

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



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th October 2024

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Parish websites: www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk
www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/bradfordonavon/churches/stthomasmore/

This Week's Mass Times

Sat 26 th Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Special Intention Evelyne & Romina Testa (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		
Sun 27 th Oct	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish Jim McSherry (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	St John's		
Mon 28 th Oct	No Mass		Feast of Saints Simon and Jude	
Tues 29 th Oct	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Ivan Parsons (RIP)</i>
Wed 30 th Oct	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Olivia Smallwood (RIP)</i>
Thurs 31 st Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 1 st Nov	10am	St Bernadette's	Solemnity of All Saints	<i>People of the Parish Ivan Parsons (RIP)</i>
	12noon	St Thomas More's		
	6pm	St John's		
Sat 2 nd Nov	9.30am	St John's	Commemoration of All Souls	<i>Holy Souls Deceased relatives and friends of Barry & Zlotnicki families People of the Parish</i>
	4pm	St Thomas More's	Thirty First 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
Sat 2 nd	10.00-10.30am	St John's

Today's Readings



Adoration

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message – almost a parable – behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away – Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

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.

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.

TROWBRIDGE FOOD BANK

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

UK PRAYS – 27th OCT

UK Prays public rosary Sunday 27th October at 4.30pm Trowbridge Park War Memorial. If you would like to welcome the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home, please contact Sinead 01225 971020 haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk

HEALING ROSARY FOR FAMILIES – ST JOHN'S

During October on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am we pray the healing rosary for all the families in our parishes and schools.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina will take place at St Thomas More's Church on Monday 28th Oct. at 10.15am.

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.

TIME OF PRAYER AT ST BERNADETTE'S

The Rosary is prayed together followed by a time for private prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This continues to take place on the last Wednesday of each month, 10:15-11:00am. The next dates are 30th October and 27th November.

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.

SOUP RUN – ST JOHN'S

Due to an increase in people attending the soup run lately, would anyone be interested and able to provide an extra flask of soup and hot water until numbers fall back again hopefully? Please contact Mary Turner on 07707 628796

END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME – 27th OCT

Please note that clocks go back one hour **this 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. 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.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR – ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

St. John's Catholic Primary School Governing Board has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. The role requires commitment to a hard-working board who support the school. The board ensure Bishop Bosco's wishes, for commitment to the Catholic Faith and maintaining a high standard of education in a safe and happy environment for all our pupils. For further information please contact Mike Simmons Chair of Governors chair@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk or leave your contact details at the School Office 01225 752006

VACANCY – CLERGY WELFARE OFFICER

The Diocese is recruiting a new position to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The role will provide advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing. The successful applicant will have a full understanding of the Catholic religion and the role of priests, including empathy with their spiritual and pastoral needs, and experience of working in a healthcare setting or with social services. The role is mainly based in Bristol with travel within the Diocese as required. Part-time – 15 hours per week. For further information please see www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/ Closing date for applications: 2nd November

CLIFTON DIOCESE TRUSTEES

There is a vacancy to join the Board of Trustees of Clifton Diocese. The commitment is to attend one 3-hour meeting approximately seven times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30am in Bristol, along with membership of two education related committees which would meet six times per year. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for a position, please send your details to Alessia Dini Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by 29th November.