

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



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Third Sunday of Easter – 19th April 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 18 th Apr	4pm	St Thomas More's	Third Sunday of Easter	<i>Chris, Zdzisia, Irus (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Michelle Harris (RIP)</i>
Sun 19 th Apr	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Judith Champ (RIP)</i>
	12.30pm	St John's		<i>Private Intention</i>
Mon 20 th Apr	No Mass		Weekday of Easter	
Tues 21 st Apr	6pm	Parish Centre Hall	Weekday of Easter	<i>Laurence Wynne (RIP)</i>
Wed 22 nd Apr	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday of Easter	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs 23 rd Apr	10am	St Bernadette's	Solemnity of Saint George	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri 24 th Apr	9am	Parish Centre Hall	Weekday of Easter	<i>Catherine Boyle (RIP)</i>
Sat 25 th Apr	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fourth Sunday of Easter	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>People of the Parish</i>

Confessions

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
Sat 25 th	10.00-10.30am	St John's

Today's Readings



Evening Prayer, Novena & Benediction

Thurs 6pm St Bernadette's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

During the Season of Easter we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples. Today's gospel is one of the loveliest accounts of his appearing. Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death. This is very close to the way in which the neophytes (newly baptised) would continue to be taught, through hearing the scriptures, during Easter. We should take to ourselves the words of the Gospel Acclamation: "Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us."

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK- CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The collection taken across the Diocese enables the Bishop to support those who offer themselves for training for the Diocesan priesthood. This fund enables the Bishop to fund their training at seminary and offer them a grant during their years of formation. The fund, at times, is also used to support the on-going formation opportunities for clergy in our Diocese and formation of permanent Deacons.

SAFEGUARDING LEAFLET FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Attached the newsletter that has been sent out via our database is a safeguarding leaflet from the diocese that must be read by all volunteers please. This forms part of your training. For those who are not in receipt of the emailed version of the newsletter please contact Eve in the office and I will email you a copy. It is very important that all volunteers, in whatever capacity, read this please.

DECORATING- ST. JOHN'S

The Church remains closed during the week whilst the decorating is going on. Weekday Masses will continue to be in the Parish Centre. There will be additional 12.30pm Masses this Sunday and next Sunday to accommodate the reduced seating so please do consider coming to these. If the toilet is needing to be accessed you will need to go out through the main entrance and come back into the church through the west door (outside the toilet). You must not go under the scaffolding. Thank you for your understanding.

NEWLY PAINTED WALLS- ST. JOHN'S

Please can parishioners be very careful when seated next to the newly painted walls. We have already had significant scratches and staining that need to be remedied.

AN INVITATION: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST NOVENA

On Thursday 23rd April at 6pm, St. Bernadette's we will have day 7 of our Novena. As a significant part of our spiritual and prayerful preparation to celebrate St. John's 150th anniversary in June this year, all are invited to Evening Prayer, St. John the Baptist Novena and Benediction. All welcome.

LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE

This is next on Mon 27th April from 10.15am for approximately 45 minutes. All welcome.

APRIL FOOD BANK- ST. JOHN'S

April's food bank collection will be next weekend- Sat 25th and Sun 26th April. There is a list of suitable items on the noticeboard in the entrance porch at St. John's or alternatively please ask Eve in the office. Please do consider donating to this worthwhile cause.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ICON AT ST. JOHN'S

Following on from the blessing of the icon of St. John the Baptist on the 24th June last year, 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. John the Baptist's. If you would like to participate in this please see the details on the noticeboard and add your name against the relevant date.

ST.AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC INSPECTION REPORT

The staff and governors of St. Augustine's are delighted to report they received Outstanding (the highest grading) across all areas in their recent Catholic School's inspection. This inspection is not an Ofsted inspection but assesses the Catholic life, religious education and the prayer and worship of a whole school and is assessed against a set framework. To access the report please see: [Section 48 Published Inspection Report March 26.pdf](#) and to see the Headteacher's letter to parents please see: [Letter from Mr Dowle 15 April 26.pdf](#)

SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY FUND- POSTPONED

It has been decided to postpone this event due to other activities currently ongoing and the forthcoming 150th celebrations.

DIOCESAN DAY: 'JOY OF LOVE'

Only a few tickets remaining! On Sat 4th July, Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him for the diocesan day at Downside Abbey to celebrate the 'Joy of Love'. In addition to the adult programme there will be a children's and young people's programme. For your free ticket you need to book. Please see the following link: <https://joyoflove.eventbrite.co.uk>

DIOCESAN ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES- BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

This Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Bosco MacDonald with the Catholic Association of Lourdes UK. Friday 21st - Friday 28th August 2026. Price Includes Airport transfers from Bristol to Birmingham Airport, Flights to Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées Airport, hotel transfers and the full pilgrimage. For more information or to book please see: <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes/>

SYMPOSIUM TO EXPLORE THE TEACHINGS OF POPE LEO IN HIS APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION 'DILEXI TE'

'Now is the Time' is a Symposium to explore the teachings of Pope Leo in his Apostolic Exhortation 'Dilexi Te' (Love for the Poor) at St Brendan's College, Brislington, on Saturday 30 May. Our keynote speakers will be Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Sir John Battle KC*SG and Raymond Friel (CSAN). We will start the day at 10am (refreshments from 9.30am) and finish at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To register for the day please use the Eventbrite link: <https://dilexite.eventbrite.co.uk>

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

On Tuesday 5th May 2026, the Diocese of Clifton will be observing the National Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. The theme for this year's Day of Prayer looks at Domestic Abuse which causes pain and fear that prevent its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. This day invites us to pause as a Diocesan family to: Pray for all survivors and victims of domestic abuse, acknowledge the profound impact of abuse within families and relationships and commit ourselves anew to listening, safeguarding, and creating safe spaces in our Church communities. We recognise that this day may be especially challenging for some, and we encourage anyone who is affected to seek support. The Clifton Diocese Safeguarding Team is available to listen, offer support, and respond to safeguarding concerns with care, respect, and confidentiality. Tel: 01179540993 Email: safeguarding@cliftondiocese.com

ENCOUNTER 2026- FROM EASTERTIDE TO PENTECOST

Join us for a series of inspiring evenings exploring how the Holy Spirit calls, guides and sends each of us on mission in our vocations. Our first speaker is Harry Sadd, aged 16. In person at Clifton Cathedral (or livestream or YouTube after the event) Tuesdays, 21 April – 19 May | 7:00–9:00pm.

For more information: Encounter@cliftondiocese.com or ring Ann on 07815 751 556.

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.

