

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 Easter – 7th April 2024



**Sunday Scripture Thoughts:** The days after Jesus' resurrection are action packed encounters involving Jesus and his disciples. In today's Gospel, night has fallen and despite the accounts of the resurrection they have heard and especially Mary of Magdala's testimony, Jesus' followers are still frightened, even those who viewed the empty tomb. Awe and wonder can be frightening, and we need time to bring together feelings of despair, hope, and wonder. May we always be open to such encounters with the risen Lord in our lives, despite any doubts and fear.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	St John's	8pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	St Bernadette's	9am	Second Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		People of the Parishes
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	St John's	6pm	Eastertide	Margaret Parsons (RD)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Thomas More's	9am	Eastertide	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	St Johns	11am	Memorial Service for Terry Baker	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	St John's	9am	Eastertide	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	St Bernadette's	9am	Third 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:** This weekend there will be a Mission Appeal for Africa. Fr. Rosario SMA 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.

**With Thanks:** Thank you to all who made our Easter Services so beautiful. Especially those who helped prepare the churches and led the music. They were truly very uplifting.

**With Thanks:** Canon Tom would like to thank all for the best wishes, cards and gifts over the Easter period. Also a huge thanks for the very generous Easter Collection. It will be used wisely!

**Terry Baker Memorial Service:** Some will remember Terry Baker, a parishioner at St. John's who sadly died during the covid lockdown of 2020. As there were severe restrictions on gatherings during those day, Terry's family were allowed only to have a small graveside service. Parishioners who remember Terry are warmly invited to a memorial service for him on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

**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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 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. 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](http://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 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 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 recently. His Requiem Mass will take place at St. Geroges Warminster on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 12noon. May he rest 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.