

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



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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th September 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

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)	Pat Wilson (Ints) (Birthday)
	6pm	St John's		Frederick, Catherine, Stewart & Rosemary O'Donoghue (RIP)
Sun 27 th Sep	9am	St Bernadette's		People of the Parish
	10.30am	St John's		John Aland (RIP)
Mon 28 th Sep	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 29 th Sep	6pm	St John's	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Jeanette Worth (RIP)
Wed 30 th Sep	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of Saint Jerome	Holy Souls
Thurs 1 st Oct	10am	St Bernadette's	Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Michael Ettridge (RIP) (1st Ann)
Fri 2 nd Oct	No Mass		Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels	
Sat 3 rd Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Paul Day (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		

Confessions

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

Today's Readings



Adoration

Thurs	9.30-10.30am	St John's
Fri	8.00-9.00pm	St John's
Morning Prayer		
Sat 26 th	9am	St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Once a sinner, always a sinner." That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: "prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you" All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

MESSAGE FROM KWAME

Kwame and his family wish to thank all members of the 3 churches for their kindness and generous support. May the Lord bless you all for your generosity and kindness.

RCIA COURSE

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

FOOD BANK-NEXT WEEKEND

The next collection at St John's will be this 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.

TEA AND CHAT

The next tea and chat will be in the Parish Centre next Thursday 1st October from 2pm. All are welcome.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

On the First Friday of each month there is Adoration and Benediction at St. John's. The next one will be on Friday 2nd October from 8-9pm. All are welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

On Fri 2nd October CAFOD have their annual harvest family fast day. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Envelopes are available at all Masses this weekend and there will be a second collection next weekend for this or you can donate online at <https://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope> or call 0303 303 3030.

ST. BERNADETTE'S DROP IN

The next drop in will be on Wednesday 7th October 2pm-4pm everyone is welcome for delicious cake and drinks.

ST. BERNADETTE'S QUIZ NIGHT

The next quiz night will be on Friday 23rd October at 7pm. Tickets are £4 which includes soft drinks and nibbles. Tickets are available after Mass at St. Bernadette's. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

The diary for next year is now open. If you would like a Mass said for a special intention on a particular date for any time next year, please contact Father Richard. Perhaps you would like a Mass said for a special birthday or wedding anniversary, or for the repose of the soul of a loved one on their anniversary or another significant date. Envelopes for Mass Intentions and Offerings are available at all churches.

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.

VOLUNTEER ONLINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The safeguarding training for volunteers is every three years and there are still many who need to complete the training before the end of 2026: Volunteers can go onto the national safeguarding training system and complete the training online at their own time at <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/> otherwise they can book on the online safeguarding training being provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator on the following dates: Wed 11th Nov from 6pm-7.30pm or Wed 9th Dec from 6pm-7.30pm. Please contact safeguarding@cliftondiocese.com to book your space. Alternatively you can join the team in the Parish Centre. Please contact Martin PSR1.trowbridge.stjohnthebaptist@cliftondiocese.com or Teresa PSR.trowbridge.stjohnthebaptist@cliftondiocese.com

SOUP RUN

We need some volunteers to join the Soup Run – some to make soup or sandwiches and some to join the 'Runners' team who serve the food at the multi-storey car park on a Friday night from 7pm to 7.45pm. There are a number of people on the team already and your commitment would be once every five weeks only. The Soup Run is very much appreciated by the 'clients' who are homeless in the main and it is rewarding to be part of the team. A different church covers every night of the week and it has run since 1997. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Mary Turner on 07707 628796.

PERSONAL TILES

At long last more of the personal small tiles are here for collection after Mass in the Parish Centre. Sorry for the delay but please do pop in and pick up your order. Many thanks

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 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 this 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.

EVENTS AT BROWNSHILL MONASTERY

The Monastery of Our Lady and St Bernard is the home of a community of six Bernardine Cistercian Nuns. They have courses running From 24th – 27th September: Loving God, Living Simply, Living Deeply- Reflecting and learning from St. Francis of Assisi's lifestyle which brought him the graces of freedom of heart, inner peace and confidence in God's love. <https://www.bernardine.org/brownsbill-programme/2026/9/24/loving-god-living-simply-living-deeply> and from 6th – 8th November: Vocation Weekend - Taste the goodness of the Lord who loves you. An opportunity to experience monastic life <https://www.bernardine.org/brownsbill-programme/2026/4/17/vocation-weekend-taste-the-goodness-of-the-lord-who-loves-you-athh2>

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.

