

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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Sixth Sunday of Easter – 5th May 2024

Sunday Scripture Thoughts: To know that we are loved by someone is a very special emotion. It makes us feel valued and important. Whether that person is a parent, sibling, friend or another, it is a gift, often freely given. But being loved by another does not end there. It demands of us a response to do the same. This is the meaning of today's Gospel. As Jesus loves us, so should we love one another. This is not always easy though. For many reasons it is sometimes difficult to love others. But surely, if we are able to be loved, despite our fault and failings, then we can love others, even with their own faults and failings.



ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
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
Monday 6 th May	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 7 th May	St John's	6pm	Eastertide	Private Intention
Wednesday 8 th May	NO MASS TODAY			
Thursday 9 th May	St Bernadette's	10am	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Special Intention
	St. Johns	6pm		Holy Souls
Friday 10 th May	St John's	9am	Eastertide	Private Intention
Saturday 11 th May	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 12 th May	St Bernadette's	9am	Seventh Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		Bridget McAuley RIP

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: Maud 'Pat' Simms, Neil Wright, Julia Williams. May they rest in peace.

Ordination of Canon Bosco McDonald 8th May 2024 as 10th Bishop of Clifton: We are very much looking forward to the Ordination of Canon Bosco McDonald as the 10th Bishop of Clifton on 8th May 2024. There will be 6 parishioners representing our parishes at this occasion. The Ordination and Mass will be livestreamed for those unable to attend. To access the livestream, follow this link www.churchservices.tv/cliftoncathedral Please keep Canon Bosco in your prayers. And also Bishop Declan as he enters retirement.

Confirmation 2024: We are waiting for a date for Confirmation from our, soon to be, new Bishop Bosco McDonald. 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 having a Plant Sale after Mass on Sunday 19th May raising money for the Westbury Friday Fun Youth Club. Please bring any plants you wish to donate to this event.

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 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 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.

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