

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services 22nd/23rd Sept. 2018 THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (B)

Saturday 5.30 pm Eileen & Brian Holberry Sunday 11.00 am People of the parish Wednesday 10.00 am Sarah Dowd RIP Thursday 6.15 pm Mr & Mrs Connelly RIP Friday 10.00 am Ray Key RIP Saturday 5.30 pm Elaine Myers RIP Sunday 11.00 am People of the Parish

Confessions: after the 5.30 pm Sat evening Mass

TODAY the second collection is for Father Hudson's Care. In this time of funding cuts the needs are greater than ever. Please take an envelope to give generously to this worthy cause.

THIS WEEKEND Fr Michael Stack will be presiding at the Masses, to enable me to go to Ireland for the Baptism of my younger nephew's baby. There will not be Mass on Monday or Tuesday this week.

WENESDAY, 26th Sept, CAMEO TEA (Come and Meet Each Other) after 10am Mass, in the Presbytery. Everyone welcome.

<u>THURSDAY - ADORATION OF THE BLESSED</u> SACRAMENT 5.15 -6.15 pm Mass at 6.15 pm.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS We are grateful to the catechists, children and parents, for an encouraging preparation for First Holy Communion this year. The group of seven children interacted with each other and the teachers wonderfully. The catechists have reviewed the year and have suggested that, because of the size of our parish, we have the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on alternate years. Bishop Robert is coming to our parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, 20th May 2019. If you are in Year 6 or above, (or adult), and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation please let me, or Zofia Jackson know:

<u>zofia.jackson1949@gmail.com</u> *Preparation classes for Confirmation will be starting after half-term.*

"100 CLUB" ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION DUE Thank you to everyone who supports the Parish "100 Club". It is just a year since it started and it has already brought in about £1,200 to the Church Building Fund. We are most grateful to Elise for organising it. If you pay annually by cash or cheque, the subscription is now due. It is £24 for one number for a year. Cheques to be made payable please to: Parish of St Joseph. There are envelopes at the back of church and messages to the "100 Club" members who pay by cheque requesting the yearly subscription. Could you also please make a note of your email address, as this will help Elise.

Easyfunding We have raised £262 through the Easyfunding. If we could increase the membership, it would help build the fund to our target of £500.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE Archbishop Bernard has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207)

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK</u>
Michael David Moore, Pat Hopkins, Heather Gerrard, Wendy Sternberg, Deirdre Thompson, Clive Stanbrook, Elizabeth Standring, Maureen Pierce.