

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



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Sixth Sunday of Easter – 10th May 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 9 th May	4pm	St Thomas More's	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Bishop Bosco MacDonald</i>
Sun 10 th May	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>Private Intention</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Pat & George Fanning (RIP)</i>
Mon 11 th May	No Mass		Weekday of Easter	
Tues 12 th May	6pm	St John's	Weekday of Easter	<i>Phil & Sarah McCawley (RIP)</i>
Wed 13 th May	6pm	St John's	Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs 14 th May	10am	St Bernadette's	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	<i>Private Intention</i>
	12noon	St Thomas More's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	1.30pm	St John's		<i>Anthony Ronan (RIP)</i>
Fri 15 th May	9am	St John's	Weekday of Easter	<i>Intentions of Donors</i>
Sat 16 th May	4pm	St Thomas More's	Seventh Sunday of Easter	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Liz Harris (RIP)</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

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday 14th May is a Holyday of Obligation- the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Masses will be at 10am at St. Bernadette's; 12noon at St Thomas More and 1.30pm at St. John's. The Vigil will be on Wednesday 13th May at St. John's at 6pm

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend is for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN). The CCN delivers the bishops' message to the media and to the wider world. It is the media office of the Bishops' Conference and exists primarily to serve the various departments, offices, agencies and consultative bodies of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Conference has six departments: Catholic Education and Formation, Christian Life and Worship, Evangelisation and Discipleship, Dialogue and Unity, International Affairs and Social Justice. The Catholic Communications Network works to serve the multimedia needs of the departments: broadcast, print and online. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/news-and-media/>

DECORATION WORKS AT ST. JOHN'S

The Church will now be open again during the week for private prayer and week day Masses (although there will still be some works going on. The Church will be closed again at the beginning of June for re-carpetting).

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE

For all those who have already been enrolled on the Confirmation preparation course a reminder that we still need copies of all Baptism Certificates please. If your child was Baptised at one of our three Churches, you must email Eve to let us know so the record can be verified. Your child will not be able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation without having seen their Baptism Certificate.

LECTIO DIVINA ST. BERNADETTE'S

This continues on the second Wednesday of each month. 10.15-11.00am. The next date is 13th May. If you have a Sunday Missal please bring this with you. All welcome.

SPECIAL TEA AND CHAT- ST. JOHN'S

On Thursday 28th May at 2.30 pm, Tea and Chat will be in the Parish Centre to celebrate Maureen Fitcher's 100th birthday. Everyone is very welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- 27TH JUNE

We are in desperate need of volunteers for the 150th anniversary fun day on 27th June at St. Augustine's School. If you can spare some time please contact Eve in the office.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COFFEE ROTA

We are in need of more volunteers for the Sunday morning Coffee Rota at St John's. The more people on the rota, the less onerous the commitment so please do consider joining if you can.

ST. BERNADETTE'S PLANT SALE

On Sunday 17th May after the 9am Mass St. Bernadette's will be hosting their annual plant sale. Cash only sales. Bring plants either before Mass or anytime on the Saturday and leave on the path by the side of the Church.

GOVERNOR VACANCY ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governors of St. Johns Primary School are reaching out to parishioners who may be interested in becoming a future Foundation Governor. Governors play a strategic role in the school which includes monitoring performance, welfare and representing the Bishop. For more information on the role please contact the Chair, Mike Simmons: chair@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk

DR SCOTT HAHN VISIT

Dr Scott Hahn 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 26th 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>

INVESTITURE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

On Saturday 23rd May, the eve of Pentecost, there will be a distribution and investiture of the Miraculous Medal in the Church of Our Lady & St Alphege, Oldfield Park, Bath which will be followed by Exposition, Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall. Further details on the flyer on the noticeboard.

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 30th 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>

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. In person at Clifton Cathedral (or livestream or YouTube after the event) Tuesdays 21st April – 19th May from 7.00–9.00pm. For more information: Encounter@cliftondiocese.com or ring Ann on 07815 751 556.

TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

From Fri 12th June to Sun 14th June at the Monastery of Our Lady and St. Bernard, Brownhill, Stroud the Bernadine Cistercians of Esquermes invite you to a weekend to ponder the statement: Jesus offers us tools to help us make our journey towards God lighter and easier. Fr. Gerard Magee will share his exploration on Discernment, Discipleship, Discipline and Abandonment. To find out more or book: 01453 488174 or bookings_brownhill@yahoo.co.uk

CATHOLIC MIRACLE RALLY

Cor et Lumen Christi are hosting their annual miracle rally on Sat 20th June from 10am- 9.30pm at Friends Meeting House in London. The Catholic Miracle Rally celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing, loving power of His Spirit is moving in His Church today. There will be inspirational talks, joyful praise, intimate worship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Holy Mass, prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, an open miracle healing service and a special Fire and Light celebration. So if you are seeking more of God and His love and power or healing in body or soul, come and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome. To book: [Catholic Miracle Rally 26 \(20-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

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.

