

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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 11th February 2024



"Be Cured!"

Sunday Scripture Thoughts: Do you ever feel like you're stuck in the rat race? It has been said that the trouble with being in the rat race is that, even if you win, you're still a rat! Well, as children of God, we can take a somewhat higher view of ourselves than that! It is important for us to recognise that God's call is often heard in the busyness and humdrum of our daily tasks. After all, he called the disciples while they were about their jobs. Grounded in prayer and nourished by the sacraments, we need to ask the Lord to reveal more deeply his purpose for us whilst we are about our daily business. Our reaction to situations; our encounter with others. These are the things which will allow us to hear the Lord more clearly. That's the nature of discernment.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 10 th February	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 11 th February	St Bernadette's	9am	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		People of the Parishes
Monday 12 th February			Weekday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS TODAY
Tuesday 13 th February			Weekday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS TODAY
Wednesday 14 th February	St. Thomas More	9am	Ash Wednesday	People of the Parishes
	St. John The Baptist	6pm		People of the Parishes
Thursday 15 th February			Thursday after Ash Wednesday	NO MASS TODAY
Friday 16 th February			Friday after Ash Wednesday	NO MASS TODAY
Saturday 17 th February	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 18 th February	St Bernadette's	9am	First 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'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, Richard Barrow, Angela Parr, Paul Cronin. Ray Grimmer, James Finnegan. Please let Canon Tom know if you wish a name to be added to the list.

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

A Message from Canon Tom: There is not much to report since last week, except that my dad is still in hospital but unfortunately deteriorating. He has become very confused and dis-orientated. A mixture of being in hospital, the drugs and also the cancer. We are not sure if he will be able to come home at this point, but we are doing all that we can to make this possible. 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

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@cliftondiocese.com

First Holy Communion 2024: The preparation course for First Holy Communion course began on Thursday 18th January. We met again on Thursday 25th January. Our next session is on Thursday 29th Feb at 7pm.

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 (starts 15/02/24), 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)

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.

Coffee, Tea and Cake: Coffee, Tea and cakes after the 4pm Mass in the Hub below St. Thomas More Church. All Welcome

St Patricks 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. December results as follows £200 60 Martin Micenec £150 22 Sarah Hull £100 104 Angeline Escott £70 10 Kirsty Simmons £50 86 Nigel Hunt £40 149 Debbie Barlow £30 276 Jewel Fernandez £20 166 Barbara Czernachowicz.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Martin Kennon on Christmas day 2023 after a short illness. His Funeral Service will take place on Friday 16th February 11am at West Wiltshire Crematorium. We keep Martin and his family in our prayers. May he rest in Peace.



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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