

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



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th July 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 25 th Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Juan Borneo (RIP) and Rufus Odin Borneo Pomeroy (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		Mary Laase (RIP) (Ann)
Sun 26 th Jul	9am	St Bernadette's		People of the Parish
	10.30am	St John's		Laurence Wynne (RIP) (Ann)
Mon 27 th Jul	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 28 th Jul	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Oscar Cornelius (RIP)
Wed 29 th Jul	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Tony Jiggins (RIP)
Thurs 30 th Jul	11am	St John's	Funeral Mass	John Paul Napolitano (RIP)
Fri 31 st Jul	9am	St John's	Memorial of Saint Ignatius Loyola	Intentions of Donors
Sat 1 st Aug	4pm	St Thomas More's	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	All Religious and their needs
	6pm	St John's		Cecily Geldart (RIP)

Today's Readings



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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things, and choose those which will last forever and bring us true happiness ! Solomon, renowned for wisdom, is able to make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants. What would we choose? The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it. Nothing should stand in our way.

CHANGE TO EVE'S WORKING HOURS

Please note that Eve will now be working 9-11am on a Tuesday instead of 1-3pm

SECOND COLLECTION- THIS 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.

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- THIS WEEKEND Donated items will be collected from St. John's this 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.

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. The next date is 29th July, 10.15- 11am. All welcome

ST. BERNADETTE'S DROP IN

This will next be on Wednesday 5th August 2pm -4pm for tea, cake and chat. Everyone is welcome

KWAME ORDINATION- CLIFTON CATHEDRAL

Kwame will be ordained as a Deacon at Clifton Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 19th September. Whilst quite a few people have come forward for space on a coach, we still do not have enough for a whole coach so please do let Eve know asap if you would like to go. I would need to get it booked soon. Many thanks

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.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MP TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11th September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. "This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading." You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

ADOREMUS 2026: THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

A Call for Pilgrims: Adoremus 2026, the National Eucharistic Congress, takes place in London on Saturday 10th October 2026. Adoremus is a national celebration of the Eucharist, bringing together Catholics from across England and Wales for prayer, worship, catechesis, and public witness. Our Diocese has been allocated 45 places, and we are inviting priests & parishioners from across our pastoral areas and parishes to participate. In order to attend you must be aged 18 or over; be able to make your own way by car or train to St George's Cathedral, Southwark, for 10:30am on Saturday 10th October & be physically able to participate in the Eucharistic Procession. There will be a diocesan preparation meeting to help prepare for the event at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 12th September 2026 for Mass (12noon) and an orientation preparation session. This will provide an opportunity to meet fellow participants, coordinate travel arrangements, and receive event tickets. Places are limited and will be determined in order of registration. To register your interest to represent your parish or pastoral area at Adoremus 2026, please register through Eventbrite: <https://adoremusclifton2026.eventbrite.co.uk>

ADVISOR FOR EVANGELISATION AND MISSION VACANCY

An exciting new opportunity to join the Diocese of Clifton on a full-time basis within the Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship. The Diocese is seeking a committed and enthusiastic person to support parishes in evangelisation, faith formation and outreach. Working closely with the Director on a variety of projects, you will help promote the Bishop's vision across the Diocese. Core office hours are between 9am to 4.30pm. Further Information and an application form can be found here <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> Closing date for applications: 28th August 2026. If you are interested in such a role please send your application to Sarah.Adams@cliftondiocese.com. For more information and an informal conversation, prior to applying, please contact Sarah Adams, Director of the Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship, on 0117 902 5595.

ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This year marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi and Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Year to commemorate this. Saturday 3rd October 2026 is exactly 800 years since St Francis died, and the day before his feast day. To mark this a walking pilgrimage is planned in the Diocese of Clifton with two legs:

- The Bristol leg will start at Clifton Cathedral at 10.30am (9 miles).
- The Clevedon leg will start at the Franciscan church of the Immaculate Conception, Clevedon at 1pm (6.4 miles). The two legs will convene at around 4.30pm at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea, for refreshments and prayer. Those who wish can stay for the 6pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Francis. For more details and to register please go to: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/a-franciscan-pilgrimage-in-the-diocese-of-clifton>

MARCH FOR LIFE

March for Life is happening in London on 5th September. Unite with thousands 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. To find out more: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2026-event-page/>

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.

