

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



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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th September 2026 Education Sunday

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 12 th Sep	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Special Intention</i>
Sun 13 th Sep	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>Special Intention</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Sr Mary Josephine (RIP)</i>
Mon 14 th Sep	No Mass		Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
Tues 15 th Sep	6pm	St John's	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	<i>Agnes Zammit (RIP)</i>
Wed 16 th Sep	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of Saints Cornelius & Cyprian	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs 17 th Sep	10am	St Bernadette's	Memorial of Saint Edith of Wilton	<i>Silvia Blehoya (Ints)</i>
Fri 18 th Sep	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Catherine Boyle (RIP)</i>
Sat 19 th Sep	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>Private Intention</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Kwame Adoku (Ints)</i>

Confessions

Sat 12 th Sep	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

No Saturday morning confessions 19th Sep

Today's Readings



Adoration

Thurs	9.30-10.30am	St John's
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THE WORD THIS WEEK

Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying "That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again"? When Jesus says that we must forgive 'seventy times seven' times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: "Father, forgive them..." As his disciples, we must do likewise.

LETTER FROM BISHOP BOSCO FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY

This weekend there will be letters available at all churches from Bishop Bosco for Education Sunday where he is calling on members of our Church family to consider becoming a foundation governor at one of the diocese's Catholic schools. If this might be of interest please do take a letter.

KWAME'S ORDINATION- NEXT SATURDAY

For all those who are going on the coach to Kwame's ordination you need to be at St. John's for 9am. You can park your cars at St. John's.

If you would like to attend and make your own way there, the Mass starts at 11am.

Please keep him in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION- NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be for Home Mission Sunday. On Home Mission Sunday we pray for the work of evangelisation in our countries and reflect on our response to the Lord's invitation to share our faith. The second collection is for the work of the Home Mission desk of the Catholic Bishops' Conference which exists to support evangelisation nationally. The staff advise dioceses, parishes, movements, and Catholic organisations and offer a range of resources.

RCIA COURSE

This is starting on Sunday 27th September at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

SEASON OF CREATION- SPECIAL MASS

There will be a special Mass for the care of creation on Wed 23rd September at 6pm at St. John's. As Bishop Bosco wrote in his letter from last week "Christians cannot simply look away when creation is damaged, particularly when the consequences fall most heavily on the poor." Please do keep the care of creation in your prayers.

VOTIVE CANDLES

Please only light candles that are going to be placed in one of the proper holders for the votive candles. If the votive candle stands are full, please leave your candle next to the stand and it will be lit for your intentions when a space becomes available.

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@googlemail.com

DBS VOLUNTEERS TRAINING

The Safeguarding Office is asking for all Diocese Volunteers who require a DBS to complete the on-line training programme on offer by 31st 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.trowbridge.stjohnthebaptist@cliftondiocese.com or Teresa, PSR.trowbridge.stjohnthebaptist@cliftondiocese.com

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WELCOMING TEAM

The welcomers for St John's at both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses are looking for new volunteers to join a rota for the welcoming team. If this is something you think you'd be interested in, please let Eve know.

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.

VOCATION RETREAT DAY

What is God calling you to? Whether discerning your own path or simply curious about how others live out their faith, this day retreat is a chance to pause, explore, learn and reflect together as a community. Open to both men and women, the day brings together speakers from across different vocations each sharing their story of how they found their calling. The day includes Mass and time for confession, with lunch and refreshments included in the ticket price. Saturday 26th September, 10am to 4.30pm, at St Mary on the Quay, Bristol. Tickets from £10, available via Eventbrite/Zeffy. For enquiries, please contact catholicwomen@gmail.com

SAINT ALPHEGE'S, BATH HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Free guided tours of the Church will take place on 17th, 18th & 19th September at 2pm. They start at the entrance portico, last about an hour, and end with refreshments. The guides, Dr Giles Mercer and Dr Amina Wright, will place the church in the context of Scott's architecture as a whole, as well as in the context of Bath's social and economic development. It is an oasis of serenity and peace in the western part of Bath, which expanded in the later 19th century. Admirers of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's work, such as Liverpool Cathedral, Battersea Power Station, and the red telephone-box, will see his characteristic combination of traditional design in this early Christian basilica-style church; from the modern techniques, such as the unique ruboleum floor with Cosmatesque 12-13th-century patterns, and an arts-and-crafts attention to detail seen in the ironwork and wood and details, are a sight to behold.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

Emergencies can hit anywhere in the world, but our trusted partners are there working to help our neighbours get the practical support that they urgently need. There are many areas of the world that need prayer and practical support:

CAFOD are supporting Caritas Nepal, who are helping communities affected by the flash flood on 26th August.

Also, CAFOD's trusted partners are responding to help communities affected by the earthquake in Colombia on 10th August and CAFOD's Church partner, Caritas Venezuela, continues to help survivors of the two devastating earthquakes in June with water, food and shelter. In Gaza, where the situation on the ground is still unimaginably difficult – your donation will mean that rice and other food can get to our neighbours who need it.

In Democratic Republic of Congo, CAFOD's trusted local Church partners are responding to the Ebola outbreak and helping communities fight the spread of the disease.

The situation in Lebanon is severe. The recent escalation in violence has displaced families, damaged homes and pushed already vulnerable communities into deeper need. People are in desperate need of shelter, food, water, medication and protection.

CAFOD's local experts have been working in Ukraine since the Russian invasion. Together, we can help families with the essentials they need.

As the war in Sudan enters its fourth year, families are still fleeing violence. CAFOD's local experts are giving our neighbours who are struggling for survival vital support.

Your gift today can provide safe water, food, cash support and healthcare to families who urgently need help through this crisis. For further info please see: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies>

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

