

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



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19th – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9th 16th & 23rd August 2026

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Mass Times

Sat 8 th Aug	4pm 6pm	St Thomas More's St John's	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Christian Unity Cecily Geldart (RIP) & Rose Edwards (RIP) People of the Parish Teresa Cusack (RIP)
Sun 9 th Aug	9am 10.30am	St Bernadette's St John's		
Mon 10 th Aug	No Mass		Feast of Saint Lawrence	
Tues 11 th Aug	6pm	St John's	Memorial of Saint Clare	Roy Tarren (RIP)
Wed 12 th Aug	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Fr Anthony
Thurs 13 th Aug	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention
Fri 14 th Aug	9am	St John's	Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe	Trudy Hazel Davis
Sat 15 th Aug	4pm	St Thomas More's	Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A)	Andrew Barry (Ints)
	6pm	St John's		Sheilagh Boylen (RIP)
Sun 16 th Aug	9am 10.30am	St Bernadette's St John's	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A)	People of the Parish Bridie Hopkins (RIP)

No Weekday Masses Mon 17th – Fri 21st Aug

Sat 22 nd Aug	4pm 6pm	St Thomas More's St John's	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	People of the Parish Vincent Mellows (RIP)
Sun 23 rd Aug	9am 10.30am	St Bernadette's St John's		Catherine Boyle (RIP)

No Weekday Masses Mon 24th – Fri 28th Aug

Sat 29 th Aug	4pm 6pm	St Thomas More's St John's	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	People of the Parish Intentions of Donors
Sun 30 th Aug	9am 10.30am	St Bernadette's St John's		Ludwig Schafer (RIP)

Confessions

Sat 8 th & 15 th	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 13 th	9.30-9.50am	St Bernadette's

Today's Readings



Adoration

Thurs	9.30-10.30am	St John's
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STAFF HOLIDAYS

Fr Richard will be on annual leave from Monday 17th August until Thursday 3rd September.

Eve will be on annual leave from Monday 10th August until Tuesday 25th August.

Becky will be on annual leave from 25th August until Monday 7th September.

WELCOME

We welcome Fr Tibor Szende who will be joining us whilst Fr Richard is on holiday.

DONATIONS ST JOHNS

If you regularly donate money at St John's using the card machine, there is a fee associated with every transaction which the Church has to pay. If you would like to donate regularly we would ask you to consider setting up a standing order so that we are receiving all of your donation. If this is of interest, please speak to Eve.

STELLA MARIS

We received a lovely thank you letter from Stella Maris for our kind donations to their Sea Sunday appeal. We raised £447.10. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK

The next collection at St John's will be on the weekend of the 29th/30th August so please do consider donating to this worthwhile cause

CHILDREN'S ROSARY

There will be no children's Rosary either this Sunday 9th August or next Sunday 16th August due to the holidays.

LECTIO DIVINA- ST. BERNADETTE'S

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

TIME OF PRAYER- ST. BERNADETTE'S

The Rosary is prayed together followed by a time for private prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This continues to take place on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.15-11:00am. The next date is 26th August. All welcome.

ST. BERNADETTE'S DROP IN

The next drop in for tea, coffee and cake will be on Wednesday 2nd September from 2pm - 4pm.

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 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.

