

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



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Easter Sunday – 5th April 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 4 th Apr	8.30pm	St John's	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	<i>Evelyne & Romina Testa (RIP)</i>
Sun 5 th Apr	9am	St Bernadette's	Easter Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10am	St Thomas More's		
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Michael Brennan (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Mon 6 th Apr	No Mass		Monday within the Easter Octave	
Tues 7 th Apr	6pm	Parish Centre Hall	Tuesday within the Easter Octave	<i>John & Frances Fanning (RIP)</i>
Wed 8 th Apr	9am	St Thomas More's	Wednesday within the Easter Octave	<i>Andrew Barry (Ints)</i>
Thurs 9 th Apr	10am	St Bernadette's	Thursday within the Easter Octave	<i>Special Intention</i>
Fri 10 th Apr	9am	Parish Centre Hall	Friday within the Easter Octave	<i>Intentions of Donors</i>
Sat 11 th Apr	4pm	St Thomas More's	Second Sunday of Easter	<i>Jeffrey Parkes (RIP) (Ann)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Mary Barlow (RIP)</i>

Confessions

Thurs	9.30-9.50am	St Bernadette's
Sat 11 th	10.00-10.30am	St John's
Sat 11 th	3.30-3.50pm	St Thomas More's
Sat 11 th	5.30-5.50pm	St John's

Today's Readings



Fri 8.00-9.00pm St John's

Adoration

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Many people saw Jesus die. We venerated an image of his cross on Good Friday. Crosses and crucifixes are the central symbols of Christianity. No-one saw him rise again, and only the eyes of faith can sustain us in our belief that he overcame death. Extraordinarily, in the Gospel on Easter Sunday, the voice of Jesus is not heard - as at Christmas, the second greatest feast of the year. Women are the first to hear the news of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene is mentioned by three evangelists as one of the first to see the empty tomb, but does not know what it means: she only thinks Jesus has been taken away. Peter doesn't understand either; it is only the beloved disciple who realises what 'rising from the dead' means, and presumably tells the others. Nevertheless, Peter is seen in the first reading preaching as a witness to the risen Christ - he 'ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.' If we feel rather bereft - they have taken the Lord away - we can learn from the reactions of the people who were there, and follow their journey to faith, through amazement and fear to joy. We too have eaten and drunk with Jesus. We do it at every Mass.

BISHOP BOSCO'S EASTER MESSAGE

Bishop Bosco has released his 2026 Easter Message. Please click below to see the video/ read the message.
<https://ymlp.com/zjDXFe>

EASTERTIDE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The collection at Easter Sunday Masses is for the Easter Offerings for the Parish Priest. Envelopes are available at all churches. The card machines and the Parish Website can also be used for offerings.

ST. BERNADETTE'S DISABLED PARKING BAY

The disabled parking bay has had to be moved over so it is next to the fence. If you use the disabled bay please reverse in to the space so you have the clearance on the drivers side to open the door fully. If you drive in frontways the driver's door won't have the clearance to open fully.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CLOSED FOR DECORATING

St. John's church will be closed from Tuesday 7th April until Friday 1st May. Sunday Masses will still be in church with reduced seating capacity, therefore there will be an extra 12.30pm Mass on Sunday 12th, 19th and 26th April. Please consider coming to this extra Mass.

FIRST AID COURSE- MONDAY 13TH APRIL

For all those who have booked on to the first aid course- it will be in the Parish Centre. Please arrive by 8.50am and bring a packed lunch with you. The course aims to finish by 4pm. Please wear loose clothing for the practical elements.

SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY FUND

There is going to be a sponsored walk on Sunday 10th May to raise funds for the works happening at St. John's. A number of volunteers and helpers will be needed for this so if you are free and able to help please contact either Mike Heather: mike284305@btinternet.com or Anne Howard: annehoward0@gmail.com

CLIFTON DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING OFFICER VACANCY

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team at Alexander House, Bristol part-time (21 hrs per week: Wed to Fri).

The successful applicant will need to have comprehensive knowledge and experience of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Policing, Social Work, Health or Probation. For further information about this role please visit www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/working-for-us or contact Janice Pearson or Tracey Holford, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. The closing date for applications is Fri 10th April with interviews on Thurs 16th April.

OUR COMMON HOME: ENGAGING POLITICIANS

With the May local elections fast approaching, now is an important time to let politicians know your views on climate and justice. Following a meeting with the Catholic Diocesan Environment Leads of England and Wales, an alliance of organisations has come together to offer parishioners guidance on key environmental issues and to help them engage local politicians in dialogue about defending our common home and safeguarding the dignity of all our brothers and sisters. This guidance is being offered via an online meeting with Bishop John Arnold on April 13th at 6.30pm. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/delpolitics>

DIOCESAN DAY: 'JOY OF LOVE'

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 programme (including visits to the Grotto of the Apparitions, Mass each day, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Sacrament of Reconciliation, visits to sites related to St Bernadette, Open air Mass in the Cite-San- Pierre, Water Gesture, Station of the Cross). For an extra charge there will be a Diocesan Day Trip to Bartres. For more information or to book please see: <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/lourdes/>

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

MARCH FOR LIFE UK PRESENTS COMMISSIONED: PRO-LIFE MEN'S CONFERENCE

Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

From Fri 17th April to Sun 19th April the Bernadine Cistercians of Esquermes are hosting a weekend for women in their 20s, 30s and 40s who have not already made a life commitment to experience monastic life. For further information

PRAYER-LIVE IN

From Friday 15th May to Sunday 17th May The Bernadine Cistercians of Esquermes invite you to the Monastery of Our Lady and St. Bernard in Stroud to experience prayer in the Christian tradition. There will be talks, group prayer and independent prayer times. "We invite you to enter into the rhythm of prayer that shapes every day in the monastery, and to take time to listen in silence with the ear of your heart." For further info please email: bookings_brownhill@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH CENTRE

Please spread the word about our wonderful Parish Centre- as a conference facility it is suitable for many uses and is bookable by phoning Becky in the office. We need to be taking in more bookings so please do let family, friends and colleagues know it is available.

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.

