

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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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Sunday Scripture Thoughts:** "Make an effort, not an excuse," said the poster in the shop. Could that be a mantra for those who seem to be unwilling to allow their vocation to flourish? "Quiet!" says Jesus as he calms the storm. Perhaps we need to hear that word spoken into our lives as we seek to follow Jesus more closely. Jesus wants to calm the storm within us. He wants to take our anxiety and fear away. He wants to breathe life into us so that we can take up the challenge he presents to us for the sake of our flourishing and the flourishing of the Kingdom. No more excuses. Quiet! Allow Jesus to carry you forwards.



ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT ST. JOHN'S				Mass Intention:
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	St Bernadette's	9am	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am		Premanie Fernando
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	NO MASS TODAY			
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	St. John's	2pm	Requiem Mass	Penny Richmond
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	NO MASS TODAY			
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St John's	11am	Requiem Mass	Kathleen Ashwoth
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	St, John's	9.15am	School Mass	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	St. Thomas More's	4pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
	St John's	6 pm		Stan Orzechowski (RD)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	St Bernadette's	9am	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Anslem Boyd (RD)
	St John's	10.30am		Hilda Burbridge (RD) Peter and Danuta Mathews (50 <sup>th</sup> )

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:** Neil Wright, Bartolomeo Polledri. Kathleen Ashwoth, Penny Richmond. May they rest in peace.

**First Holy Communions throughout June:** Today sees the Third of four First Holy Communion Masses. A time of great joys to children and their parents alike. We support them all with our prayers and best wishes.

**Canon Tom's Announcement:** Bishop Bosco has asked Canon Tom to take over as Parish Priest in Sacred Heart Parish and St. Anthony Parish in Bristol. We wish him well in his new ministry and we look forward to meeting with his successor Fr. Richard Elson. We hope he enjoys his ministry and time with us as much as Canon Tom has.

**Canon Tom's Leaving Collection:** With regards to the above notice. We are having a collection for Canon Tom throughout June. Envelopes will be distributed throughout June and you can also donate via the card readers at St. John's or by scanning the QR code on the newsletter, or by visiting the parish website and use the donation button on the first page of the Website. Please give what you can as an appreciation for all Canon Tom has done for us over the years. Many thanks.

**St John's School Summer Fayre:** Going for Gold Olympic theme with lots of fun, games and a bake off. Saturday 6th July At St John's School 12noon till 1500 £1 per adult, kids go free

**St. Thomas More's:** Tea and cake after Mass on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas More. All welcome

**Plant Sale at St. Bernadette's:** Thank you to all who helped and contributed to the plant sale at St. Bernadette's last Sunday. We raised £125 in support of the All Saint's Church Friday Club for 11 to 19 year olds in and around Westbury

**Confirmation 2024:** We are waiting for a date for Confirmation from 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.

**Hanging Baskets:** Thank you to those people who have taken hanging baskets home and returned them ready to place around the walls of the Church. They will also need to be watered, if you can spare an hour each week to use the hosepipe to water them, please place your name on the list in the porch and the dates that will be able to water them. 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](mailto: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.

**Prayer opportunities in St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist and St. Bernadette's:** For all information regarding the numerous prayer opportunities in our parishes, please see the notice board in the Church porches.

**UK Prays:** Please come on Sunday 30th June, and every last Sunday of the month, to pray the rosary for peace, cohesion and reconciliation in society. 4.30pm @Trowbridge War Memorial.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June 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. June winners as follows £200 284 John & Marion Sullivan £70 38 Damian Rhodes £50 244 Fred & Mollie Gilroy £10 105 Tony Matthews

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

**With Sadness:** It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Kathleen Ashwoth recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June in St. John's Church at 11am. We keep Robin and his family in our prayers at this time. May Kathleen rest in 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.

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