

**The Catholic Churches of
Saint John the Baptist, Trowbridge
Saint Bernadette, Westbury
& Saint Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon**



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Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul - 30th June 2024

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www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/bradfordonavon/churches/stthomasmore/

This Week's Mass Times

Sat 29 th Jun	4pm	St Thomas More's	Vigil Mass of Saints Peter and Paul	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		
Sun 30 th Jun	9am	St Bernadette's	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul	
	10.30am	St John's		
Mon 1 st Jul	No Mass		Anniversary of the Dedication of Clifton Cathedral	
Tues 2 nd Jul	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Dennis Jolly (RIP)</i>
Wed 3 rd Jul	9am	St Thomas More's	Feast of Saint Thomas	
Thurs 4 th Jul	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 5 th Jul	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Muriel O'Sullivan (RIP)</i>
Sat 6 th Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	6pm	St John's		<i>People of the Parish</i>

Confessions

Sat 3.30-3.50pm St Thomas More's
Sat 5.30-5.50pm St John's

Today's Readings



Adoration

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: "Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign with princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?" In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.

FROM FATHER RICHARD

Many thanks for the warm welcome that I have received from everyone I have met so far. I'm delighted to be with you as your new Parish Priest and look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you as quickly as possible. I'm still surrounded by boxes but I'm beginning to feel at home!

SECOND COLLECTION 29TH/30TH JUNE - PETERS' PENCE

The Peters Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune. The Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In the ninth-century, King Alfred the Great collected money – "pence" or pennies – from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

ST THOMAS MORE'S

Tea and cake after Mass on Saturday 29th June to celebrate the feast of Saint Thomas More. All welcome.

ST BERNADETTE'S DROP IN

St Bernadette's Drop in will be on Wednesday 3rd July 2pm-4pm tea, cake and chat – everyone welcome.

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 until 3pm. £1 per adult, children go free.

DIOCESAN DAY – SATURDAY 6TH JULY

This year's Diocesan Day will take place on Saturday 6th July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol. The focus of our day will be on Hope – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025. The day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass as a central part of our day. Please bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so please book early! To register for the day please

click the Eventbrite link:

<https://cliftondiocesanday.eventbrite.co.uk>

TROWBRIDGE FOOD BANK

As always, a massive thank you to all who have contributed to the Trowbridge Foodbank Collection each month. Many people rely on your generosity. The next collection will take place this weekend. Please leave you donated goods in the Church Porch at St. John's and St. Bernadette's.

NEW LECTIONARY

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. The New Lectionary will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent this year. The Catholic Truth Society and Redemptorist Publications will be publishing new people's Missals. Further information is available on their websites:

CTS <https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary-site/>

Redemptorist publications

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/your-new-sunday-missal-esv>

We will look at how our parishes can prepare for this change later in the year.

SOUP RUN VOLUNTEERS

The fifth Thursday is no longer covered by the Trowbridge Churches Soup Run. Our amazing St John's Team currently cover each Friday and every fourth Wednesday of the month. Would anyone be prepared to join a team to cater for the fifth Thursday in the month? This year there are only four fifth Thursdays (February, May, August and October) so not such a big commitment. If you would like to know more, please ring Mary Turner on 07707 628796 or 01225 767089.

CAR PARKING 10.30 MASS

Please note, overflow car-park at St. Augustine's is available every Sunday morning

300 CLUB

If you wish to join the 300 Club, please ask Father Richard or Mike Heather for an application form. They are also available on the parish website. Thank you.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

For all information regarding the numerous prayer opportunities in our parishes, please see the notice board in the Church porches.

PARISH GIVING

There are many ways you can give a donation to Parish Funds: with a monthly standing order (Ask Father Richard for a form), by using the Dona Card Reader in the Church Porch at St. John's, by a cash donation during the collections, or by using this QR Code. Thank you for your generosity.

