

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



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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe – 24th November 2024

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 23 rd Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	Solemnity of Christ the King	<i>Peter Owen (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 24 th Nov	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Deceased members of the Legion of Mary</i>
Mon 25 th Nov	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 26 th Nov	6pm	St John's	Mass for the Recently Deceased	<i>Recently Deceased</i>
Wed 27 th Nov	11am	St Thomas More's	Funeral Mass	<i>Adam Tegetmeier (RIP)</i>
Thurs 28 th Nov	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 29 th Nov	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>John & George Fanning (RIP)</i>
Sat 30 th Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	First Sunday of Advent	<i>Carlos, Pilar & Estela Ines Alvarez & Perpetua Aguirre (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>For the sick</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

Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, 'Yes, I am a king.' But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who 'serve his God and Father'. We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Bosco has written a Pastoral Letter for the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This will be read at all Masses this weekend. Copies are also available in all of the churches and on the diocesan website www.cliftondiocese.com/bishop

TROWBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Thank you to all who contribute to the Trowbridge Foodbank Collection each month. The next collection will take place this weekend, 23rd/24th November. Please leave your donated goods in the Church Porch at St. John's and St. Bernadette's.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES AND LITURGICAL DIARIES

The Diocesan Directories (£6) and Liturgical Diaries (£6.50) for 2025 are now available from all of the churches.

JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET

Pope Francis has called for the year 2025 to be a jubilee year, known as The Year of Hope. The jubilee will officially begin on 24th December 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door and will last throughout the year 2025. The Jubilee Companion Booklet 2025 is published in a collaboration with the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Companion Booklet will help pilgrims ponder and pray, focusing on the great themes of the Holy Year: hope and forgiveness, the Apostles Peter and Paul and their Basilicas in Rome, and the key places of prayer and repentance. And a whole lot more - numerous articles on being a Jubilee pilgrim, the Jubilee Icon, reflections, prayers and hymns. Booklets on sale in all churches - £1.50.

ST BERNADETTE'S DROP IN – 4th DEC

St Bernadette's Drop In will be on Wednesday 4th December from 2.00 to 4.00, an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy tea and cakes. All are welcome.

ST JOHN'S TEA AND CHAT – 10th DEC

Tea and Chat on Tuesday 10th December at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. There will be Christmas presents from Sinceris and Christmas cards and gifts from the Piety cupboard on display. (Please bring cash if you think you may like to buy something)

NEW LECTIONARY

The New Lectionary will be used from next weekend – the First Sunday of Advent. The Liturgy sheets and Universalis (the link from the newsletter) will automatically start using the new ESV translation. The Sunday Missals that were ordered through the repository are now ready for collection. The church Lectionaries will be blessed before they are used for the first time at the beginning of the relevant Masses next weekend.

CAROL SERVICE REHEARSALS – ST JOHN'S

We welcome singers to join us for choir rehearsals, we are planning on performing a couple new pieces of music which will be part of the forthcoming Carol Service in December. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday 24th Nov & Sunday 1st & 8th Dec at 6pm in St John's Trowbridge. We look forward to seeing you.

SAXON CHURCH, BRADFORD-ON-AVON – 27th NOV

Half an hour of quiet prayer by candlelight in the Saxon Church, with music and passages for reflection, and a hot drink, on the last Wednesday of the winter months – next meeting 27th November 6pm

CHARITY CONCERT – 27th NOV

Charity concert for Dorothy House at St Mary's Church, Julian Road, Bath, on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm. An evening of jazz, swing and Latin music by Bath Community Big Band. Tickets £10/under 18 £5, plus a free drink in the Parish Centre afterwards. www.bathcommunitybigband.com

MISSIO RED BOXES – ST JOHN'S

Please bring the Missio Red Boxes to church for emptying.

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.

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 in the Parish Centre after Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – ST JOHN'S

There will be children's liturgy of the word during the 10.30 Mass next Sunday, 1st December.

TRAINING FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph are offering a training session to equip leaders and helpers of the Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish. They will look at essential principles, offer models, and recommend resources. The session takes place on 14th December, 9am to 12noon. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link [here](#).

BLESSING OF BAMBINELLI – 15th DEC

This is a beautiful Advent Tradition - Bambinelli Sunday, Blessing the Christ Child - which has been celebrated in Rome for over thirty years and helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus. Each family will bring the Christ Child from its own crib or Nativity scene and the Pope blesses it during the noon Angelus that day. It is a wonderful way to bring family and parish together. Following that tradition, I encourage families to bring the baby Jesus from their own cribs to church on the Third Sunday of Advent and, at the end of Mass, I will bless the Bambinelli which have been brought to church. Everyone is welcome to take part – young and old alike. Fr Richard

PILGRIM CROSS

Pilgrim Cross is an Easter pilgrimage for all ages that walks every year to Walsingham - an ancient site of pilgrimage in Norfolk. We live and walk in community seven days before spending an amazing weekend celebrating Easter in the ruins of Walsingham Abbey. The pilgrimage is a way of celebrating Easter like no other and the friendships you make during the week last a lifetime, but what we appreciate most is the opportunity to step out of the busyness of everyday life for a week and just be. Whether you are looking to deepen your faith, find fellowship with friends or just to take some time to think, we look forward to meeting you on Pilgrim Cross. Please <https://pilgrimcross.org.uk/event/oxford-leg-24/> for an expression of interest form and some FAQ's for the Oxford leg.

CAR PARKING 10.30 MASS

Please note, overflow car-park at St. Augustine's is 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.

