

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



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th July 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 18 th Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ann Widdecombe (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		Thanksgiving for God's mercy
Sun 19 th Jul	9am	St Bernadette's		People of the Parish
	10.30am	St John's		John McCaffery (RIP)
Mon 20 th Jul	11am	St John's	Funeral Mass	Millie Gandolfi (RIP)
Tues 21 st Jul	11am	St John's	Funeral Mass	Rose Edwards (RIP)
	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Tony McDermott (RIP)
Wed 22 nd Jul	11am	St John's	Funeral Mass	Cecily Geldart (RIP)
Thurs 23 rd Jul	10am	St Bernadette's	Feast of Saint Bridget of Sweden	Kevin Moore (RIP) (Ann)
Fri 24 th Jul	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Lyn Tooze and Ashley Tooze (RIP)
	2.30pm	St Thomas More's	Funeral Mass	Tony Jiggins (RIP)
Sat 25 th Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Juan Borneo (RIP) and
	6pm	St John's		Rufus Odin Borneo Pomeroy (RIP)
				Mary Laase (RIP) (Ann)

Confessions

Today's Readings

Adoration

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



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THE WORD THIS WEEK

There is no room in a good field for weeds and rubbish: so in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no room for 'all causes of sin and all law-breakers'. They must be got rid of, for the sake of the good wheat, for the sake of the good subjects of the kingdom. But this weeding out will not take place until harvest time - in case one piece of good wheat is destroyed with the weeds. This shows the mercy of God: everyone has chance after chance to prove that they are wheat, not weeds; there are no quick judgements in the kingdom of heaven, and things are never as black and white as we think. Only at the end of time will evil stand out clearly, so that it can be disposed of, and only the Son of Man can judge.

FUNERALS

The Requiem Mass for Cecily Geldat will be at St. John's Church at 11am on Wed 22nd July. Please pray for her and her family.

The Requiem Mass for Tony Jiggins will be at St Thomas More Church at 2.30pm on Fri 24th July. Please pray for him and his family.

The Requiem Mass for John Napolitano will be at St. John's Church at 11am on Thurs 30th July. Please pray for him and his family.

BAPTISM

We welcome Lucina Pace-Mouny into the family of the Church as she is Baptised on Sun 19th Jul at St Johns. Please pray for her and her family

SECOND COLLECTION- NEXT WEEKEND

The annual collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund enables the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes that appeal to him. This money, in a way, is 'us' reaching out to the little causes we never hear about. It enables the Bishop to be charitable on behalf of the Diocese and to respond both immediately and at his discretion to those who seek his help.

WILTSHIRE TIMES ARTICLE

There should be an article in the Wiltshire Times this week (on page 8) outlining the 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Please do look out for this. <https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/26264784.trowbridge-catholic-church-holds-landmark-exhibition/>

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.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION- NEXT WEEKEND

Donated items will be collected from St. John's next Saturday and Sunday 25th/26th July. Please do consider donating to this cause. A list of required items is on the notice board at St. John's or you can email Eve.

LECTIO DIVINA ST THOMAS MORE

Lectio divina is not on at St Thomas More during the summer holidays

KWAME ORDINATION- CLIFTON CATHEDRAL

Kwame will be ordained as a Deacon at Clifton Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 19th September. I am looking at putting a coach on for this so if you are interested in attending via coach please email Eve by next Friday- 24th July so we can collect numbers for the coach. Thank you

UK PRAYS

The next public rosary will be at the War Memorial in the Park in Trowbridge on Sunday 26th July at 4.30pm

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.

FUNDRAISING PILGRIMAGE IN AID OF THE GUILD OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

The 16th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 1st August, please send any prayer requests to CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk. To sponsor Nathanael to raise funds to support women with difficult pregnancies please see: <https://gofund.me/f48d1981c>

MARCH FOR LIFE

There is a March for Life happening in London on Saturday 5th September. There are religious services happening at various places in the morning along with the pro-life family summit at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster (there are children and teen streams). The March starts at 1.30pm with speeches at 3pm in Parliament Square. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms every family to its very core. To find out more: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2026-event-page/> or email: info@marchforlife.co.uk

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 18th – Friday 23rd 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: 2nd – 4th Oct. For more information or booking please see 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 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>

JULY 300 CLUB RESULTS

Prize	Number	Name
£200	23	Charlotte Preuveneers
£70	166	Barbara Czernachowicz
£50	46	John & Rachael Lawes
£10	125	Maura Charleton

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.

