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Times of Mass this Week

12th/13th March 2016

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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| <u>Saturday</u> | 5.30 pm Carlo De Franco RIP |
| <u>Sunday</u> | 11.00 am People of the Parish |
| <u>Monday</u> | 10.00 am Alf Critchley RIP |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 6.15 pm James Hobbs RIP |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 10.00 am John Kerrigan RIP |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 6.15 pm Rev Tony Colby RIP |
| <u>Friday</u> | 9.00 am Tim Kerins RIP |

NEXT SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

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| <u>Saturday</u> | 5.30 pm Rex Holbrook RIP |
| | 11.00 am People of the Parish |

Confessions: Saturday after Mass

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12 – 19

March This is an initiative of our Diocesan Pastoral Care Project, appealing to you for prayer and donations to raise awareness of the spiritual needs of the frail elderly – enabling carers to support them in their journey to the fullness of life. There will be a voluntary second collection today to support the Project. Quite independent of the Diocesan Project, it is heartening to see the local initiative here in Bidford. *Please see next item.*

BIDFORD DEMENTIA CAFÉ IS NOW

OPEN and is a new initiative providing a safe and homely environment to help and support people with memory problems/dementia and their families, carers and volunteers, to enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable morning by socializing and participating in activities. The atmosphere of the Café is warm, comfortable and friendly and all refreshments are free. **COME AND JOIN US** at Westholme Court, Westholme Road, every Monday (except Bank Holidays) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. **We will be pleased to welcome you.** For further information Telephone Wendy on 0771 364 8716 or email: secretarybdc@btinternet.com

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

THIS YEAR Bishop Robert Byrne will give the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St Joseph's on Sunday 18th September at 11am Mass.

LENT LUNCHESES On Mondays in Lent the Churches in Bidford come together for a simple lunch at The Methodist Church from 12.15 – 2.00 pm. The money donated is given to a charity which supports persecuted Christians. Each church takes a turn. Our thanks to those of our parish who provided and served the lunches last Mon.

MASS ON TUESDAY this week will be at 6.15 pm. There is a clergy day at St Chad's Cathedral on the Revised Rites for Confirmation and Marriage. ON THURSDAY the Prison Chaplains are meeting with His Grace, the Archbishop. Mass as usual here at 6.15 pm.

THIS WEEK'S TWEET The Diocese has asked me to contribute a Tweet each Wed., bearing in mind the context of Prison Chaplaincy.

"Where God finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognises the reflection of his own fatherly care." Pope Saint Leo the Great.

The Diocesan website is very interesting: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Offertory Collection 5th/6th Mar: Offertory £172.27

2nd Collection for the Maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral: £111.57 Thank you.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Mary Normoyle, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, John Fisher, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Harry, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett.