

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



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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th October 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 17 th Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>Denise Fingleton (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sun 18 th Oct	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>Private Intention</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Nicole New</i>
Mon 19 th Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 20 th Oct	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Fr Joe Dineen OP (Ints)</i>
Wed 21 st Oct	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Bill Knight (RIP)</i>
Thurs 22 nd Oct	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 23 rd Oct	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Catherine Boyle (RIP)</i>
Sat 24 th Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Mary McDonald (RIP)</i>

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

Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonika. to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18th OCTOBER

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, 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 this weekend.

TEA AND CAKE- ST THOMAS MORE

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

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 this 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.

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.

END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME – 25th OCT

Please note that clocks go back one hour *next weekend*

FOOD BANK ST JOHNS- NEXT WEEKEND

The next collection at St John's will be next weekend- the 24th/25th October. 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.

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

LECTIO DIVINA- ST THOMAS MORE

This will next be happening on Monday 26th October from 10.15am- 11am. If you have a Sunday Missal please bring this with you. All welcome.

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.

NOVEMBER LIST

Envelopes for the November List are available in all of the churches. Please place the names of deceased relatives and friends for whom you wish to pray in the envelopes and place them in the basket provided. These names will be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

ALL SOULS DAY – 2nd NOV

Monday 2nd November is All Souls Day. There will be a morning Mass at St John's at 9am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8th NOV

The 10.30am Mass on 8th November will be celebrated as a Mass for the Dead of the Two World Wars and subsequent conflicts, and will begin with an Act of Remembrance.

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 6th November (I got the date wrong in last week's newsletter) from 9am in the Parish Centre. If you are interested, please contact Eve.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 REGISTRATION

Our next First Holy Communion and First Confession preparation programme will start on 21st January and run on certain Thursday evenings at St. John's Parish Centre until June (dates will be given to parents upon registration). If your child has been Baptised and is in school year 3 and above you can enrol them by filling in the online form: [First Holy Communion Registration 2027](#) Alternatively, the form can be found on the parish website. Deadline for registration is Friday 1st January 2027. There will be no registrations past this date.

CONFIRMATION 2027 ENROLMENT

Our next Confirmation preparation programme will start on the 13th April 2026 and run every Tuesday evening at St. John's Parish Centre for 7 weeks (not including half term). If your child is in school year 9 or above and has taken their First Holy Communion you can enrol them by filling in the online form (Please note a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate needs to be emailed/given to Eve along with the registration form in order for your child to be allocated a place on the programme): [Confirmation 2027 enrolment form](#) Alternatively, the form can be found on the parish website. Deadline for registration is 12th February 2027. No registrations will be taken after this date.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

I am updating the health and safety records for all churches and there are many different diocesan risk assessments that are being completed as part of this. I may need to contact some volunteers as part of this and will be in touch if I need to. Many thanks, Eve

UK PRAYS-NEXT SUNDAY

The next public rosary will be at the War Memorial in the Park in Trowbridge next Sunday 25th October at 4.30pm. All welcome.

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://stjohnstbernadettetsthomasmore.churchsuite.com/embed/addressbook/form>

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.