

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



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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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**This Week's Mass Times**

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Fr Conrad Lowry (RIP) (Ann)</i>
	6pm	St John's		
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9am	St Bernadette's		<i>Private Intention</i>
	10.30am	St John's		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>No Mass</b>		Memorial of Saint Bonaventure	
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6pm	St John's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>Ints Fr Anthony Mullen OP</i>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9am	St Thomas More's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	10am	St Bernadette's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.15am	St John's	School Mass	
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4pm	St Thomas More's	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	6pm	St John's		

**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**

Amos had a tricky task on his hands. He was sent unwillingly by God from the neighbouring kingdom of Judah to tell their bitter rivals in Israel to change their ways, to stop exploiting the poor and the weak, to bring sacrifices which were a real expression of homage to God who champions the needy and the powerless. No surprise that he was booted out of the national shrine and told to shove off home and mind his own business. We don't like prophets who try to shake us out of our comfortable ways, pointing out our inadequacies, challenging us to be true to God's plans for us. In vain Amos insisted that he was not a professional trouble-maker, that all he had wanted was a quiet life looking after his flocks and herds and sycamore-trees. And then the Lord had insisted on giving him this special task. The exciting thing about being a Christian is that we never know when we will be called by the Lord to do some special task, great or small – even if it is only welcoming the unexpected and tiresome visitor and remembering that he or she is in the place of Christ.

## **SECOND COLLECTION 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> JULY – SEA SUNDAY**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

## **CATHOLIC MOTHERS BATH & WEST WILTSHIRE**

A new group for mothers to meet once a month for Mass at St John the Evangelist's, Bath and then afterwards in the hall to share tea, cake, faith and fellowship. Children are most welcome. We will be a part of the wider Catholic Mothers network. We plan to meet for the first time on the 15<sup>th</sup> July after the 9.30 Mass. Contact Amy on 07872382979 to find out more.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Bosco will be coming to Saint John's to celebrate this year's Confirmation Mass at the end of November. Application forms are now available, and a programme of preparation will begin in September. Copies of the form are available in all of the churches and have been sent out with the newsletter. Anyone in Year 9 or above can apply for the programme. Please return completed application forms to the presbytery, or email to [richard.elson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:richard.elson@cliftondiocese.com)

## **APPEAL FOR CATECHISTS**

I will need some help from catechists with running this year's Confirmation programme, and with next year's First Holy Communion programme. Many thanks for those who have already replied; if anyone else feels that they may be able to help out, please let me know. Fr Richard.

## **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to Alfie Leask who was baptised at Saint John's at last Sunday's 10.30 Mass, and to Sebastian Titt who will be baptised at Saint John's on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as we welcome them into family of the Church.

## **KWAME ADOKU**

Kwame is due to receive the ministry of Lector at Saint John's, Bath on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep Kwame in your prayers as he continues his journey in the Diaconal Formation programme

## **ADOREMUS**

It is some time away yet, but there is a National Eucharistic Congress taking place at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Whilst there are representatives from each diocese taking part, each parish is nevertheless invited to host a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Watch this space.

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY – 14<sup>th</sup> JULY**

The Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury will take place this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July. This year's pilgrimage will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Prayer'. The diocese has produced five videos to give you the history of pilgrimage in Glastonbury and why pilgrimage is so important in our faith: <https://cliftondiocese.com/pilgrimage/glastonbury-pilgrimage/>

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like a Mass said for the intentions of a friend or family member, or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, please complete an envelope with all of the relevant details and return it to the sacristy or the presbytery. It is good to have a Mass said for people who are ill or are celebrating a special occasion such as a birthday, marriage or special anniversary, as well as having a Mass said for those who have died, perhaps recently, or on the occasion of their anniversary. Envelopes are available in all of the churches. If you have a particular date in mind, please check with me, so that I can check my diary. Fr Richard.

## **NEW LECTIONARY**

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The New Lectionary will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent this year. The Catholic Truth Society and Redemptorist Publications will be publishing new people's Missals. Further information is available on their websites.

The Catholic Truth Society has also provided some more information about the Lectionaries that will be used in church – including images of some sample pages: <https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary-site/inside-lectionary/>

Readers might find it helpful to start looking at this information.

## **CAR PARKING 10.30 MASS**

Please note, overflow car-park at St. Augustine's is available every Sunday morning.

## **300 CLUB**

If you wish to join the 300 Club, please ask Father Richard or Mike Heather for an application form. They are also available on the parish website. Thank you.

## **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.

