

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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## Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

**Sunday Scripture Thoughts:** Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life. Here are two beautiful vocations through which the Father lavishes love upon his children. Unfortunately numbers of new vocations have dwindled over the years. Fr Matt Anscombe, the Vocations Director for Clifton Diocese, is currently cycling around the diocese trying to encourage us to pray more and more to the Lord of the Harvest for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Let's take up the challenge. God is calling; many aren't listening, or don't know how to listen. Let's pray that their ears are unblocked and their hearts are tuned in over the coming weeks!



ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		Evelyn & Romina Testa
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	St Bernadette's	9am	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Anne Ryder
	St John's	10.30am		Tina & Jim Finnegan
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St John's	6pm	St George	Margaret Parsons
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Thomas More's	9am	Eastertide	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	St Bernadette's	10am	St Mark	Frank Moore (Ann)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	St John's	9am	Eastertide	John & Nancy Barrett (60 <sup>th</sup> )
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		Jules Rasalo (RD)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	St Bernadette's	9am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Cresenico & Catalina Quiro (Ann)
	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.

**Good Shepherd Sunday** is a day when we pray especially for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We will also be having a second collection, supporting those who are already in formation for the priesthood in the Clifton Diocese. Please give as generously as you can.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Clifton We had 7 people apply for the 6 places available. A draw was held after Mass on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>-Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Email [comeandsee@ca@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee@ca@gmail.com)

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> June-Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. This is either a residential or day attendance at the Ammerdown Centre. For more information, please contact [ltammerdown@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 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. March winners as follows £200 188 Sadie Harrington £70 294 Val Algar £50 273 John Grant £10 196 E. Rockcliffe

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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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