

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



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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th August 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 29 th Aug	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	People of the Parish Intentions of Donors
	6pm	St John's		
Sun 30 th Aug	9am	St Bernadette's		
	10.30am	St John's		Ludwig Schafer (RIP)
Mon 31 st Aug	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 1 st Sep	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wed 2 nd Sep	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thurs 3 rd Sep	10am	St Bernadette's	Feast of Saint Gregory the Great	
Fri 4 th Sep	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Anne Fanning (RIP)
Sat 5 th Sep	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	People of the Parish
	6pm	St John's		Justin Whitehead (RIP)

Confessions

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
Sat 5 th Sep	10.00-10.30am	St John's

Today's Readings



Adoration

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.

FUNERAL

The funeral for Mary Berridge will be on Wednesday 16th September at 2.30pm at West Wiltshire Crematorium

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

For all new altar servers, the training will be on Saturday 12th September at 11am

FOOD BANK COLLECTION- THIS WEEKEND

The next food bank collection will be this weekend- 29th/30th August. Please do consider donating to this worthwhile cause to support our fellow neighbours in our community. For a list of suitable items please see the noticeboard at St. John's or email Eve.

ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The St. John's Children's Liturgy are in need of adult volunteers/catechists to assist once a month with the Liturgy in order to continue into the future. For information please contact: lucypinkney12@gmail.com

DBS VOLUNTEERS TRAINING

The Safeguarding Office is asking for all Diocese Volunteers to complete the on-line training programme on offer by 31 December 2026. Across our 3 Churches we are able to offer 3 dates to join an on-line Microsoft Team meeting in St John's Hall led by Janice Pearson. You could join the meeting remotely or do the on-line version. Please contact: Martin, PSR1.trowbrigestjohnthebaptist@cliftondiocese.com or Teresa, psr.trowbridgestjohnthebaptist@cliftondiocese.com

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

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage is on Sunday 6th September, celebrated this year under the theme "Mary – Mother of the Faithful." Beginning 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 throughout the morning. Pilgrims can visit the Shrine Repository tent and enjoy refreshments from the Abbey Café & St Mary's cake stall. You are 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, returning for the Pilgrim Mass, celebrated by Bishop Bosco.

YOUTH MINISTRY IN CLIFTON DIOCESE

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 it. 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](#)

OFFICE APPOINTMENTS FOR EVE AND BECKY

A gentle reminder to please contact Eve or Becky first if you would like to come and see either of us. We are not always in the office and if we are in the office we are often engaged in other tasks which need to take our priority. We are very eager to be able to give you our dedicated time and attention and to ensure we can do this we please ask you contact us first to see when we are best available. Thank you for your understanding.

JUBILEE GARDEN PROJECT

A new project launching on September 1st. It is an invitation to use physical space to heal, transform and renew with the siblings Mary, Martha and Lazarus, representing Faith, Charity and Hope, as Patrons of the project. To join the launch of the project in partnership between 'The God Who Speaks' and the 'Ecological Conversion Group', you can register here: www.jubileegarden.org/events

DIOCESAN CALL FOR NEW AND EXPERIENCED FACILITATORS

A significant amount of time has passed since the 2023-2024 Synod but I know that many of you will be aware that the Synod work has continued, and we are now in the stage of implementing the final document with a Diocesan Assembly in 2027. Over the next few months, we will be encouraging Parishes to gather the fruits of this work through Conversations in the Spirit (CiS). In addition, we will be having area assemblies in the run up to the main assembly. To do this well we will need good facilitators both experienced and new who would feel confident about offering their service to the Diocese. Anyone who feels called to support us will be very welcome. You do not need to have experience of running small groups using the methodology of CiS as we will offer formation and guidance to everyone. We hope to start this formation in September/October so please do let us know if you would be happy to be included by clicking on this link:

[Synod Facilitators: Conversation in the Spirit – Fill in form](#)

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 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 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. To register your interest, please register through Eventbrite: <https://adoremusclifton2026.eventbrite.co.uk>

AUGUST 300 CLUB RESULTS

Prize	Number	Name
£200	70	Rosa Binding
£70	208	Rosalie Fanning
£50	249	Ewa Hounsell
£10	84	Anne Henderson

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.

