

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



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## Pentecost Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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### This Week's Mass Times

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	4pm	St Thomas More's	Vigil Mass of Pentecost	<i>Maureen Fitcher (Ints) (100th Birthday) Carmela &amp; Anthony Mercieca (RIP) People of the Parish Catherine Boyle (RIP)</i>
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm 9am 10.30am	St John's St Bernadette's St John's	Pentecost Sunday	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No Mass</b>		Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9am</b>	St John's	Memorial of Saint Philip Neri	<i>Private Intention</i>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	St Thomas More's	Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury	<i>Peggy Fleming (RIP)</i>
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No Mass</b>		Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Catherine Corcoran (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	4pm 6pm	St Thomas More's St John's	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	<i>Holy Souls 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

### Today's Readings



### Adoration

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus's ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

## **BAPTISMS**

This weekend we welcome both Evelyn Grace Southall and Nathan Diffell into the family of the Church as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for them and their families.

## **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES MASS OF COMMITMENT- THIS SUNDAY**

At the 10.30am Mass at St. John's this Sunday our Confirmation candidates will be making their pledge of commitment. Please pray for them as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## **A VERY HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Maureen Futcher turns 100 years old on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We wish her a very happy day and blessed year ahead.

## **LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE**

This will next be happening on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10.15am-11am. Please note it is on a Tuesday this time to account for the bank holiday. 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 27<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome.

## **SPECIAL TEA AND CHAT- ST. JOHN'S**

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

## **FOOD BANK COLLECTION- NEXT WEEKEND**

Donated items will be collected from St. John's on Saturday and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May. Please do consider donating to this cause. A list of required items is on the notice board at St. John's or you can email Eve.

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

This will next be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome for drinks and cake.

## **CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR THE 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION**

We welcome members from all our three Churches to attend our choir rehearsals. Sessions will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at St John's Church from 7 – 8 pm.

## **ST THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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)

## **FLOWER ARRANGERS**

We are in need of some extra flower arrangers at St. John's. The flowers are done on a rota basis so it wouldn't be every week. If you are interested, please email Eve.

## **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARISH EXHIBITION**

If you are currently involved in any aspect of parish life (groups, ministries etc) or have organised anything in the past and you would like it to be included in our parish exhibition next month please contact Sinead on 01225 971020 [haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk). We would love to show case every aspect of our parish, both currently and historically, for example SVP, Brownies, Soup Run, Flower arrangers, music group and so many more. Photos especially welcome! Thank you

## **SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA**

Thank you to all who continue to help and to those who have recently volunteered to help serve refreshments after Sunday morning Mass. The opportunity to gather in the Parish Centre and have a chat with a cup of tea or coffee is valued by many.

A polite reminder to all who attend; refreshments are served until midday, and the Parish Centre needs to be closed by 12.30pm. Thank you for your support with this.

## **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

## **RCIA COURSE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER**

For anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, we will be running the RCIA course starting in September. This course is aimed at adults who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. For those who decide they would like to, we would look to them being Baptised or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil next year. If you think you might be interested, or someone you know, please do email Eve.

We are also looking for volunteers, who have an interest in adult Catechesis (no experience necessary), to help run the course. If you are interested, please email Eve.

## **UK PRAYS- PUBLIC ROSARY**

The next public rosary will be at the War Memorial in Trowbridge Park next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 4.30pm. All Welcome.

## **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 KCSG 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>

## **LISTENING TO CHRIST IN THE SCRIPTURES**

Fr Lukasz Popko OP will be at St. Francis of Assisi in Nailsea to give talks on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June, homilies on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June and a Day of Reconciliation on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. For further details please see the posters at churches or phone Fr Frank at Nailsea on 01275 851530

## **TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA**

St. Gerard is a great patron of mothers, couples looking to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. As part of a tour of our diocese, the relics will be at the following locations: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Holy Ghost in Yeovil with Mass at 6pm; Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: St. Peter in Gloucester with Mass at 7pm; Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: St. Mary's in Swindon with Mass at 6pm; Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June: St. Osmond in Salisbury with Mass at 6pm and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: St. Gerard in Bristol with Mass at 12 noon with Bishop Bosco.

Churches will be open an hour before Mass for private prayer and following Masses there will be an opportunity for individual or family blessings with the relics.

## **POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS BEING PUBLISHED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Magnifica Humanitas will be Pope Leo's first Encyclical letter. It is on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence and will be released on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## **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.

