

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter – 28th April 2024

Sunday Scripture Thoughts: “What do you do all week, Father? You only work on Sundays, don’t you?” That question has probably been levelled at all priests at some point in their ministry. At least the importance of Sunday is recognised by those who ask the question of what their priests do! We’re not just talking about priests, though. “Remain in me”, Jesus tells us – and not just on Sundays, but each and every day. Of course, many of us will struggle to get to Mass during the week, and others will find it difficult to get some quiet prayer in the midst of their busyness. However, in seeking God’s will, at the very least we can be faithful to him in our prayerful and respectful observance of the Sabbath – that’s essential.



ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 27 th April	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	John & Nancy Barrett (60 th)
	St John's	6 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 28 th April	St Bernadette's	9am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Jules Rasalo (RD)
	St John's	10.30am		Cresenico & Catalina Quiro (Ann)
Monday 29 th April	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 30 th April	St John's	6pm	Eastertide	Margaret McLaughlin (RD)
Wednesday 1 st May	St. John's	10.30am	Requiem Mass	Maud 'Pat' Simms
Thursday 2 nd May	St Bernadette's	10am	St Athanasius	Holy Souls
Friday 3 rd May	St John's	9am	Yr 11 Leavers Mass	Yr 11 Intentions
Saturday 4 th May	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 5 th May	St Bernadette's	9am	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Len & Joy Howe
	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, Patricia Raymond (Nee Glynn) Please let Canon Tom know if you wish a name to be added to the list.

Recently Deceased: Fr. Malcolm Ferrier, Fr. Raymond Hayne. Maud 'Pat' Simms, Neil Wright. May they rest in peace.

Invitations to the Ordination of Canon Bosco McDonald: As you know, we had a draw for places to attend the ordination of Canon Bosco McDonald as the 10th Bishop of Clifton We had 7 people apply for the 6 places available. A draw was held after Mass on Tuesday 16th April and 6 names were drawn. We trust that those attending will have a lovely day.

Confirmation 2024: We are waiting for a date for Confirmation from Canon Bosco McDonald who will soon become our new Bishop. We expect it to take place in late October or early November. Application forms will become available when a date is known.

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 comeandseehca@gmail.com

Missio Red Boxes: Last year Red Box holders raised £1704.29. It is time once again to return your boxes to be counted. Please bring them back to Church and give to Canon Tom. (Do not leave them in the Church Porch) Once counted, they will be returned to start filling again! If you would like a Red Box, please ask Canon Tom. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

St. Bernadette's: St. Bernadette's are hosting Westbury Town Prayers 2.30pm every Tuesday in May. All Welcome

St. Bernadette's Drop In: St Bernadette's Drop In will be on Wednesday 1st May 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.

Living Theology Ammerdown: A weekend at Ammerdown, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5SW. Living Theology- with reflections on Reading the Book of Revelation led by Fr. Nicholas King SJ & Dr. Sean Ryan. Friday 14th June-Sunday 16th June. This is either a residential or day attendance at the Ammerdown Centre. For more information, please contact ltammerdown@gmail.com

DEBRA: DEBRA is the charity that supports people living with the painful genetic skin condition Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). We fund vital community support, specialist healthcare and pioneering research into treatments and a cure/s. We are opening a new charity shop in Trowbridge soon and need volunteers. If you would like to know more and offer to help, please contact Mark.Francis@debra.org.uk 07501 818423, 01698 456619.

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 27th/28th April 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. April winners as follows £200 23 Charlotte Preuveneers, £70 43 Mr & Mrs O'Mara, £50 219 Canon Tom (Yeaaah) £10 288 Charlotte Richmond

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



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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