

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



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## Fourth Sunday of Easter – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Good Shepherd Sunday

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### This Week's Mass Times

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fourth Sunday of Easter	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>Holy Souls</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Muriel Fitzharris (RIP)</i>
	12.30pm	St John's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>No Mass</b>		Weekday of Easter	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6pm	Parish Centre Hall	Weekday of Easter	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9am	St Thomas More's	Feast of Saint Catherine of Sienna	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday of Easter	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>7.30pm</b>	St John's	Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker	<i>Sheilagh Boylen (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30am	St John's	Memorial of Saint Athanasius	
	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<i>Finn and Martin Families (Ints)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>People of the Parish</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
Thurs	9.30-9.50am	St Bernadette's

### Today's Readings



### Adoration & Benediction

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 8-9pm St John's

### Morning Prayer

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am St John's

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday', because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel today 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'. Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we 'go through Jesus, the gate' by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

## **PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP BOSCO MCDONALD THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend there is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Bosco McDonald about vocations to the priesthood that will be read out at all Masses. Copies will be available at all Churches and emailed out with the newsletter. If you would like a copy emailed to you please ask Eve.

## **ADDITIONAL WEEK OF CLOSURE FOR DECORATION WORKS AT ST. JOHN'S**

There will be an extra week of decoration needed meaning the Church will be closed until the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May. There will, therefore, be an additional 12.30pm Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May as well as this weekend. Week day Masses will continue to be in the Parish Centre.

## **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND-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. There are gift aid envelopes available at all Churches or alternatively donations can be made using the card machines or via the website.

## **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.

## **COFFEE, TEA AND CAKES AFTER MASS- ST THOMAS MORE**

Coffee, tea and cakes will be after Mass this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome.

## **APRIL FOOD BANK- ST. JOHN'S**

April's food bank collection will be this weekend- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> and Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE**

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

## **TIME OF PRAYER AT ST. BERNADETTE'S**

The Rosary is prayed together followed by a time for private prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This continues to take place on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.15-11.00am. The next date is 29<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome.

## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE**

For all those who have already been enrolled on the Confirmation preparation course a reminder that the course starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm- 8.30pm in the Parish Centre.

## **ST. BERNADETTE'S DROP IN**

The next drop in will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm. Do come along for some delicious cake. All welcome.

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

Following on from the blessing of the icon of St. John the Baptist on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **DR SCOTT HANN VISIT**

Dr Scott Hann is a Catholic writer, author, broadcaster and teacher. He is coming to this country in May and will be speaking at St John the Evangelist in Bath on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm (doors from 6pm). It will be a ticketed event only at £20 per person. This is a truly great opportunity for our diocese to welcome Dr Hahn -You will not want to miss this great speaker. To buy a ticket please see: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/oicym1qd>

## **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<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Encounter@cliftondiocese.com) or ring Ann on 07815 751 556.

## **CAFOD: STAND WITH SUDAN**

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, CAFOD asks for your help: "So many in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger and disease. That is why I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence." Donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/stand-with-sudan>

## **APRIL 300 CLUB RESULTS**

Prize	Number	Name
£200	220	Roger Henderson
£70	258	Anna Storey
£50	206	Angela McAuley
£10	54	Francesca Cunningham

## **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.

