & veg seeds, you would sow extra for the sale, it would be great. Thank you.

St Patrick's Night Dance: Friday March 22nd. Parish Centre 8.00 - 10.45pm Tickets £8.00 each (including a filled roll) Bring your own drinks Local Irish Group - Crossing The Rockies Email to reserve tickets mike284305@btinternet.com or phone 01225 762966

Trowbridge Food Bank: As always, a massive thankyou 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 24th/25th February 2024. 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. January results as follows £200 291 Family Moore £70 7 Howard Lindsay £50 294 Maureen Routledge £10 251 Caroline Gumbley.



Parish Giving: There are many ways you can give a donation to Parish Funds. A monthly standing order (Ask Canon Tom for a form) Or use the Dona Donation Card Reader in the Church Porch at St. John's. Or by a cash donation during the collections. Or by using the QR Code next to this notice. Thank you for your generosity.

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