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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th November 2026

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 14th Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	*Peter Owen (RIP) (Ann)*
	6pm	St John's		*People of the Parish*
Sun 15th Nov	9am	St Bernadette's		*Kirsty and Ciaran Simmons (Wed Ann)*
	10.30am	St John's		*Mary McDonald (RIP)*
Mon 16th Nov	***No Mass***		Memorial of Saint Edmund of Abingdon	
Tues 17th Nov	11am	St John's	Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Pastoral Area	*Deceased clergy*
	6pm	St John's	Memorial of Saint Hugh of Lincoln	*Charleton Family (Ints)*
Wed 18th Nov	9am	St Thomas More's	Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul	*Anthony James Duffy (RIP)*
	1pm	St John's	Funeral Mass	*Eamonn Doyle (RIP)*
Thurs 19th Nov	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	*Holy Souls*
Fri 20th Nov	9am	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	*Fr Isidore Clarke OP (RIP)*
Sat 21st Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	Solemnity of Christ the King (A)	*Deceased relatives of the Barry and Zlotnicki families*
	6pm	St John's		*Carmela & Anthony Mercieca (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	9.30am-10.30am	St John's

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of wives. This is not, in fact, a recipe for 'the perfect wife', but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

MISSION APPEAL ALL MASSES- THIS WEEKEND

Fr. Lawrence Danladi MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), will make the mission appeals this weekend. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a second collection at all Masses.

LECTIO DIVINA- ST THOMAS MORE

The next Lectio Divina will be on Monday 23rd November from 10.15-11am. If you have a Sunday Missal please bring this with you. All welcome.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

There are some diocesan directories available to purchase for £6.50. They will be available after all Masses if you would like one.

RED BOX HOLDERS-ST. JOHN'S

If you are a red box holder, please bring your box to St. John's during November and they will be emptied for you. There are a number of red boxes that do need collecting from St. John's

DBS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING REMINDER

All DBS certificated volunteers are required to complete Safeguarding Training and the Diocese request that we complete the training by 31st December 2026. The next training will be at the Parish Centre on Wednesday 9th December from 6-7.30pm or you can do the on-line training module at your own convenience at: https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/

FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

We still need more people to volunteer to be Fire Marshalls. The training will only take an hour or so and you only need to be available to help if there is a need to evacuate a Mass. Please do consider coming forward for this and let Eve know if you can help. Thank you.

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

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.

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

WEBSITE

When searching for the website, on some internet browsers, a warning pops up saying 'Your connection is not private'. Much like with a mobile phone, the company who host the website need to do an update and until that happens this notice is popping up. The website is still safe to use and we are getting this looked at.

RED WEDNESDAY 2026

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is Catholic charity bringing spiritual and practical help to Catholics and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need through prayer, information, and action. Mrg Liam Slattery, Vicar General and Dean of Clifton Cathedral, will be celebrating a Mass for Persecuted Christians around the world on Wednesday November 18th at 7.00pm in Clifton Cathedral. This will be followed by a short talk on behalf of ACN and refreshments. All welcome. See www.acnuk.org for more information on the work of Aid to the Church in Need.

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. 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.

GOD OF OUR SENSES

What does the Bible have to say about our human senses? How can neuroscience and our faith help us understand our spiritual senses? These are just two intriguing questions posed in a series of articles commissioned by The Catholic Bishops' Conference and The Bible Society and currently available online. The articles are written by Professor Stephen Gomez, a member of Clifton Diocese and author of God of Our Senses. The God Who Speaks

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

On 24th October Bishop Bosco, Dr Austin Ivereigh and Dr Daniele Palmer gave talks examining how technology is impacting our world today and how to respond to it from a Catholic viewpoint. All three talks can be watched on youtube here: https://cliftondiocese.com/news/addressing-the-challenge-of-artificial-intelligence/

NOVEMBER 300 CLUB RESULTS

Prize	Number	Name
£200	74	Joan Boorer
£70	221	Andrea Barlow
£50	177	David and Dee Perkins
£10	208	Annette Witte

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.