

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



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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th October 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 3 rd Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Private Intention
	6pm	St John's		Paul Day (RIP)
Sun 4 th Oct	9am	St Bernadette's		People of the Parish
	10.30am	St John's		Edith & Walter Baker (RIP)
Mon 5 th Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 6 th Oct	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Justin Whitehead (RIP)
Wed 7 th Oct	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	Noelle Fanning (RIP)
Thurs 8 th Oct	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention
Fri 9 th Oct	9am	St John's	Feast of Saint John Henry Newman	Michael & Anna Pieczko (RIP)
Sat 10 th Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Hourieh Heydari (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		Perpetua & Ernesto Aguirre (RIP)

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
Sat 10 th	9.00am-9.00pm	St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

WORKS ST. BERNADETTE'S

The works to the floor and sub-structure at St. Bernadette's are beginning next week. The Church remains open for Masses and there is a slight adjustment to the layout in the Church. We thank you for your understanding whilst this is ongoing.

ROSARY- ST THOMAS MORE

The Rosary will be said after Mass during the month of October. All are welcome

TEA AND CAKE- ST THOMAS MORE

There will be tea and cake after Mass on 17th October- all are welcome to join.

FUNERAL- MARY MCDONALD

Mary McDonald, who was known to many at St. John's, died on Saturday 5th September surrounded by her family. Her funeral will be at Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Holy Cross, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF on Wednesday 14th October at 12.30pm. All are welcome. The funeral will also be streamed live on the day on the St Swithun Wells YouTube channel: [St Swithun Wells Catholic Parish - YouTube](#)

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.catholic safeguarding.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 PSR.I.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

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>

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY TALK

Fr. Lawrence Lew OP will be giving a talk in Clifton cathedral on the power of the Rosary on 22nd October. Refreshments will be available at 6.15pm with the talk starting at 7pm. All Welcome.

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 10th October, 10am to 5pm, at St Mary on the Quay, Bristol. Tickets from £10, available via Eventbrite/Zeffy. For enquiries, please contact catholicwomen@gmail.com

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.

