

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



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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th September 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

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>
Sun 20 th Sep	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Joaquim Fernandes (RIP)</i>
Mon 21 st Sep	No Mass		Feast of Saint Matthew	
Tues 22 nd Sep	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Gerry Walsh (RIP)</i>
Wed 23 rd Sep	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina	<i>Jan Zvarik (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's	Mass for the Care of Creation	
Thurs 24 th Sep	10am	St Bernadette's	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	<i>Private Intention</i>
Fri 25 th Sep	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Ken Mills (RIP)</i>
Sat 26 th Sep	9.30am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>Pat Wilson (Ints) (Birthday)</i>
	6pm	St John's		

Confessions

No Saturday morning confessions 19th Sep

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 26 th	10.00-10.30am	St John's

Today's Readings



Adoration

Thurs 9.30-10.30am St John's

Morning Prayer

Sat 26th 9am St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts. "Do you begrudge my generosity?"

WEDDING

On Friday 25th September Eaton D'Souza and Matilda Lowkis are getting married at St. John's. Please pray for them and a blessed marriage.

KWAME'S ORDINATION

Please pray for Kwame as he is set to get ordained at the Cathedral this Saturday. For those going on the coach, please arrive at St. John's for 9am. For those who will meet everyone there, the Mass starts at 11am.

SECOND COLLECTION- THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this 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.

FOOD BANK-NEXT WEEKEND

The next collection at St John's will be next weekend of the 26th/27th September. Please do consider donating to this worthwhile cause. For a list of suitable items please see the noticeboard at St. John's or email Eve.

LECTIO DIVINA-ST THOMAS MORE

This will next be happening on Monday 28th September from 10.15am-11am. If you have a Sunday Missal please bring this with you. All welcome.

DIACONAL FORMATION PROGRAMME

We welcome back the Diaconal Formation group who will be joining us at St John's on selected Fridays and Saturdays throughout this academic year. They will be with us on the evening of Friday 25th and during the day on Saturday 26th September. On the Saturdays when they are here, there will be morning prayer in the church at 9am, a reflection on the readings at 9.15am, and an extra Mass at 9.30am. All are welcome. The extra Masses will be listed on the front of the newsletter on the relevant week.

ADOREMUS - SAT 10th OCT

The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress is the invitation of the bishops of England and Wales to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. There are two main strands to the *Adoremus* National Eucharistic Congress in 2026. In London, there will be a representative gathering of the Church with bishops, priests, and people. No less important is how *Adoremus* is marked in our parishes throughout England and Wales. Local Masses, processions of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hours will unite these local events with the national gathering. At Saint John's we will be having an extended period of Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday 10th October, from 9am until 9pm (with a break for the 6pm Mass). In order to have this extended period of adoration we need to have at least two people in the church at all times. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at St John's so that we know we will have enough people present to enable this to happen.

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COUNTING TEAM

For an hour on Wednesday mornings each month (you get one Wednesday off), we are looking for volunteers to add to our existing team to count the offertory money.

Anyone with an hour to spare who would like to help, please leave your name with Eve. Many thanks

UK PRAYS-NEXT SUNDAY

The next public rosary will be at the War Memorial in the Park in Trowbridge next Sunday 27th September at 4.30pm. All welcome.

TOWN PRAYERS- WESTBURY

Town prayers will be at St. Bernadette's every Tuesday during October from 2.30pm - 3pm. All are welcome.

SCHOOL STARTERS- SEPT 2027

For children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, if you are applying for a school place at a primary school for admission from September 2027 onwards, application windows are now open. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2027.

VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Virgin statue of our Lady of Fatima along with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will be visiting the Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Bristol on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September. The day starts on Saturday at 9.10am with a procession and Mass being celebrated by Bishop Bosco at 9.30am. The rest of the day includes veneration of the relics, recitation of the joyful mysteries of the rosary, the angelus, lunch, a film and talk on the message of Fatima, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of divine mercy, Benediction and investiture of the brown scapular. The day ends at 4.30pm. On Sunday 26th there is Mass at 07.30am followed by veneration of the relics. There is Mass again at 09.30am and 11.15am. Veneration of the relics is again at 12.30pm with the day ending at 1pm. For more information please see: <https://www.cliftoncathedral.org>

SEPTEMBER 300 CLUB RESULTS

Prize	Number	Name
£200	60	Martin Micenec
£70	266	Leslie McCartney
£50	275	Krystina Potem
£10	52	St Johns School via Frank Geraghty R.I.P

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.

