

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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Sunday of the Resurrection – 31st March 2024

Sunday Scripture Thoughts: Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 30 th March	St John's	8pm	Easter Vigil	People of the Parishes
Sunday 31 st March	St Bernadette's	9am	Sunday of the Resurrection	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		People of the Parishes
Monday 1 st April	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 2 nd April	NO MASS TODAY			
Wednesday 3 rd April	NO MASS TODAY			
Thursday 4 th April	NO MASS TODAY			
Friday 5 th April	NO MASS TODAY			
Saturday 6 th April	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 7 th April	St Bernadette's	9am	Second Sunday of Easter	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. Cynthia Booth. Richard Morris. Please let Canon Tom know if you wish a name to be added to the list.

Recently Deceased: Fr. Malcolm Ferrier, Fr. Raymond Hayne. May they rest in peace.

Mission Appeal: Next weekend that will be a Mission Appeal for Africa. A visiting priest will be saying our Masses and giving the appeal. Please give generously to the retiring collection or online on the parish website or via the Dona Donation card reader at St. Johns or use the QR code on the Newsletter.

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 24th-Monday 27th May and Friday 16th – Monday 19th August. Email comeandsee@ca@gmail.com

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
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: We began Lectio Divina 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.

Westbury Town Prayers: Town Prayers is in St. Bernadette's every Tuesday at 2.30. during March. All welcome.

St. Bernadette's Drop In: St Bernadette's Drop In will be on Wednesday 3rd April 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.

Hillary and Chris Clifton: are doing the 'The Big Lent Walk' raising funds for CAFOD over the Lenten six weeks. If you wish to support them by donating, please visit www.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/chris-and-hilary-big-lent-walkrun

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 30th/31st March 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. March winners as follows £200 188 Sadie Harrington £70 294 Val Algar £50 273 John Grant £10 196 E. Rockliffe.

Easter Offering: Envelopes for Canon Tom's Easter Collection are available from the Church Porches. You can also use the tap and go card reader by the exits at St. John's. You can also make your donation online through Dona Donations on the Parish Website. www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk Many thanks.

St. Thomas More Car-park: Works will soon begin on clearing the plant growth and trees on the back wall of St. Thomas More. Workers will need full access to the car-park on 22nd & 23rd April. Also, for health and safety reasons, no cars can be in the parked there for the duration of the works.

Parish Standing Orders: If you make your donation to the parish via standing order, you will soon be asked to ammend it slightly due to the Diocese moving to a different form of accounting. More details to follow.

With Sadness: It was with deep sadness that we heard of the death on Fr. Malcolm Ferrier and Fr. Raymond Hayne last week. Both were of great help to our parishes over the years, offering supply cover and help in any way they could. Fr. Raymonds funeral will take place at St. Georges Church Warminster on Tuesday 2nd April 11am. May they 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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