

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



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Solemnity of All Saints – 1st November 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 31 st Oct	4pm	St Thomas More's	Solemnity of All Saints (A)	<i>William Joseph Mortimer (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Mary Berridge (RIP)</i>
Sun 1 st Nov	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Mary Alice Wynne (RIP)</i>
Mon 2 nd Nov	9am	St John's	Commemoration of All Souls	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Tues 3 rd Nov	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Mary Madden (RIP)</i>
Wed 4 th Nov	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs 5 th Nov	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 6 th Nov	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Intentions of Donors</i>
Sat 7 th Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Agnes & Joe Schembri (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

Today's Readings



Thurs	9.30am-10.30am	St John's
Fri 6 th Nov	8.00pm-9.00pm	St John's

Adoration

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"A huge number, impossible to count" – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully, and who now rejoice in the Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the "anonymous" saints, whose names we don't remember - but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own "journey of perfection". What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beatitudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit - these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. They are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the "named" saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose name we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.

ALL SOULS DAY – 2nd NOV

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

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND APPEAL

This weekend, 31st October/1st November, Andrew Nash from Friends of the Holy Land, will visit our parishes and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to our Christian brothers and sisters in Palestine, Israel, and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and he will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. You can donate by cash or card. Thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

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 from 9am in the Parish Centre. We have not had anyone come forward yet and we need at least one person from each Mass. Please contact Eve if you can help.

ST JOHN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

The first choir rehearsal for this year's carol service will be this Sunday 1st November at 4pm in the Parish Centre.

FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass for Audrey Tomes will be on Thurs 12th Nov at 11am at St. John's

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.

ST. JOHN'S QUIZ NIGHT

On Fri 27th Nov there will be a quiz night in the Parish Centre to raise funds for the ongoing building works. Tickets are £5 per person for teams of 4 or 6. For further info please contact Mike Heather 01225762966 / 07712662672

ST. BERNADETTE'S DROP IN

This will next be on Wednesday 4th November from 2pm - 4pm. Everyone is very welcome.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE IN AID OF RENOVATION FUNDS

One of our talented parishioners, Robby, has again painted three beautiful original artworks for this Christmas which we have turned into cards. They are now on sale from St. John's or the Parish Office so please do consider buying these for your Christmas cards this year.

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. Please call Eve if you need help with this. Please use this link <https://stjohnstbernadettetthomasmore.churchsuite.com/embed/addressbook/form>

UK PRAYS PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

From 17th October until the start of January 2027 the UK Prays pilgrim statue is with our parishes. You are warmly invited to sign up on the sheet in the porch or via Sinead (haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk 07903 120266) to welcome Mother Mary into your home for a week and give her a place of honour. We would love to coordinate with Westbury and Bradford-on-Avon too.

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](#)

CELEBRATION MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 6th February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2027. You are all very welcome to join our diocesan family for this Mass. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a significant anniversary during 2027 please let Eve know.

POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

The Open Church group at St Mary's Catholic Church, Bath took up the suggestion of making and creating a knitted and crocheted Poppy display for our church. We opened up the challenge to our parishioners and many got involved, including children at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bath. The initial ambition was to create 1000 which we exceeded. We have nearly 3400 poppies. We will open St Mary's Catholic church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2SQ on a number of days during November from 10.00am-12.00pm and 2.00-4.00pm. Come and see the display whilst remembering all those who have fought for our country during the wars and those who have lost their lives:

Wk 1: Mon 2nd, Wed 4th* and Thurs 5th

Wk 2: Wed 11th, Sat 14th

Wk 3: Tues 17th*, Fri 20th*

Wk 4: Mon 23rd

*Mornings only. Donations to the British Legion

PARISH GIVING

There are many ways you can give a donation to Parish Funds: with a monthly standing order, 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.

