

## St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services1/2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY (A)Saturday5.30 pmGerard O'Malley RIPSunday11.00 amPeople of the ParishMonday9.30 amOlive Knight RIPWednesday10.00 amEucharistic Service

Saturday5.30 pmClare Wyatt RIPSunday11.00 amBrian Holberry RIP

CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass

**PRIESTS' RETREAT** The annual clergy retreat takes place this coming week at Oscott College. There will be Mass on Monday at 9.30am and a Eucharistic Service on Wednesday at 10.00am, but no other weekday Masses. Let us pray for each other during the week.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS SEA SUNDAY** when the Church prays for those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. <u>Next Sunday</u> there will be a second collection for the <u>Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)</u>, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is vital to enable it to continue its work.

**GIFT AID** We thank Steve Jackson for his presentation on the parish Gift Aid last weekend. Please hand completed Gift Aid Forms to Fr Garry or put them through the Presbytery letter box. For those who have been in the scheme for some time, ~@please consider increasing your offering. If you have changed address since you joined the scheme, please make sure we have your new address.

**PARISH ACCOUNTS 2016** Please take a copy of the Parish Accounts for 2016. We are grateful to the Parish Finance Committee for keeping the accounts. Each parish is levied by the Diocese according to their size, to meet the historic debt on our Catholic Schools and to pay for the running costs of the Diocese. The levy on our parish for 2016 was £7,671.

<u>**NO HOLY HOUR**</u> this week because of the Clergy Retreat.

**NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL – OUR LADY'S** The Directors and Governors were delighted to appoint Mrs Margaret Gourlay to be Head of School at Our Lady's, Alcester. This is the Catholic Junior School for our parish of St Joseph. The vacancy occurred because Mrs Teresa Unitt is retiring after years of dedicated service. The Federation comprises: Our Lady's, Alcester; St Mary's, Henley; and St Mary's, Broadway. Mrs Jacqui Le Maitre is the Executive Head. The Federation is now part of The Holy Family MAC (Multi Academy Company) with St Benedict's, Alcester, St Gregory's, Stratford, and St Mary's, Evesham. The aim, with Christ at the centre , is to give an all-round education to our young people.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerrard, Chris Browne, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Julie Kelly, Tommy McAloon, Gabrielle Edwards, Derek Riley, Greg Steele, Ronnie Walker.