

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



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Solemnity of All Saints – 2nd November 2025

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 1 st Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	Solemnity of All Saints	Mary Gaisford (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		Mary Alice Wynne (RIP)
Sun 2 nd Nov	9am	St Bernadette's		People of the Parish
	10.30am	St John's		Etelvina Braganza (RIP)
Mon 3 rd Nov	9am	St John's	Commemoration of All Souls	Holy Souls
Tues 4 th Nov	9.15am	St John's	Memorial Mass	Adrian Smith (RIP) (1 st Ann)
	6pm	St John's	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo	Mary Madden (RIP)
Wed 5 th Nov	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Fr Conrad (RIP)
Thurs 6 th Nov	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention
Fri 7 th Nov	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of Donors
Sat 8 th Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Kieron D'Arcy (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		Richard Morgan (RIP)

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
Thurs	9.30-9.50am	St Bernadette's

Today's Readings



Thurs	9.30-10.30am	St John's
Fri 8 th Nov	8.00-9.00pm	St John's

Adoration

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"A huge number, impossible to count" – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully, and who now rejoice in the Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the "anonymous" saints, whose names we don't remember - but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own "journey of perfection". What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beatitudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit - these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. They are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the "named" saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose name we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margaret Eedle from Bradford-on-Avon died this week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

BAPTISM

Please welcome Logan Bojanowski into the family of the Church as he is baptised this Saturday 1st November at Saint John's.

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

On Saturday 1st November, Pope Leo will declare Saint John Henry Newman, our most recently canonised English Saint, to be a Doctor of the Church. Pope Leo has also designated Newman as co-patron of Education, alongside St Thomas Aquinas. The Papal Proclamation Mass will begin at 9.30am and can be watched online with [EWTN](#) or on the [Vatican website](#). See the Bishops Conference website for more information about Newman <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/newman-doctor-of-the-church/>

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL - 1st/ 2nd NOV

Steve Riedlinger from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will be visiting our churches this weekend to talk about ACN's response to recent crises and how we can support suffering and persecuted Christians. There will be a further opportunity to support this Catholic charity through prayer and giving.

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.

ST BERNADETTE'S DROP IN

St Bernadette's drop in will be on Wednesday 5th November from 2pm-4pm for tea, cake and chat. All are welcome.

INTRODUCTION TO LECTIO DIVINA – ST JOHN'S

There will be an introduction to Lectio Divina on Saturday 8th November at 9am at St. John's. In Lectio Divina we listen together as the word of God is read out loud and, in the time that follows, we have the opportunity to sit in silence and reflect personally on how God is speaking directly to us in the words that we have heard and to seek to understand how we can put this into action in our own lives. With Lectio Divina regularly taking place at both St. Bernadette's and St. Thomas More's, we are now looking at the possibility of starting this at St. John the Baptist. If you feel you might be interested in this then do come along to St. John's on the 8th. If you have a Sunday Missal, please bring this with you. All welcome.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 9th NOV

The 10.30am Mass on 9th 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.

PASTORAL AREA OF ST OLIVER PLUNKETT

Bishop Bosco has appointed me as Vicar Forane (Dean) of our Pastoral Area, which includes, Bath, Trowbridge and the surrounding area. Clergy from our Pastoral Area will be coming to St John's for a Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious on Tuesday 11th November at 12noon. Parishioners are welcome to join us for this occasion. Fr Richard.

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

The PTA are hosting a Christmas Market on 20th November from 5.30- 8pm which is open to all to attend.

PARISH CATHOLICISM COURSE

The Catholicism Course is next taking place on Sun 9th Nov from 5-6.45pm. The remaining sessions shall be as following and all are welcome:
9th Nov: A Body Both Suffering and Glorious – The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church
16th Nov: Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: Mystery of the Church's Sacraments & Worship
23rd Nov: A Vast Company of Witnesses – The Communion of Saints
7th Dec: The Fire of His Love – Prayer and the Life of the Spirit
14th Dec: World Without End – The Last Things
Contact wof@damianrhodes.com if you would like to be included in the email distribution list for this course

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT

Our next First Holy Communion and First Confession preparation programme will start on 29th January and run on certain Thursday evenings at St. John's Parish Centre until June (dates will be given to parents upon registration). If your child has been Baptised and is in school year 3 and above you can enrol them by filling in the online form: [First Holy Communion Registration 2026](#) Alternatively, the form can be found on the parish website. Deadline for registration is 5th December. There will be no registrations past this date.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

Our next Confirmation preparation programme will start on the 28th April 2026 and run every Tuesday evening at St. John's Parish Centre for 7 weeks (not including May half term) with an additional retreat day (to be announced). If your child is in school year 9 or above and has taken their First Holy Communion you can enrol them by filling in the online form (Please note a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate needs to be emailed/given to Eve along with the registration form in order for your child to be allocated a place on the programme): [Confirmation 2026 enrolment form](#) Alternatively, the form can be found on the parish website. Deadline for registration is 5th December. No registrations will be taken after this date.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are now fully booked until Christmas (except for a few Thursday mornings at St. Bernadette's). Please contact me if you would like to book a Mass Intention for a particular date in the coming year. Bookings are being taken for the whole of 2026 but do contact me in person or by phone or email to check availability. Fr Richard

PARISH SKIING TRIP- 23rd JAN RETURNING 1st FEB

Skiing 2026 to Valmeinier, France. £1263PP incl. transport by coach from Trowbridge, half board accommodation with afternoon tea, coffee and cakes and evening meal with wine, 6-day lift pass and equipment hire with Carte Neige Mountain Rescue. Everybody is welcome on this skiing trip being organised to help pay for the new roof for St John's. Lessons are not included but available (at extra cost) for those who are not yet experienced in skiing. The trip is being organised by Alf Haywood who is a very experienced skier, has been skiing for over sixty years and has organised many trips over the years so please contact him for all the details on 07973 166602, email: haywoodalf@gmail.com

ADVENT RETREAT DAY: LIFE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

27th June 2026 marks the 150-year anniversary of the opening of the Church of St. John the Baptist. One of our key prayer and faith focused events in preparation for this celebration is our Advent Retreat Day which will be taking place on 13th December 2025 (10am-3pm, with coffee and tea from 9:30am). This will be led by Fr. John Hemer MHM who will be delivering two talks on the life of St. John the Baptist. There will be also times for prayer and for quiet, with Morning Prayer, Mass and Adoration and a time for meeting socially over lunch (please bring a packed lunch with you). Full details can be found on the noticeboards at each of our three churches. To give us an idea of the number of parishioners planning to attend this, there will be someone with a sign-up sheet at each Mass over these next two weekends. All welcome.