

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



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**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th October 2024
Mission Sunday**

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

This Week's Mass Times

Sat 19 th Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Cecele Evans</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Ian Shipsey (RIP)</i>
Sun 20 th Oct	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Vladimir Micenec (RIP)</i>
Mon 21 st Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 22 nd Oct	6pm	St John's	Memorial of Saint John Paul II	<i>Alf Haywood</i>
Wed 23 rd Oct	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Special Intention</i>
	12.30pm	St John's	Funeral Mass	<i>Ivan Parsons (RIP)</i>
Thurs 24 th Oct	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 25 th Oct	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Justin Whitehead (RIP)</i>
Sat 26 th Oct	9.30am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	4pm	St Thomas More's	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Special Intention</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Evelyne & Romina Testa (RIP)</i>

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
Sat 26 th	9am	St John's

Morning Prayer

THE WORD THIS WEEK

It's often the case that the "values of the Gospel" contradict the "values of the World" – sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the World's life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought "among the pagans" - he will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words about the "worldly way of behaving" to heart: "This is not to happen among you."

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 20th OCTOBER

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, 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.

TEA AND CHAT – 22nd OCT

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

ST THOMAS MORE'S – 26th OCT

There will be coffee, tea and cakes after Mass on Saturday 26th October at Saint Thomas More Church. All are 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY CHILDRENS PARTY – 1st NOV

There will be an All Saints' Day bring and share party for children and their families on Friday 1st November. Craft and games from 4.45pm-5.45pm, Mass at 6pm, followed by food and games. Please bring a saint-themed craft or activity AND saint-themed food to share. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint and to bring a saint-themed pumpkin. For more information, ideas of what to bring and to sign up please email: eloisanash@hotmail.co.uk by 29th November or sign up in the parish centre after the 10.30 Mass.

END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME – 27th OCT

Please note that clocks go back one hour **next weekend**.

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.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS GOODS – ST JOHN'S

Christmas cards, candles, and crib scenes will be on sale at the repository at St John's from 20th October onwards at all week-end Masses.

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.

300 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

Prize	Number	Name
£200	6	Joan Hughes
£70	227	Claire & Bob Andrews
£50	165	Ted Rockcliffe
£10	14	Wendy Carruthers

TROWBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Thank you to all who contribute to the Trowbridge Foodbank Collection each month. The next collection will take place next weekend, 26th/27th October. Please leave you donated goods in the Church Porch at St. John's and 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.

