



St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services

16th/17th Dec. 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	5.30 pm	Ron Jones RIP
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	10.00 am	Special Intention (PH)
Tuesday	10.00 am	Eric Ward RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Margaret McAleer.
Thursday	6.15 pm	Andrew Davis Int
Friday	9.00 am	John Tully RIP
Saturday	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.00 am	Sarah Dowd RIP
CHRISTMAS EVE	8.00 pm	People of the Parish
CHRISTMAS DAY	11.00 am	Lafferty Family
Confessions after Sat. evening Mass		

PLEASE PRAY for Martin, Betty Gower's son, who has died in Bristol, aged 61 years. May he rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS MASSES Our first Mass of Christmas is on Christmas Eve at 8.00 pm, preceded by Carols from 7.30pm. Mass on Christmas Day is at 11.00 am. The Masses for next weekend, the 4th Sunday of Advent, are as usual, Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 11.00am.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS Please take the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 5.30pm Saturday evening Masses, or 11am Sunday Mass on 24th December, or 6.00 – 7.00 pm on Christmas Eve.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE There is a Penitential Service at St Mary's, Evesham, on Monday 18th December at 7.00 pm. I will be among the priests helping to hear Confessions.

CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS Please help on Friday 22nd Dec. after the 9.00 am Mass or on Saturday 23rd Dec. at 9.00 am.

BRASS CLEANING Brass Cleaning Team gathering to polish on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm in Church.

ANGEL TREE Many thanks to all who helped again this year. Seventy presents were posted to the children of prisoners. Thirty-six were bought by St Joseph's shoppers! Many parishioners also sent contributions and prayed for Angel Tree. Thank you to all.

NO NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS? Archbishop Bernard appeals to you to make your voice heard. *He writes:* "The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents (new) Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> By providing your details it will automatically generate an email to the Secretary of State and your MP.

HOLY HOUR THURS. 5.15-6.15pm

PARISH RECORDS UPDATE Please enable us to update the parish records by filling in an information sheet today and handing them to Fr Garry. This has not been done for a long time and will really help.

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, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Julie Kelly, Tommy McAloon, Gabrielle Edwards, Derek Riley, Greg Steele, Ronnie Walker, Nicholas Summerfield, Margaret McAleer, Mike Newman.