

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



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd August 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 1 st Aug	4pm	St Thomas More's	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	All Religious and their needs Cecily Geldart (RIP) People of the Parish Claire Kavanagh (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		
Sun 2 nd Aug	9am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Ben McGee (RIP) Private Intention
	10.30am	St John's		
Mon 3 rd Aug	No Mass		Memorial of Saint John Mary Vianney	
Tues 4 th Aug	6pm	St John's	Memorial of the Dedication of the	
Wed 5 th Aug	9am	St Thomas More's	Basilica of Saint Mary Major	
Thurs 6 th Aug	10am	St Bernadette's	Feast of the Transfiguration	Special Intention
Fri 7 th Aug	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of Donors
Sat 8 th Aug	4pm	St Thomas More's	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Christian Unity Cecily Geldart (RIP) & Rose Edwards (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		

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



Thurs	9.30-10.30am	St John's
Fri	8.00-9.00pm	St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Divine providence is a wonderful thing: God is so generous with his creation (it is human greed that denies some their rightful share). The Kingdom of God is the time and place when this vision will be fully realised, when all who wish may 'come to the waters', when all who are hungry may eat until they are satisfied, when what is left over is still enough for all the twelve tribes of Israel. Our contemplation of the kingdom of God, through the parables and miracles of Jesus, should stir us up to build this kingdom here and now. The miracle of Divine providence is allowed to work when human greed and selfishness give way to the power of the Spirit working within us, and we share all we have with those in need. Our hearts are set on the kingdom of God, where there is corn and wine and milk in abundance.

CHANGE TO EVE'S WORKING HOURS

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

FR RICHARD AND EVE ANNUAL LEAVE

Due to Fr Richard's and Eve's annual leave over August, next week's newsletter will be covering multiple weeks (8th/9th; 15th/16th; 22nd/23rd August) so if you have any notices for any of these weeks please ensure you email them to Eve by this Thursday 6th August at the latest please.

WATERING ROTA FOR FLOWERS AT ST JOHNS- PLEA FOR HELP

Please can we have some more volunteers for the watering of the plants at St. John's over August and September. So far, we have only had a few volunteers come forward and Becky ends up doing an awful lot of it. She has already been coming in on her annual leave to water the flowers due to a lack of helpers. She also has some annual leave coming up in August and September and I am very keen to encourage volunteers to water the flowers so she can have a proper break. They need to be done twice a day in this heat so if you have a morning or afternoon/ evening free during August/ September we would be very grateful for your help. The more people who come forward, the less onerous it is for the others, thank you.

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

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.

CATHOLICPOST NEWSPAPERS-FREE

There will be free copies of the CatholicPost newspaper at Masses this weekend. These newspapers are being published in a carbon neutral way and aim to build a stronger sense of Catholic community by connecting people, sharing faithful teaching and celebrating the life of the Church. These free copies have been sponsored by Downside Abbey so please do take one.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY

We look forward to welcoming pilgrims once again to Glastonbury for our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage on Sunday 6th September, celebrated this year under the theme "Mary – Mother of the Faithful." The day begins in the Shrine Church, where we will pray the Rosary before the Statue of Our Lady of Glastonbury. The Statue will then be carried in procession into the Abbey Grounds. Confessions will be available in the Shrine during Exposition, and the Chapel of Healing Prayer will be open in the Abbey Grounds throughout the morning. Pilgrims can visit the Shrine Repository tent for devotional items and enjoy refreshments from the Abbey Café and St Mary's cake stall. You are warmly welcome to bring a picnic. A youth procession to the Tor is planned for the morning. In the early afternoon, we will gather for the Rosary Procession, making our way through the Abbey Grounds and down the High Street, returning for the Pilgrim Mass, celebrated by Bishop Bosco.

YOUTH MINISTRY IN CLIFTON DIOCESE

Volunteering for Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Clifton - do you or have you thought about volunteering to work with the young people either in your parish or further afield? The Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship is setting up a database of volunteers so that we can keep in contact with you; to share new initiatives and keep you informed about events both in the Diocese and further afield. In addition, we hope to be able to offer opportunities for formation when requested. By letting us know who you are, you will not be committing to any voluntary work, but we may contact people on the database when events are taking place to see if you wish to support an event or support another parish to develop something you are already doing. For more information, please go to: <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/evangelisation-and-discipleship/youth-ministry/> and to register your interest, please fill out the form on the following link: [Youth Ministry Volunteer Database – Fill in form](#)

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/Sept1Ivote

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. 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>

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.

