

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



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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th November 2024

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This Week's Mass Times

Sat 16 th Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Mary Evans (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sun 17 th Nov	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>Joan Lyle (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>Kathleen Wilson (RIP)</i>
Mon 18 th Nov	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tues 19 th Nov	7pm	St John's	Confirmation Mass	
Wed 20 th Nov	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Fr Isodore Clarke OP (RIP)</i>
Thurs 21 st Nov	10am	St Bernadette's	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Deceased members of the Allwood family</i>
Fri 22 nd Nov	9am	St John's	Memorial of Saint Cecilia	<i>Special Intention</i>
Sat 23 rd Nov	4pm	St Thomas More's	Solemnity of Christ the King	<i>Peter Owen (RIP)</i>
	6pm	St John's		<i>Private Intention</i>

Confessions

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages (and especially in the early days) Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: "Then... he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds." This gathering of God's children together will be a truly wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

The funeral of **Adam Tegetmeier** will take place at St Thomas More's on Wednesday 27th November at 11am.

David Hillier, one of the organists at St Thomas More's, died recently. His funeral will be at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon on Friday 22nd November at 1.30pm.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – 17th NOV

On this day thousands of churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions across the UK will join together to talk about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people. The initiative, spearheaded by Thirtyone:eight invites communities to come together to reflect on their own safeguarding journey, and to highlight and celebrate all the good work that is being done by so many behind the scenes. Everyone in Clifton diocese is called to ensure that all diocesan institutions, parishes, clergy, employees and volunteers take appropriate steps to maintain a safe environment and put into practice Christ's ministry towards children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Our diocese is committed to accompany and support all survivors or victims of abuse. We seek to learn from them and their representatives about best safeguarding practice.

DAY OF REPARATION – 17th NOV

You are invited to join in making reparation to our Blessed Lord, who is still in Agony because of our countless offences against him and against one another. There will be an opportunity to pray the Precious Blood Chaplet, and Adoration prayers before the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction. Starting at 3pm on Sunday 17th November in St John's Church. Followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION MASS – 19th NOV

Bishop Bosco joins us on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm for our Confirmation Mass at St John's. Everyone is welcome to join the candidates and their families for this very special moment in the lives of the young people of our parishes. Extra parking is available at St Augustine's. Please keep the 44 candidates, their sponsors and families in your prayers.

RED WEDNESDAY – 20th NOV

#RedWednesday is Aid to the Church in Need's (national and international) day for persecuted Christians. This year, ACN is focusing on the suffering of young Christians in priority countries, many of whom are orphaned and displaced due to targeted attacks against their Christian communities. Can you donate to help provide material and spiritual hope to displaced children in places like Nigeria, Lebanon, Syria, Burkina Faso and Mozambique? To donate, to sign our Advocacy petition and to find out how to be part of #TeamRed this year, visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

EDUCATION MASS – 21st NOV

The Mass will be held at 6pm on Thursday, 21st November at Clifton Cathedral. It is an opportunity for all our school community (staff, students, parents, governors and anyone involved in Catholic education) to come together as a diocesan family with Bishop Bosco MacDonald to celebrate Catholic education. The choir this year will be from St. Peter's High School in Gloucester.

300 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER

Prize	Number	Name
£200	95	Jeanne Blowers
£70	119	Anne Henderson
£50	102	J & M L Tilley
£10	64	Fraser Howorth

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

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.

MASS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED – 26th NOV

Mass will be celebrated for those who have recently died at 6pm on Tuesday 26th November at St John's Church. This is an opportunity to pray for our loved ones who have died in recent years, both those whose funerals have been held in our churches and those that have taken place elsewhere. Please contact Fr Richard if you would like the name of a loved one to be mentioned at this Mass. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Centre after Mass.

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – 22nd NOV

Come along to our Wreath Making Workshop led by professional florist Lucy Ellis. At this fun workshop you can create a beautiful wreath to hang on your door this Christmas. The workshop, which costs £45pp and takes place at St John's Catholic Primary School in Trowbridge, will begin with Bucks Fizz and a mince pie on arrival. You are welcome to bring any greenery or specific decorations you would like to use but this isn't essential as all materials will be provided. Lucy does recommend you bring scissors or secateurs (she will have some spares if you don't have the right kit). Please invite family and friends to join you for this wonderful community event, with all money raised going to the FOSJT. The event will last from 6pm until approximately 9pm and tickets are available from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofstjohns/1441434>

TROWBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Thank you to all who contribute to the Trowbridge Foodbank Collection each month. The next collection will take place next weekend, 23rd/24th November. Please leave you donated goods in the Church Porch at St. John's and St. Bernadette's.

CAROL SERVICE REHEARSALS – ST JOHN'S

We welcome singers to join us for choir rehearsals, we are planning on performing a couple new pieces of music which will be part of the forthcoming Carol Service in December. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday 24th Nov & Sunday 1st & 8th Dec at 6pm in St John's Trowbridge. We look forward to seeing you.

CHARITY CONCERT – 27th NOV

Charity concert for Dorothy House at St Mary's Church, Julian Road, Bath, on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm. An evening of jazz, swing and Latin music by Bath Community Big Band. Tickets £10/under 18 £5, plus a free drink in the Parish Centre afterwards. www.bathcommunitybigband.com

TRAINING FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph are offering a training session to equip leaders and helpers of the Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish. They will look at essential principles, offer models, and recommend resources. The session takes place on 14th December, 9am to 12noon. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link [here](#).

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.

