



# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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## Times of Mass & Services 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C)

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm	Harold Howarth RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am	Tina & Peter Conway Int
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00 am	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Noel Burke RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00 am	Holy Souls
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm	Rex Holbrook RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass**

**PLEASE PRAY** for Peter Jones, of Salford Priors, who has died, aged 79 years. Peter's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. RIP

**TODAY 13<sup>th</sup> November** Children's Liturgy.

**NEXT SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November** Youth Day and Feast of Christ the King. Our young people will be participating fully with music, prayer and readings etc. There will be a second collection for our Diocesan Youth Service.

**NO HOLY HOUR THIS THURSDAY EVENING**

as it is Fr Hugh Sinclair's Induction at Blackmore Park. Fr Hugh was Parish Priest here from 1985-7. He has been Spiritual Director at Oscott College since 1999.

**NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY**

**SOULS** There is a basket before the Altar during the Masses. You are invited to place the names of those you are remembering especially in one of the envelopes and place it in the basket. A Novena of Masses is being offered.

**THE BAD NEWS – THE GOOD NEWS** The Bad News is that there is Japanese Knotweed growing in part of the former allotment, described by the Environment Agency as "indisputably the UK's most aggressive and destructive plant." This has been known for a while and a firm was employed

to maintain that area and deal with the knotweed. This they did with herbicide. This subdued the problem but did not stop it. ***The Good News*** is that a daughter of our parish, Emily, daughter of Gina Carr, is Senior Area Manager for a firm which specialises in the removal of the weed. The knotweed rhizome can grow several meters laterally in any direction from the visible plant and to a depth of 3 meters. The only way to stop it is to remove all root growth. The cost for the affected area is £10,600 with a 5 year guarantee. (This includes a 10% charity discount) plus £1,400 with a 10 year guarantee, plus VAT. The Diocesan Property Manager was with us last week and urged us to proceed, which we are doing.

**ADVENT CALENDARS**, Christmas Cards, Diaries available from the Piety Stall.

**ANGEL TREE** is part of the Prison Fellowship in the UK. It is a charity and relies on donations, usually from local Churches. Last year over 70 Christmas presents were sent to the children of inmates in Long Lartin prison.

**THE PRACTICAL DETAILS**. Each prisoner fills in a form with details of his child and a suggested present (approx. £10-£15). He also writes a Christmas present label to his child. Volunteers then shop for appropriate presents which are wrapped with the father's message attached. There is always a special "wrapping day" early in December. **AT ST. JOSEPH'S** we have a team working for Angel Tree. The buying of gifts has already started. If you would like to help by:- donation, buying/wrapping presents please talk to Fr Garry or Eileen. ALSO pray that all runs smoothly this year.

**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, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Enzo Buquet, Julie Kelly.