

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



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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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[www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/bradfordonavon/churches/stthomasmore/](http://www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/bradfordonavon/churches/stthomasmore/)

**This Week's Mass Times**

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Nick Logan (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Audrey Hill (RIP)</i>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>No Mass</b>		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>No Mass</b>		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>No Mass</b>		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	10am	St Bernadette's	Feast of Saint Benedict	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Seamus Parson (RIP)</i>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	6pm	St John's		

**Confessions**

Sat	3.30-3.50pm	St Thomas More's
Sat	5.30-5.50pm	St John's
Thurs	9.30-9.50am	St Bernadette's

**Today's Readings**



**Adoration**

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission. Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection - such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them, they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

## **SECOND COLLECTION 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> JULY – SEA SUNDAY**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

## **SAINT BERNADETTE'S TIDY-UP**

The St Bernadette social group will be tidying up the St Bernadette grounds on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 10am. We would be grateful for any help from Parishioners. If you are available, we would welcome your help.

## **CATHOLIC MOTHERS BATH & WEST WILTSHIRE**

A new group for mothers to meet once a month for Mass at St John the Evangelist's, Bath and then afterwards in the hall to share tea, cake, faith and fellowship. Children are most welcome. We will be a part of the wider Catholic Mothers network. We plan to meet for the first time on the 15<sup>th</sup> July after the 9.30 Mass. Contact Amy on 07872382979 to find out more.

## **APPEAL FOR CATECHISTS**

We will hopefully be receiving a date from Bishop Bosco for this year's Confirmation Mass. Application forms will be available as soon as a date is known, with a programme of preparation beginning in September. In the meantime, I will need some help from catechists with running this programme. I will also need some help from catechists for the First Confession and First Holy Communion programme. If you feel you may be able to help out, please let me know. The event below would be useful to attend, but not essential. Fr Richard.

## **A DAY FOR CATECHISTS**

Registration is essential for this event because space is limited. Please register with us by emailing [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) so we can keep track of the numbers. We are delighted to let you know that the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph will be returning once more to lead us in our exploration of how we form people in the Faith. Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. We hope it will also enable and inspire anyone who may not yet be a catechist but who cares about the formation of children, young people, and adults, not only for sacramental preparation but in all the in-between stages. Do join us if you can on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge. Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm.

## **CAR PARKING 10.30 MASS**

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

Monthly **second** Wednesday 10:15-11:00am St. Bernadette

Monthly **fourth** Monday 10:15-11:00am St. Thomas More (re-starts September)

## **TIME OF PRAYER**

Rosary followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monthly, last Wednesday: 10:15-11:15am St. Bernadette's

## **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.

