

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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Seventh Sunday of Easter – 12th May 2024



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: As Christ ascends to take his place at the Father's right hand, he tells the disciples to go and be his witnesses to the whole world. Indeed, as soon as he has gone from their sight, the angels ask why the disciples are just standing there, staring into space! They shouldn't be squandering precious time – they have challenging work to do. And so do we, for we too are called to spread the Good News. We all must be ready to articulate what Jesus has done for us and what he means to us. Feel inadequate to the task? Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to move in and through you, and take the time to keep learning more about your faith so that you can share it with ever greater confidence.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 11 th May	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	Mairead Monks (RD)
	St John's	6 pm		Eric Bartlett (RD)
Sunday 12 th May	St Bernadette's	9am	Seventh Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		Bridget McAuley (RIP)
Monday 13 th May	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 14 th May	St John's	6pm	St Matthias	Special Intention
Wednesday 15 th May	St. Thomas More's	9am	Eastertide	St Anthony Donors
Thursday 16 th May	St Bernadette's	10am	Eastertide	Holy Souls
Friday 17 th May	NO MASS TODAY			
Saturday 18 th May	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		Winifred Almeida (Ann)
Sunday 19 th May	St Bernadette's	9am	Pentecost Sunday	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, Patricia Raymond (Nee Glynn) Rosalee Fanning, Rosemary Foster. Please let Canon Tom know if you wish a name to be added to the list.

Recently Deceased: Maud 'Pat' Simms, Neil Wright, Bartolomeo Polledri. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to Bishop Bosco: We congratulate Bishop Bosco on the occasion of his Ordination as the 10th Bishop of Clifton. Some parishioners attended with Canon Tom in person and many watched online. It was a very uplifting ceremony. If you want to watch it is available to view on the Clifton Cathedral Website.

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.

Hanging Baskets: We hope to once again place summer hanging baskets on the exterior walls of St. John's. If you are willing to take a basket and fill it, then please let Canon Tom know before the 31st May. Many thanks.

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 Plant Sale: Please support St Bernadette's plant sale after the 9.00 Mass. Proceeds are to support All Saint's Church Friday Club for 11 to 19 year olds in and around Westbury. CASH SALES ONLY. Plants can be left on the gravel on the right of St B's from Sat 18th. Many Thanks

Christian Aid Week: Christian Aid Week 2024 runs from 12-18 May: The local fundraising event will be the Saturday Morning Market

St James Church Hall on 18 May 2024 10.00 - 12.30 Please support this even

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. 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 25th/26th May 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 Preuveeners, £70 43 Mr & Mrs O'Mara, £50 219 Canon Tom (Yeaaah) £10 288 Charlotte Richmond



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.

This newsletter is also available on the parish website: www.sthohnthebaptist.co.uk

May Crowning of Our Lady 19th May

The Children's Rosary warmly invite you to join us to pray the rosary and crown Our Lady. We are meeting outside St John's Primary School at 9.40am and will process down to the church and pray the final decade, the Litany of Loreto and crown Mother Mary outside the church (behind the railings to the left).

Children's Rosary

Everyone is welcome to join us for the rosary, led by the children, from 9.45 in the parish centre every Sunday.

Coffees after 10.30 mass

All are welcome to join us for teas, coffees and a chat in the parish centre. If anyone would like to join the rota we are always looking for new volunteers. Contact Becky enquiries@sjpc.org.uk

UK Prays

Please come on Sunday 26th May to pray the rosary for peace, cohesion and reconciliation in society. 4.30pm @Trowbridge War Memorial