

# 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 – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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### This Week's Mass Times

|                            |                |                  |                                      |                                                                              |
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| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 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>                                                   |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 9am            | St Bernadette's  |                                      | <i>Special Intention</i>                                                     |
|                            | 10.30am        | St John's        |                                      | <i>David Bath (RIP)</i>                                                      |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | <b>No Mass</b> |                  | Weekday in Ordinary Time             |                                                                              |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct  | 6pm            | St John's        | Weekday in Ordinary Time             | <i>Joaquim Fernandes (RIP)</i>                                               |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct   | 9am            | St Thomas More's | Memorial of Saint John Paul II       | <i>Pat Nelson (Ints)</i>                                                     |
|                            | 11.30am        | St John's        | Funeral Mass                         | <i>Michael Ettridge (RIP)</i>                                                |
| Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct | <b>No Mass</b> |                  | Weekday in Ordinary Time             |                                                                              |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 9am            | St John's        | Weekday in Ordinary Time             | <i>David Bath (RIP)</i>                                                      |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 4pm            | St Thomas More's | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time    | <i>Cathy (Ints)</i>                                                          |
|                            | 6pm            | St John's        |                                      | <i>Thanks (20<sup>th</sup> Wed Ann Sir Chidubem &amp; Lady Ogech Obiodu)</i> |

### Confessions

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| 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

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| Thurs | 9.30-10.30am | St John's |
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### Evening Prayer, Novena & Benediction

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| Thurs | 6pm | St John's |
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## THE WORD THIS WEEK

Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, "Lord, it is enough!" Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say "Lord, I can go no further." Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY- SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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 be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. 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](http://www.missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

## FUNERAL

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

## WEDDING- ST THOMAS MORE

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October Rhys Morgan and Hannah Kelly will be joined in Holy Matrimony at St Thomas More. We ask to pray for their union and future life together as Husband and Wife.

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary are now meeting on Mondays in the Parish Centre at 7pm. The next meeting is this Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you are interested in becoming a member or learning more about the Legion of Mary and what we do, please do come along. Open to all- you would be most welcome.

## TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE AT ST THOMAS MORE

There will be tea, coffee and cake after Mass at St Thomas More this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE

Lectio Divina will next be at St Thomas More on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 10.15am for about 45 minutes. All welcome.

## FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Please consider donating long life food items to the food bank collection. A list of suitable items is on the notice board at St. John's or can be emailed to you- please ask Eve. The next collection is next weekend- 25/26<sup>th</sup> October from St. John's.

## 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.

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NOVENA- 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER

Starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## ALL SAINTS' DAY PARTY

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:eloisanash@hotmail.co.uk)

## JUBILEE INDULGENCE

From Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:colin.j.whitehead@gmail.com)

## CHAPLAINCY AND YOUTH MINISTRY MEMBER

The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust are very excited to recruit Chaplaincy and Youth Ministry team members to support the primary schools within our Trust with chaplaincy and youth ministry. These roles will be to work across six primary schools in the first instance and so a willingness to travel between those schools (across Gloucestershire) either by own transport or using public transport or lift shares is necessary. There are 2 positions available and closing date for applications is 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. For further details please email: Charlotte Blanch, CEO of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust [c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk](mailto:c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk)

## NEURODIVERSITY AND OUR FAITH RESEARCH

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys: [www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys)

## ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

The PTA are hosting a car boot sale at St. John's School on 1<sup>st</sup> November between 10am- 1pm. All welcome. On 20<sup>th</sup> November they will be hosting a Christmas Market from 5.30- 8pm which is again open to all to attend.

## OCTOBER 300 CLUB RESULTS

| Prize | Number | Name              |
|-------|--------|-------------------|
| £200  | 113    | Coleman family    |
| £70   | 238    | Margaret Talarico |
| £50   | 57     | Martin Micenic    |
| £10   | 32     | Ann Willis        |

## 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.

