

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



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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st June 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

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>
Sun 21 st Jun	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Hilda and Aidan Burbridge (RIP)</i>
Mon 22 nd Jun	2pm	St John's	Funeral Mass	<i>Claire Dela Cruz (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St Thomas More's	Solemnity of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tues 23 rd Jun	6pm	St John's	Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Wed 24 th Jun	7pm	St John's	Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	
Thurs 25 th Jun	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Eva Fanning (RIP)</i>
Fri 26 th Jun	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Catherine Boyle (RIP)</i>
Sat 27 th Jun	4pm	St Thomas More's	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul	<i>Irene Zlotnicki (Ints) (Birthday)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>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
Thurs	9.30-9.50am	St Bernadette's

Today's Readings



Adoration

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

Evening Prayer & Benediction

Sun 28th 5pm St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel turns our thoughts to the strange phenomenon of persecution: throughout the history of mankind, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus himself. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the reality of the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: the Father in heaven, who knows us and values us. So we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the body.

150TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK- DETAILS

Wed 24 th	7pm	Anniversary Mass St. John's with drinks and nibbles reception afterwards at St. Augustine's	Parking at St. Augustine's
Sat 27 th	2.30pm – 4.30pm	Family Fun Day at St. Augustine's	BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream, Candy Floss, Live Music, Fire Engine, Face Painting, Games
Sat 27 th	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Evening celebration at St. Augustine's	Live music and bar
Sun 28 th	5pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul at St. John's	

150TH ANNIVERSARY- PARISH EXHIBITION IN THE PARISH CENTRE- OPENING TIMES:

Tue 23 rd	5pm – 8pm
Wed 24 th	5pm – 9pm
Thurs 25 th	10am – 12.30pm & 3pm – 5.30pm
Fri 26 th	8.30am – 11am & 3pm – 5pm
Sat 27 th	5pm – 7.30pm
Sun 28 th	10am – 12.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE GIVING

This Sunday 21st June after 10.30am Mass at St. John's all children who received their First Holy Communion will be handed their certificates and goody bags and are invited, along with their families, to enjoy a celebration with the Parish in the Parish Centre.

ALTAR SERVER ENROLMENT

All new Altar Servers will be enrolled at the 10.30am Mass at St. John's this Sunday.

150TH ANNIVERSARY ON RADIO

This Sunday 21st June, the 150th anniversary will be featured on BBC Radio Wiltshire's Sunday morning programme at 8.20am. There will be a guest feature, whom some of you may know, so do tune in.

DAY FOR LIFE APPEAL- SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday, 21st June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND- PETERS PENCE

The Peters Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune. The Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In the ninth-century, King Alfred the Great collected money – "pence" or pennies – from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR THE 150TH CELEBRATION

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

APPEAL FOR ALTAR SERVERS

If anyone is interested in serving the Church by becoming an Altar Server please contact Fr Richard directly. This is open to anyone who has undertaken their First Holy Communion.

JOIN THE FIGHTBACK DAY 2026- AWARENESS APPEAL FOR THIS SUNDAY

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding a Join the Fightback Day this 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.

LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE

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

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 24th June. All welcome.

ST. BERNADETTE'S DROP IN

This will next be on Wednesday 1st July from 2pm-4pm. Everyone is welcome for tea, coffee and cake.

PRIOR PARK ALUMNI MASS

The Prior Park Alumni are delighted to have been granted special permission by Bishop Bosco to celebrate Mass on Saturday 27th June 2026 at 17:45 in the Chapel of Our Lady of Snows. This Mass will be celebrated by 3 of our Alumni Priests. We invite anyone who is a former Pupil, Parent and Staff member to join us for this unique one-off celebration. Please join us after Mass for a barbeque in front of the mansion. Families are all welcome. We ask you to register so we can cater both in the chapel and at the barbeque for the right numbers!

<https://www.thepriorcommunity.co.uk/> Click on Events and scroll down to Alumni-mass. There is a £10 charge for adults to cover the BBQ and Drink (no charge for aspiring adults). We very much all look forward to this joyous celebration.

DOWNSIDE ABBEY FESTIVAL 2026

The Downside Abbey Festival 2026 is launched by international organist and composer, David Bednall, together with Bristol Brass Consort to perform a festive programme of works for brass and organ in the magnificent setting of Downside Abbey. Featuring the Basilica's grant Compton organ, the largest made by the firm, the programme will include uplifting works by Peeters, Gigout, Mawby, and Widor alongside works for solo organ and brass. Thursday 16th July 7.30 - 8.30pm

JUNE 300 CLUB RESULTS

Prize	Number	Name
£200	70	Lyn Fryer
£70	208	Annette Witte
£50	249	Gerardine Rutter
£10	84	Marysia Garbutt