

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



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## Fourteenth & Fifteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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### This Week's Mass Times

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Special Intention</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Robert Slipper &amp; Ken Clarke (RIP)</i>
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>John Jordan (RIP)</i>

### No Weekday Masses Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Francis Mercieca (RIP)</i>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9am	St Bernadette's		
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Teresa Wynne (RIP) (Ann)</i>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>No Mass</b>		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Gerry Mulcahy (RIP)</i>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of Saint Bonaventure	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	7pm	St John's	Confirmation Mass	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.15am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Catherine Boyle (RIP)</i>
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	6pm	St John's		<i>Thanksgiving for God's mercy</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 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-9.50am	St Bernadette's

### Today's Readings



### Adoration

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel in an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and lowly in heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus. How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is 'kind and full of compassion.'

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events such a huge success. We have received lots of positive feedback from so many people, both parishioners and visitors, who have said how wonderful the week was. It was a real reflection of our diverse, dynamic and Spirit-filled community. There are too many people to mention individually but the week was the culmination of a lot of hard work by many people. Thank to everyone involved and to everyone who supported the events.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Millie Gandolfi and Cecily Geldart both died on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

## 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

## BAPTISM

Penelope Amelia King is being Baptised this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for her and her family as we welcome her into the family of the Church.

## WEDDING

Dexter and Emma are getting married at St. John's on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for them as they embark on this wonderful journey together.

## CONFIRMATION

Please can we pray for our Confirmation candidates who are preparing for their Confirmation on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July at St. John's. Everyone is welcome to join us for Mass at 7pm

## SEA SUNDAY- 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July the second collection will be for Stella Maris. Stella Maris (SM) in England and Wales is part of an international network of agencies working in 89 countries to support the people of the sea. SM is an agency of the Catholic Church whose outreach involves spiritual and pastoral, practical and welfare, education and campaigning work in support of all seafarers, regardless of their nationality, colour or creed. SM supports seafarers through a network of chaplains and ship visitors; lay and ordained, paid and volunteer, who proactively visit seafarers on their ships offering the hand of friendship; run ecumenical drop-in centres in ports where seafarers can relax and contact their families by phone or email; and accompany seafarers on their voyages as seagoing chaplains. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

## LECTIO DIVINA- ST BERNADETTE'S

This continues on the second Wednesday of each month, 10.15-11am. The next date is 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you have a Sunday Missal, please bring this with you. All welcome.

## 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.

## 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.

## THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS- SUMMER FESTIVAL

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 5-8pm, the friends of St Johns School are hosting a summer festival. There will be live music, circus displays and workshops, donkey rides, petting zoo, BBQ, ice creams, bouncy castle and raffle. Adults tickets are £2 and children are free. Everyone is welcome

## 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://cliftdioocese.com/dioocese/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

## 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.

## MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Is your marriage in a rut? Or do you need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. For more information or booking please see [www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info) or telephone 07887296983

## WEBELIEVE- FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE

WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. Join us from 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://webeliefefestival.com)

## CELEBRATE FESTIVAL

Celebrate is a Catholic festival for all the family. It runs from 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

