

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



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th June 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 13 th Jun	4pm	St Thomas More's	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Pat & Mary (Ints)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Intentions of Donors</i>
Sun 14 th Jun	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Harry Fatcher (RIP)</i>
	2pm	St John's		<i>1st Communion Candidates</i>
Mon 15 th Jun	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 16 th Jun	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Gordon Bramham (RIP)</i>
Wed 17 th Jun	10am	St John's	Funeral Mass	<i>Michael Simmons (RIP)</i>
Thurs 18 th Jun	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Special Intention</i>
Fri 19 th Jun	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>John Howard (RIP)</i>
Sat 20 th Jun	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Tony (Ints)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Francis Mercieca (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

Evening Prayer, Novena & Benediction

Thurs 6pm St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The people of Israel were chosen by God, to be his own people. This Moses proclaims in the first reading. And having chosen a people, God does not abandon them: they may be like sheep without a shepherd, but God sends them the Good Shepherd, who feels sorry for them, and entrusts his disciples with the task of giving them new heart. The same God has chosen us, and gives us the same Shepherd. But we must be careful to take to ourselves the call of Jesus: we must pray for labourers to give new heart to the lost sheep of our society. We must also remember our own responsibility - as a kingdom of priests and a consecrated nation those of us in the Church have a mission to fulfil: to live out the Covenant, and truly to be a consecrated nation.

PARISH CENTRE NOTICE

Please note the email address for the Parish Centre has changed and will be the new one going forward. Please see the front page for this.

FUNERAL- MIKE SIMMONS

The funeral for Mike will be on Wed 17th June at 10am at St. John's

FUNERAL- CLAIRE DELA CRUZ

The funeral for Claire will be on Mon 22nd June at 2pm at St. John's

ST. JOHN'S 150th ANNIVERSARY DETAILS

The Anniversary Mass is on Wednesday 24th June at 7pm (Parking will be at St. Augustine's for all).

The Family Fun Day is on Saturday 27th June from 2pm at St. Augustine's with an evening reception and bar after Mass from 7pm-10pm

There is an exhibition of parish history and life which can be viewed in the Parish Centre from Tue 23rd – Sun 28th June.

Anniversary celebrations will be concluded on Sunday 28th June with Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (Patrons of the diocese). This will be at St. John's at 5pm

150TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 23 rd June	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 24 th June	5.00pm – 9.00pm
Thursday 25 th June	10.00am – 12.30pm & 3.00pm – 5.30pm
Friday 26 th June	8.30am – 11.00am & 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Saturday 27 th June	6.00pm – 7.30pm
Sunday 28 th June	10.00am – 12.30pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NOVENA, DAY 9

All are invited to Evening Prayer, St. John the Baptist Novena and Benediction as we prepare to celebrate St. John's 150 year anniversary next week. Thursday 18th June, 6pm, St. John the Baptist

PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS SUNDAY- THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday, our diocese marks a dedicated Vocations Sunday for the Permanent Diaconate. In the Gospel, Jesus looks out at the crowds — harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd — and his heart is moved with compassion. He turns to his disciples and says: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers." Then he sends them.

This is the heart of the permanent diaconate. Deacons are generally married men, often with children, who work in the world and who are called from the midst of the people and sent back to the people — to proclaim the Gospel, to serve at the altar, and to bring the compassion of Christ to the poor, the forgotten, and the overlooked.

Bishop Bosco hopes that by 2035 every parish in our diocese will have a deacon available to them. If you are a man of prayer who feels drawn to serve the Church more deeply — or if you know someone who might — please speak to your parish Clergy or contact Deacon Steve Boughton at diaconal.formation@cliftondiocese.com or see www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations/

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE GIVING- NEXT WEEKEND

After 10.30am Mass next Sunday 21st June at St. John's, certificates will be awarded to all the children who had their First Holy Communion this year. There will also be a drinks reception with nibbles in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE

This will next be happening on Monday 22nd June from 10.15am-11am. All welcome

CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR THE 150TH CELEBRATION

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

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)

JOIN THE FIGHTBACK DAY 2026- AWARENESS APPEAL FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding a Join the Fightback Day next weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. Recently Parliament removed legal consequences for a woman aborting her own baby- at any stage, for any reason. Self-induced abortion up to birth is now permitted in England and Wales. If you are shocked by this, you are not alone. Abortion extremists have gone too far, and we must not let this stand. Join us now in the fightback to bring an end to this barbarity. Please show your support by joining SPUC's campaign to defend unborn babies and their mothers.

DAY FOR LIFE APPEAL- SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death. The collection assists The Anscombe Bioethics Centre for Healthcare and Ethics in Oxford (formerly the Linacre Centre) and other pro-Life groups. The Centre exists to help Catholics and others to explore the Church's position on bioethical issues. Its perspective is informed by Catholic moral teaching, but in defending such teaching it seeks also to enable dialogue with those of no religious faith. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

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.

WEBELIEVE- FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE

WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24th – 27th July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Book your tickets at webeliefefestival.com

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL

Celebrate is a Catholic festival for all the family. It runs from 15th- 19th August in the Sussex countryside. Camping tickets and day tickets are available as well as bursaries for those who may need them. There are inspiring speakers, children and youth groups, prayer and worship as well as Masses, Adoration and Reconciliation. The Celebrate Trust is a Catholic ministry that inspires and equips people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, in support of the family, to form the next generation and encourage local community. For further information please see: <https://www.celebratefestival.org>

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.

