

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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## Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024



**Sunday Scripture Thoughts:** “I want to ride my bicycle, I want to ride my bike. I want to ride my bicycle, I want to ride it where I like”, sang Queen on their classic hit *Bicycle Race*. It's good to have a healthy passion. How do your passions link in with your life of faith and your sense of vocation? On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled the apostles, and they set about working miracles and wonders. We too can open ourselves for the Holy Spirit to transform all areas of our existence, and can welcome God into our everyday lives. By doing this, even the things we do not associate with faith can be turned to the Lord and to the building of his Kingdom.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		Winifred Almeida (Ann)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bernadette's	9am	Pentecost Sunday	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		Phil & Sarah McCauley
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	St John's	6pm	Ordinary Time	Philomena Wright
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	St. Thomas More's	9am	Ordinary Time	Special Intention
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	NO MASS TODAY			
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bernadette's	11am	Requiem Mass	Julia Williams
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		Katie Corcoran
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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)

**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.

**Tea and Chat:** The next Tea and Chat will be on Tuesday 21 May at St. John's Parish Centre Parish Centre 2.30pm. All welcome, just pop along.

**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:** 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

**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. 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 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Please leave you donated goods in the Church Porch at St. John's and St. Bernadette's.

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

**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. May winners as follows: £200 210 John Mellon £70 276 Jewel Fernandes £50 96 Bryan Smith £10 160 Mary Parker

**Car Parking 10.30am Mass:** Please note, overflow car-park at St. Augustine's is available every Sunday morning



**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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