

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



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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th October 2024

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

This Week's Mass Times

Sat 12 th Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Edith and Walter Baker</i>
Sun 13 th Oct	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>Marie Barrett (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Anne-Marie Hunt (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Mon 14 th Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 15 th Oct	9am	St John's	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Avila	<i>Special Intention</i>
Wed 16 th Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thurs 17 th Oct	No Mass		Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch	
Fri 18 th Oct	No Mass		Feast of Saint Luke	
Sat 19 th Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Cecele Evans</i>
	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
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THE WORD THIS WEEK

In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to our own age: when Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, "his face fell at these words, and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." How sad it is that such a keen (he runs up to Jesus), and by all accounts good young man (whom Jesus loves) could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back – his dependence on money. Jesus' words "How hard it is..." perhaps indicate his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this. Jesus' teaching was new - as the disciples' reaction shows. In Israel at the time, riches were thought to be a blessing from God. But as Jesus knew and taught, holding on to anything that passes away can distract us from holding on to things that are eternal.

VACANCY – PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are seeking a positive, self-motivated and organised individual with excellent interpersonal skills for the role of Parish Administrator. The successful candidate will play a vital role in supporting the Parish Priest by overseeing all the administrative aspects of running the parish. The position requires a good foundation in office management and IT skills. It is a multi-faceted role that also involves being the first point of contact for both parishioners as well as external parties, and dealing with queries and concerns sympathetically, discreetly and professionally. Hours: Tues-Fri 9am-2pm. Salary: £12.50-£14 per hour. A DBS check will be required for this role. A job description and application form can be downloaded from the parish website: <https://www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk/> or by contacting the Parish Office trowbridge.stjohnthebaptist@cliftondiocese.com
Deadline for applications: 8th November.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY – 13th OCTOBER

We remember prisoners and their families in our prayers this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. See their website for more information about them or to donate towards their important work <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/faith/events/prisoners-sunday/>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 20th OCTOBER

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit www.missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

This Wednesday, 16th October 2024, a bill will be introduced to Parliament proposing a change in the law to permit assisted suicide, followed by a lengthy debate over the course of months. In response, Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have urged us all to get involved in the debate by speaking with friends and family and, most importantly, contacting your MP at <https://righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat>

TEA AND CHAT

Tea and Chat in St John's Parish Centre, Tuesday 22nd October at 2.30pm. Everyone very welcome.

46 DAY MARIAN CONSECRATION

We would like to invite you to join our Mary's Mantle prayer community. Starting on 28th October we will individually pray a daily rosary until 12th December when we will consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please see the parish website for further details. We will be united in our shared intentions and through our WhatsApp group.

HEALING ROSARY FOR FAMILIES – ST JOHN'S

On Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am we pray the healing rosary for all the families in our parishes and schools. Why not join us during the month of October?

ROSARY FOR PEACE – ST THOMAS MORE'S

The rosary will be said during October after the Wed 9am Mass (or at 10am if no Mass) at St Thomas More's Church.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER LIST

Envelopes for the November List are available in all of the churches. Please place the names of deceased relatives and friends for whom you wish to pray in the envelopes and place them in the basket provided. These names will be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – 1st NOV

Friday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at the following times:
10am St Bernadette's, Westbury
12noon St Thomas More's, Bradford-on-Avon
6pm St John's, Trowbridge

ALL SOULS DAY – 2nd NOV

Saturday 2nd November is All Souls Day. There will be a morning Mass at St John's at 9.30am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10th NOV

The 10.30am Mass on 10th November will be celebrated as a Mass for the Dead of the Two World Wars and subsequent conflicts, and will begin with an Act of Remembrance. Please contact Fr Richard if you would like to be involved in the Act of Remembrance.

MASS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED – 26th NOV

Mass will be celebrated for those who have recently died at 6pm on Tuesday 26th November at St John's Church. This is an opportunity to pray for our loved ones who have died in recent years, both those whose funerals have been held in our churches and those that have taken place elsewhere. Please contact Fr Richard if you would like the name of a loved one to be mentioned at this Mass. Refreshments will be provided after Mass.

DAY OF REPARATION – 17th NOVEMBER

You are invited to join in making reparation to our Blessed Lord, who is still in Agony because of our countless offences against him and against one another. There will be an opportunity to pray the Precious Blood Chaplet, and Adoration prayers before the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction. Starting at 3pm on Sunday 17th November in St John's Church. Followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Centre.

EDUCATION MASS

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass for all those involved in any way in Catholic education, at Clifton Cathedral, on Thursday 21st November at 6.00pm. This is an annual Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a diocesan family to celebrate Catholic education. This year's choir will be St Peter's High School, Gloucester. The Mass offers an opportunity for all those connected with Catholic education, teachers, staff, governors, pupils and parents, in Clifton Diocese to renew their commitment to Catholic education. Light Refreshments will be available.

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.

