

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 – 12th October 2025

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 11 th Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Eileen Syndercombe</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Justin Whitehead (RIP)</i>
Sun 12 th Oct	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Edith & Walter Baker (RIP)</i>
Mon 13 th Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 14 th Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 15 th Oct	No Mass		Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus	
Thurs 16 th Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 17 th Oct	9am	St John's	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch	<i>Catherine Boyle (RIP)</i>
Sat 18 th Oct	9.30am	St John's	Feast of Saint Luke	
	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Steve Elliott (RIP)</i>

Confessions

Sat	10.00-10.30am	St John's
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

Morning Prayer

Sat 18th 9am St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say "Thank You" – to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.

BAPTISMS

We welcome Axel King Nyarko Erskine and Chinonye Elsa Lawson into the Church family this weekend as they are Baptised. Please pray for them and their families.

FUNERAL

The Requiem Mass for Michael Norris Ettridge is on Wednesday 22nd October at St. John's Church at 11.30am. Please pray for him and his family.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Second collection next weekend- 19th October is for World Mission Sunday (Missio). The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works in England and Wales with the Mill Hill Missionary Society. In England and Wales, funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church. www.missio.org.uk

CAR PARK ST. JOHN'S CLOSED

On Monday 13th October, St. John's car park will be closed for line painting.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ICON AT ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

Following on from the blessing of the icon of St. John the Baptist on the 24th June, a number of parishioners have received this icon, and the accompanying prayer card, into their homes to pray with it for a week. Over the next few weeks the icon will be available to collect and return to St. Bernadette's. If you would like to participate in this please see the details on the noticeboard at the entrance to St. Bernadette's and add your name against the relevant date.

CATECHIST RECRUITMENT

Ahead of our next Confirmation and First Holy Communion programmes we are looking to recruit for more catechists. We are appealing to all who may feel they could contribute some time to one of these programmes. If you have an interest in youth work or catechesis and think you could help or would like more information please contact Eve in the office.

OCTOBER- MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

You are invited to join The Children's Rosary in the parish centre from 09.45 - 10.15am (before 10.30am Mass) each Sunday. All are very welcome. We give a little treat to the children to enjoy after Mass.

ROSARY ST THOMAS MORE

The Rosary will be said after each Wednesday morning Mass at St Thomas More during the month of October. All are very welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT ST. BERNADETTE'S

There will be a quiz night in the annex of St. Bernadette's on Friday 17th October at 7pm. Tickets are £3 and will be on sale in the entrance to St. Bernadette's, after Mass at St. John's or from the Parish Office. There are a limited number of tickets so book early to avoid disappointment. All very welcome.

TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE AT ST THOMAS MORE

There will be tea, coffee and cake after Mass at St Thomas More on Saturday 18th October. All welcome.

ALL SAINTS' DAY PARTY

On Saturday 1st November there will be an All Saints' Day bring and share party in St. John's Parish Centre. Craft and games will be from 4.30 – 5.45pm. Mass is at 6pm and then there will be further food and games after Mass until 8pm. For more information and to sign up (for food and games) please contact eloisanash@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS FOR A SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING GROUP

If anyone might be interested in helping raise funds for our Parishes and organising social opportunities please let Eve know.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NOVENA- 23rd OCTOBER

Starting on the 23rd October at 6pm in St. John's, and continuing once a month over the next eight months, we shall have the opportunity to meet together for Evening Prayer, St. John the Baptist Novena and Benediction. The booklet to accompany the novena includes Gospel passages relating to the life of St. John the Baptist which will offer a helpful source for prayer and reflection over the course of each month. Over the nine months this will take place three times at each of our three Churches to give all parishioners the opportunity to participate. Please do make every effort to attend this significant part of our spiritual and prayerful preparation to celebrate St. John's 150 year anniversary.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT

Our next Confirmation will be in the early summer of 2026 and preparation sessions will begin in early Spring. Our next First Holy Communion Mass will also be in the summer of 2026. Preparation classes will start for this in the New Year. Enrolment information for both will be given out in the next couple of weeks so please keep an eye on the newsletter and for announcements made after Masses.

APPEAL FOR CLEANERS FOR ST. JOHN'S

We are wondering if there is anyone who would like to/ feel called to help with the cleaning at St. John's. Our wonderful cleaning team are looking for some extra help and would greatly appreciate some extra volunteers. If you are interested, please speak to Eve.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone please bear in mind that, particularly for weekend Masses, they can be booked up to a month or more in advance. If anyone would like a specific date please check with Fr directly or leave your contact details on the envelope so Fr can contact you.

JUBILEE INDULGENCE

From Christmas Eve, 24th December 2024 until Epiphany, 6th Jan 2026 we are in a Jubilee Year. There are two potential trips to Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury, to gain a plenary indulgence, being planned. There are no specific dates yet set, but they will be on a Saturday, leaving at 7am and returning at 12 noon. If you are interested please email colin.j.whitehead@gmail.com

ENCOUNTER- CLIFTON CATHEDRAL

You are invited to Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 18th October from 9.30am – 1pm to Encounter God's love and mercy. Parish Mass is at 9.30am followed by Adoration and Confessions. There will be a time of praise and listening to the Lord as well as each other. This will be in the Apostle room, Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Paul, Clifton Park, Bristol, BS8 3BX. All welcome. For more information email pentecost@cliftondiocese.com

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

Bishop Bosco has issued a statement with Archbishop John Sherrington for Baby Loss Awareness Week which is 9th – 15th September. Please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/baby-loss-awareness-week-2025/>

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.

