

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



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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 7th June 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 6 th Jun	4pm	St Thomas More's	Corpus Christi	<i>Fr Jason Jones (RIP)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Sun 7 th Jun	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>Maureen Fitcher (Ints)</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>1st Communion Candidates</i>
	2pm	St John's		
Mon 8 th Jun	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 9 th Jun	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Special Intention</i>
Wed 10 th Jun	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Karen Reid (Ints) (Birthday)</i>
Thurs 11 th Jun	10am	St Bernadette's	Memorial of Saint Barnabas	<i>Private Intention</i>
Fri 12 th Jun	9am	St John's	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	<i>Hilda & Alf Haywood (RIP)</i>
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>

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

The Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ – is a mystery with so many layers and a depth that takes more than a lifetime to penetrate. It is not just a “thing” that we receive – however reverently – it is a person, a relationship, a belonging and a transformation that we consume, that becomes part of us: “Receive what you are – the Body of Christ”. The readings invite us to reflect on how our celebration of the Eucharist brings Christ's words to our reality: “Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.” The people of the Old Testament had God living in their midst, walking with them on their journey, feeding and nourishing them with the gift of manna from heaven. Jesus walks with us, not looking on from afar, journeying “in communion” with us – living within us, as we eat and drink the gifts he extends from the Last Supper. And as Saint Paul reminds us, our communion with the One Christ is also a communion with each other – God lives in us as the Church, as we become His Body.

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).

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children of our parishes as they undertake their First Holy Communion's this Sunday and next Sunday.

LECTIO DIVINA ST. BERNADETTE'S

This continues on the second Wednesday of each month, 10.15-11am. The next date is 10th June. If you have a Sunday Missal, please bring this with you. All welcome

LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE

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

HANGING BASKETS ST. JOHN'S

We would like hanging baskets in place ready for the anniversary celebration on 24th June. The celebratory colour theme this year will be yellow/gold and white. Please, if you are able, take a basket after Mass, available from the Church porch and return your filled basket to the rear of the Parish Centre (next to the shed). Could baskets please be returned by 19th June at the latest. Any queries please contact Becky in the Parish Centre, thank you.

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)

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.

PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS SUNDAY- 13TH/ 14TH JUNE

Next Sunday, our diocese marks a dedicated Vocations Sunday for the Permanent Diaconate. In next week's 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/

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.

CLIFTON DIOCESE TRUSTEE

The Diocese is currently looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees to enhance the skills of the Board. Suitable applicants should have a detailed understanding of governance, and experience in change management and transformation activities. This is a voluntary role with the commitment to one 4 hr meeting approximately eight times per year on a Wed from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of at least one sub-committee which would meet six times per year. Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 8 hrs per month plus travelling time. Trustee training and travel expenses will be provided. Expressions of interest in the role, together with a recommendation from your Parish Priest, should be submitted to the Bishop's Office via Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by 30th June 2026.

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

EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE

Is being held at the Oratory school in Reading on 21st- 23rd August. For further info or to book tickets please see: <https://www.evangelium.co.uk/>

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>

STUDY WITH THE MARYVALE INSTITUTE

The Maryvale Institute offers a full range of programmes for every ability, from easy short courses to a five-year PhD programme. Want to deepen your faith? Thinking about getting more involved with your parish, Catholic organisation or Diocese? Would you like to teach in Catholic institutions? One of these courses may be for you. <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk>

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.

