

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services 10th/11th February 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY (B)

Saturday5.30 pmHilda Haworth RIPSunday11.00 amPeople of the ParishMonday10.00 amC & B Moss & FamilyTuesday9.00 amTerry & Shirley Malone.

ASH WEDNESDAY 10.00 am E.Smith RIP 7.30 pm Doreen Geohegan RIP

Thurs 6.15 pm Cyril Moss RIP 5.15 pm Holy Hour

Friday9.00 amBridget Shine RIPSaturday5.30 pmBreda Conway RIPSunday11.00 amPeople of the ParishConfessions Saturdays after 5.30 pm Mass

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent and is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat, except for the very young, the sick and elderly. There are two Masses here on Ash Wednesday, with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm. The Evening Mass is a little later than usual because Bishop Robert Byrne is saying Mass for the prisoners in Long Lartin at 5.15pm.

PLEASE TAKE A 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLET.

Archbishop Bernard says that this Lent we are taking our guidance from St Ignatius of Loyola. It was while recovering from a battlefield injury that he learned to cherish the constant presence of God in his life. He wrote of his experience in his Spiritual Exercises. He encourages us to read the Scriptures; to place ourselves in a scene from the Gospel. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you feel? *Please follow the booklet day by day and be guided by St Ignatius.*

ENROLMENT FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation classes for those making their First Holy Communion this year will begin on Sunday 25th February at 10 am, before the 11 am Mass. At that Mass young people will enroll to prepare for their First Holy Communion, which will now take place on <u>Sunday 17th June</u>. Please fill in an enrolment form today and hand to Fr Garry.

MASS ON TUESDAY is at 9am as the Deanery meet.

<u>RETREAT DAY AT HOLLAND HOUSE</u> Monday 19th March, Solemnity of St Joseph, 10 am – 4 pm. This is a retreat day for our parish. Holland House is a most uplifting venue. The cost will be £28 which includes Coffee, Lunch and Afternoon Tea. Please sign the list if you wish to attend.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is being held at St Joseph's this year on Fri. 2nd March 2pm tbc. If you are able to attend please contact Phil Hodgetts on 01789 778989 or e.phil@hodgetts.co.uk Men are very welcome to come too. We need some willing volunteers to serve refreshments after the service.

PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF 'CATHOLIC TODAY' See what is happening in our diocese to help the homeless, and female asylum seekers. Find out more about the National Eucharistic Congress, and the Costwolds only 'Upstairs Church', and more.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – LIVERPOOL 7th -9th **Sept. 2018.** Sunday, 9th Sept., is Adoremus Pilgrimage Day, centred on Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, and is open to everyone.

<u>WORLD YOUTH DAY</u> takes place in Panama from $22^{nd}-27^{th}$ Jan. 2019 for those who will be 18 -25 then. Would you be interested? The parish would help to sponsor you.

<u>OFFERTORY COLLECTION</u> 28th Jan. £246.77; 4th Feb. £147.44. 2nd Collection for **LIFE**, £179.68 *Thank You*.

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, Liz Gowers, Bridget Parkin, Julie Kelly, Tommy McAloon, Gabrielle Edwards, Derek Riley, Greg Steele, Ronnie Walker, Nicholas Summerfield, Margaret McAleer, Mike Newman. Shirley Burgess.