

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

Working in Communion for Mission
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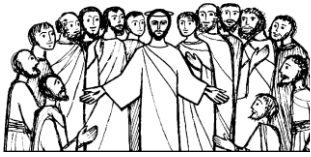
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Third Sunday of Easter – 14th April 2024



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: “Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here”, reflects the character August Boatwright in Sue Monk Kidd's book, *The Secret Life of Bees*. As far as the Christian community is concerned, retelling the story of Jesus and handing it on is essential. Faith is not passed on by osmosis but through our words and actions. Therefore, how we verbalise our own story of our encounter with Christ is extremely important. In fact, it is going to be central to playing our part in reminding others of who we are as the chosen children of God.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 13 th April	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 14 th April	St Bernadette's	9am	Third Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		People of the Parishes
Monday 15 th April	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 16 th April	St John's	6pm	Eastertide	St. Antony Donors
Wednesday 17 th April	St. Thomas More's	9am	Eastertide	Veronica Beer
Thursday 18 th April	NO MASS TODAY			
Friday 19 th April	St John's	9am	St Alphege	Margaret Parsons
Saturday 20 th April	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		Evelyn & Romina Testa
Sunday 21 st April	St Bernadette's	9am	Fourth Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		Tina & Jim Finnegan

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: Next Sunday, April 24th is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. 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: Each parish has been allocated two places to attend the Ordination of Canon Bosco McDonald as the 10th Bishop of Clifton on Wednesday 8th May 12noon. This means that there are six places available. We will have a lottery! If you wish to enter this lottery and be able to attend the ordination, then please let Canon Tom know via email or a letter, and letting me know which church you regularly attend and you will be entered into the draw. The draw will take place after the evening Mass on Tuesday 17th April at St. John's.

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 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. 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 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 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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