

# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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## Times of Mass & Services 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (C)

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm Jackie Buckley Int
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am Sarah Dowd RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00 am Margaret RIP (PH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am Jack & Bridget Byrne Int
<b>Thursday</b>	6.15 pm Sr Teresa & Sr Philomena Int
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am Alan Branagh RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm Rex Holbrook RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am People of the Parish

*Confessions Saturday evening after Mass.*

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** We welcome our Area Bishop, Bishop Robert Byrne, Cong. Orat., who is celebrating the Confirmation of five young people of our parish. We pray for them and all who have helped prepare for this day.

**TODAY IS 'HOME MISSION SUNDAY'** at the invitation of the Bishops of England & Wales. Two priorities are proposed for prayer and reflection: PROCLAIM: That as a fruit of prayer every Catholic, every family and every parish will take a new step to share their faith more joyfully and confidently, and so build missionary parishes. 'THE JOY OF LOVE': that Catholic individuals, engaged and married couples, as well as whole families, will consider afresh how they can witness to 'the joy of love' to others. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today, which supports the work of the Bishops' Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis.

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER REQUEST**

Once again Pope Francis is hosting an inter religious meeting of leaders at Assisi to foster peace and understanding, this Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. He particularly asks the support of your prayers.

### **FURTHERING OUR PARISH MISSION**

**Liturgy Committee Meeting** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**Liturgy Reflection Group** (to look at the Word of God for forthcoming Sunday(s) 7pm, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept., at the home of Eileen & Andy Jinks, 45 Ebsdorf Close, B50 4FQ

**Parish Administration** Members of our parish are being trained this Friday in the use of the Diocesan OPAS accounting system.

**The Buildings Committee** have sought and received suggestions of churches to view to gain ideas of what might be suitable for our place, time and mission.

**Our thanks** to those who have cleaned the church, linens, brasses, arranged the flowers, and tidied the grounds.

**A WEEK OF WITNESS** Last Sunday's celebration of the 1,000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Osburg, held in Coventry, was one of the happiest days of my life. The Archbishop was the main celebrant at the Mass in St Osburg's Church. Bishop Christopher, the Anglican Bishop of Coventry, was present, representatives of other faiths, children and staff from our Catholic Schools, together with the Lord Mayor of Coventry, and a number of Councillors, Photo coverage can be viewed at <https://flic.kr/s/aHskJq7E8a>

**Clergy Formation Day** on Tuesday. There was a great turnout of the priests of our diocese. Cardinal Vincent spoke eloquently and movingly of the witness and lessons of our past history, as an inspiration to meet the challenges of today with courage, imagination and confidence in the Lord.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.. £155.67, plus £270 per week in Standing Orders.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Education Service**: £41.03 *Thank you.*

**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, Peter Jones, Mary McInnis, Mel Roberts.