

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



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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th October 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

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)
Sun 11 th Oct	9am	St Bernadette's		People of the Parish
	10.30am	St John's		Anne-Marie Hunt (RIP)
Mon 12 th Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 13 th Oct	6pm	St John's	Memorial of Saint Edward the Confessor	Special Intention
Wed 14 th Oct	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Elena Cmarkova (RIP)
Thurs 15 th Oct	10am	St Bernadette's	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus	Special Intention
Fri 16 th Oct	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of Donors
Sat 17 th Oct	9.30am	St John's	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch	
	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Denise Fingleton (RIP)
	6pm	St John's		People of the Parish

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

Sat 10 th	9.00am-9.00pm	St John's
Thurs	9.30am-10.30am	St John's
Morning Prayer		
Sat 17 th	9am	St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.

PRISONER'S SUNDAY – 11th OCTOBER

Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as communities, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment. Our prisons are in crisis. There are record numbers of people behind bars. Inspectors regularly report instances of vermin, violence, self-harm and people languishing in cells with nothing to do. At the same time, too many people are released with no home, no job, no family and no hope. The ripple effects of this crisis are felt well beyond the prison walls. The lives of hundreds of thousands of families and children are affected as they, too, serve a hidden sentence. Having a mother, father, husband or wife in prison can have a devastating impact – more than half of families tell us they are struggling to afford the basics for themselves and their children. For more information or to donate to PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) see <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/faith/events/prisoners-sunday/>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18th OCTOBER

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit www.missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend.

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. 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). You are most welcome to come along at any point during these hours.

LECTIO DIVINA AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

This continues on the second Wednesday of each month, 10.15-11am. The next date is 14th October. If you have a Sunday Missal, please bring this with you. All welcome.

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](#)

TEA AND CAKE- ST THOMAS MORE

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

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.

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 Wednesday Mass during the month of October. All are welcome

TOWN PRAYERS- WESTBURY

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

FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

We need volunteers from all churches who would be willing to be Fire Marshalls for Masses. This is especially important if there was a need to evacuate the building. We have a free training session booked for next Friday 16th October from 9am in the Parish Centre. If you are interested, please contact Eve.

CANON LIAM'S 90TH BIRTHDAY MASS

Unfortunately, Canon Liam is unable to travel to Trowbridge, but in conjunction with St. Peters, it has been agreed with Fr Richard to say a special Mass on the day of his birthday, here at St John's on Monday 26th October 2026 at 11.30am. It is hoped to be able to stream this live, concluding with an appropriate rendition of Happy Birthday. Please do put it in your diary and come along to celebrate with him if you can

PARISH DATABASE REMINDER

For those who are new to either of our parishes or who have yet to do so, please do register for the parish database. It is Fr Richard's only way to have your phone number or email if he needs to contact you and we have noticed that some of our parishioners are still not registered. If you do not have an email address or are unsure of how to fill out the form please do call Eve who can do it for you. Please use this link

<https://stjohnstbernadettesthomasmore.churchsuite.com/embed/addressbook/form>

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY AT ST. JOHN'S

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Children's Rosary will take place in the church of St. John's on Sunday 18th October from 9.45am and we would be delighted if you would join the children in prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us every Sunday in the Parish Centre to pray the rosary from 09.45am. We also pray the Healing Rosary for the Family in the church Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am, all welcome.

BRADFORD ON AVON CHURCHES TOGETHER

The next BACT prayer meeting is being hosted by St Thomas More in the Hub on Thursday 22nd October at 7.30pm. 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.

REMAINING NAMED TILES

There are still a number of named tiles remaining. They will be available in the Parish Centre until the end of October so if you would like yours please do come and collect it.

FLAME 2027

The diocese have an exciting opportunity for young people across our Diocese to attend FLAME 2027, taking place on Saturday 6th March 2027 at Wembley Arena. FLAME brings together thousands of young people from across the country for a day of inspiration, worship, and encouragement in faith. The diocese have just under 50 tickets remaining of the one hundred they secured and would love to see young people from parishes, youth groups, and families attend. If you are interested, please complete the form below and the diocese will be in touch with further details: [Register your interest](#)

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.