

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



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## Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Remembrance Sunday

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### This Week's Mass Times

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|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> 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)   |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov    | 9am            | St Bernadette's  |                                                  | People of the Parish   |
|                            | 10.30am        | St John's        | Mass for the Dead                                | War Dead               |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | <b>No Mass</b> |                  | Memorial of Saint Leo the Great                  |                        |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 12noon         | St John's        | Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Pastoral Area    | Deceased clergy        |
|                            | 6pm            | St John's        | Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours                | Mary Gaisford (RIP)    |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 9am            | St Thomas More's | Memorial of Saint Josaphat                       | Special Intention      |
| Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 10am           | St Bernadette's  | Weekday in Ordinary Time                         | Michael Ettridge (RIP) |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 9am            | St John's        | Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese | Katie Curran           |
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 4pm            | St Thomas More's | Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time             | Mary Gaisford (RIP)    |
|                            | 6pm            | St John's        |                                                  | People of the Parish   |

### 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        |
| Thurs | 9.30-9.50am   | St Bernadette's  |

### Today's Readings



### Adoration

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| Thurs | 9.30-10.30am | St John's |
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## THE WORD THIS WEEK

A most unusual feast! The Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome – an ancient church first built near the walls of the city of Rome by the Emperor Constantine at the beginning of the fourth century. Every Diocese in the world celebrates the feast of the Dedication of their own Cathedral, since the cathedral is the “mother and head” of all the churches in the Diocese. The Lateran Basilica, since it is the place where the Pope has his “cathedra” or Episcopal throne, has the title “Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the World”. On this day we both celebrate and pray for the unity of those churches gathered in communion with the successor of Saint Peter. The marbles and mosaics of the Lateran, which together form a splendid and beautiful building, are a sign of the beauty of God's family, the Church, gathered in worship – the living stones of the temple of the Lord. This is a day to reflect on how this building, and cathedrals and churches everywhere are not just meeting-places, but visible signs to the world of the Body of Christ in prayer.

## **MISSION APPEAL- 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> NOV**

On the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Nov there will be an appeal from the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales for the work and projects undertaken by many Missionary Religious Communities of Women in England and Wales.

## **FUNERAL**

The funeral for Margaret Eedle will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am at St Thomas More. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

## **BAPTISM**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November we welcome Harry Dillon in to the family of the Church as he is Baptised at St. John's. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

## **LECTIO DIVINA ST. BERNADETTE'S**

This continues on the second Wednesday of each month, 10.15 – 11am. The next date is the 12<sup>th</sup> November. If you have a Sunday missal please bring this with you. All welcome.

## **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Choir practice for this year's Carol Service will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec from 6-7pm at St. John's. We welcome members from all of our three churches to come together and rehearse for this year's Carol Service.

## **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.

## **THE CHURCHES OF ST JOHN'S, ST BERNADETTE'S AND ST THOMAS MORE CAROL SERVICE**

We welcome parishioners from all of our three churches to come together and start the Christmas season off with a beautiful celebration of readings, carols and Christmas music. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm at St. John's.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS IN AID OF THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUND**

We have a talented artist within our Parishes who has painted some original artwork which have been made into Christmas cards. They will be on sale after Mass at St. John's shortly and all profits will go to the funds for the building and roof works at St John's so please consider them for your Christmas Cards this year.

## **QUIZ NIGHT- FRI 28<sup>th</sup> NOV**

In aid of fundraising for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (including works at St. John's). Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. Teams of 4, 5 or 6. £5 a ticket, includes nibbles. BYOB. Contact Mike Heather for tickets: 01225 762966, mob: 07712662672

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon. Parishioners are welcome to join us for this occasion. Fr Richard.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT**

Our next First Holy Communion and First Confession preparation programme will start on 29<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no registrations past this date.

## **CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT**

Our next Confirmation preparation programme will start on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 in 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 5<sup>th</sup> December. No registrations will be taken after this date.

## **PARISH CATHOLICISM COURSE**

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

## **DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES**

The Diocesan Directories (£6) for 2026 are now available from all of the churches.

## **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- 23<sup>rd</sup> JAN RETURNING 1<sup>st</sup> FEB**

Skiing 2026 to Valmeinier, France. £1263PP incl. transport by coach from Trowbridge, half board accommodation with afternoon tea 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](mailto:haywoodalf@gmail.com)

## **ADVENT RETREAT DAY: LIFE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET**

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

## **HOLY MASS AND TALK BY FR PRUSAKIEWICZ**

St. Benedict's Church, Stratton-on-the-Fosse. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6pm. Further details on Posters at all three churches.