

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



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## Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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### This Week's Mass Times

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	4pm	St Thomas More's	Vigil Mass of Saints Peter and Paul	<i>Irene Zlotnicki (Ints) (Birthday)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	9am	St Bernadette's	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul	<i>Jean Richmond (RIP)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>No Mass</b>		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6pm	St John's	Anniversary of the Dedication of Clifton Cathedral	<i>Vladimir Micenec (RIP)</i>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of Saint Oliver Plunket	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	9am	St John's	Feast of Saint Thomas	<i>Gerald Falvey (RIP)</i>
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>Robert Slipper &amp; Ken Clarke (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		

#### 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
Fri	8.00-9.00pm	St John's

#### Evening Prayer & Benediction

Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	St John's
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### THE WORD THIS WEEK

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: "Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign with princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?" In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.

## 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WEEK- REMAINING DETAILS

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Evening celebration at St. Augustine's	Live music and bar
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul at St. John's	

## 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY- PARISH EXHIBITION IN THE PARISH CENTRE- EXTENDED OPENING TIMES

Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am – 11am & 3pm – 5pm
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	5pm – 7.30pm
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12.30pm
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 1pm
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 1pm

## LIVESTREAM- FIXED

Unfortunately the livestream connection wasn't working for the Anniversary Mass. It is now fixed. The recordings of the Anniversary Mass can be found on the website and at <https://www.churchservices.tv/trowbridge> both under the heading "featured videos" or via the direct link: [https://www.churchservices.tv/trowbridge/archive/uploads/m0wMvb\\_mQwEbYAlO](https://www.churchservices.tv/trowbridge/archive/uploads/m0wMvb_mQwEbYAlO)

## OFFICE CLOSURE-ANNUAL LEAVE

Eve is on annual leave from Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July for two weeks therefore next week's newsletter will cover the weekend of 4/5<sup>th</sup> July and the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/ 12<sup>th</sup> July. If you have any notices for either of these weekends please email Eve by this Tue 30<sup>th</sup> June at the latest- the newsletter will be printed on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July. Thank you

## FUNERAL

The funeral for Rose Edwards will be on Tue 21<sup>st</sup> July at 11am at St. John's. Please pray for her and her family

## EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

To conclude our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction at St. John's on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm

## ENROLMENT TO THE GUILD OF ST, STEVEN

Congratulations to Chimunya and Joseph who were enrolled into the Guild of St. Steven last weekend

## WELCOME TO THE CATENIANS

We welcome the members of the Bath Circle of Catenians to Mass this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## CHILDREN'S MASS- THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June will be a children's Mass

## FOOD BANK

The food bank collection is this weekend. Please do consider donating to this worthwhile cause.

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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 Peter's Pence Collection supports the Holy Father to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

## 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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HELP WITH WATERING THE PLANTS

We are looking for volunteers to help with watering the beautiful plants in the hanging baskets, pots and borders around St. John's during these summer months. If you are able to help with this, please add your name to the rota in the Church porch. Thank you.

## ST. BERNADETTE'S DROP IN

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

## WESTBURY TOWN PRAYERS

Westbury Town Prayers is at St Bernadettes during July. They will be on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm during all of July. All welcome to this short time of prayer for our area and its people.

## 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 please do email Eve.

## DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING VOLUNTEER ROLE

The Diocesan Safeguarding Committee is seeking a dedicated and experienced volunteer with a background in social work to join the Risk Allegation Review Meeting panel. This is a vital role contributing to the safeguarding and wellbeing of individuals within our Diocesan community. More information about the role is available on the Diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

## 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 grand 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 16<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 - 8.30pm

## IGNATIAN INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED SILENT RETREAT

Weekend Retreat: Friday to Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> (£160); Extended Retreat: (Friday to Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> July (£350) Venue: Sclerder Abbey Retreat House, (Chemin Neuf) Cornwall PL13 2JD. The Retreat House, once a Carmelite monastery, has a large garden and pleasant rural walks. It is situated near Looe, close to the sea, offering simple accommodation and an opportunity to step back from everyday life to make space and time for God. The cost includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations. For further details contact [diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk) or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

## A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CLERGY ABUSE (ONLINE)

The Jesuit Institute is offering a week of guided prayer for those who have been affected by Clergy Abuse: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Whether you have been affected directly or indirectly by this issue, we invite you to explore your relationship with God as it is in your life just now. During the week, we will invite you to commit to 30 minutes of personal prayer each day and up to 45 minutes to speak about your experience in prayer with a spiritual director online at a time that suits you. There will be an experienced team of spiritual directors working on this retreat, both priests and lay people, men and women. There is no charge for this retreat.