

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



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Seventh Sunday of Easter – 17th May 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

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| 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> |
| Sun 17 th May | 9am | St Bernadette's | | <i>Ann Banes (Ints)</i> |
| | 10.30am | St John's | | <i>Esmeraldo Baula (Ints)</i> |
| Mon 18 th May | No Mass | | Weekday of Easter | |
| Tues 19 th May | No Mass | | Memorial of Saint Dunstan | |
| Wed 20 th May | 9am | St Thomas More's | Weekday of Easter | |
| Thurs 21 st May | 10am | St Bernadette's | Weekday of Easter | <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Fri 22 nd May | 9am | St John's | Weekday of Easter | <i>Philomena Wright (RIP)</i> |
| Sat 23 rd May | 4pm | St Thomas More's | Vigil Mass of Pentecost | |
| | 6pm | St John's | | <i>Carmela & Anthony Mercieca (RIP)</i> |

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

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

Evening Prayer, Novena & Benediction

Thurs 6pm St Thomas More's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The seventh Sunday of Easter falls between the two solemnities of Ascension Day and Pentecost. We might find an image for this in-between-time of the liturgical year in the Acts of the Apostles. There we read of Mary and the disciples of Jesus gathered together in the Upper Room and devoting themselves to prayer. This was the original novena, or nine days of prayer. It was a time of learning to know Jesus in a new and deeper way, no longer according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. The disciples came to terms with the loss of Jesus' visible presence at his Ascension into heaven, and were made ready to recognise him again when they were filled with his Spirit at Pentecost. We too must learn to live without craving tangible assurances and consolations; we must learn to live by faith alone, regardless of our feelings, being anchored in the secret, but ever dependable grace of the Spirit. This season is an image of the present age, the time of the Church. All Christians await the Lord's return, his final, visible manifestation. But, for the present, we live in the now of grace, the not yet of glory. At this time our faith and hope and love are being trained, being made deeper and stronger by delay, so that, at the last, we may be filled with joy at his presence.

BAPTISM

This Saturday 16th May we welcome into the family of the Church Maya Borowska and Gabriel Cozma as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for them and their families.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this 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/>

MISSIO RED BOXES

Can all Missio red boxes that need to be emptied be brought to St. John's over the next few weeks so they can be emptied. Many thanks

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.

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.

LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE

This will next be happening on Tuesday 26th May from 10.15am-11am. Please note it is on a Tuesday this time to account for the bank holiday. All welcome

ST THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY

On Monday 22nd June there will be a Mass at 6pm followed by a buffet supper. All are welcome. If you would like to bring some food or drink for the buffet, please see the list at the back of the church or speak to Christina Barry (01225 863441)

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.

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/oicym1q4>

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) Last one on 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](#)

MAY 300 CLUB RESULTS

| Prize | Number | Name |
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| £200 | 78 | Karen Yates |
| £70 | 167 | Ray Barlow |
| £50 | 133 | Joanne & Jack Edwards |
| £10 | 104 | Angeline Escott |

LISTENING TO CHRIST IN THE SCRIPTURES

Fr Lukasz Popko OP will be at St. Francis of Assisi in Nailsea to give talks on Sat 20th June, homilies on Sunday 21st June and a Day of Reconciliation on Mon 22nd June. The talks on Saturday and the day on Monday will begin at 9.15am. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Fr Lukasz's works include 'Questioning God' co-authored with Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, exploring biblical dialogues as a means of entering deeper into a relationship with God. Fr Lukasz frequently engages in interdisciplinary dialogues about faith and literature. For further details please see the posters at churches or phone Fr Frank at Nailsea on 01275 851530

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.

