

# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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## Times of Mass & Services

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

<u>Saturday</u>	5.30 pm	Rex Holbrook RIP
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00 am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday</u>	10.00 am	Sarah Dowd RIP
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am	Tim Kerins RIP
<u>HOLY THURSDAY</u>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Lafferty Family Int.
<u>GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY</u>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	
<u>HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL</u>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Geoffrey Wartwright RIP
<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Marie Pearson RIP

**EASTER OFFERING** Please take an envelope today. The Second Collection at the Easter Sunday Masses is traditionally your half yearly offering for the personal support of your priest.

**NO MASS THIS WEDNESDAY** I will be attending the Mass of Chrism at St Chad's Cathedral.

**ON MONDAY EVENING** I will be helping with Confessions at St Mary's, Evesham, at 7.30 pm.

### **THE SACRED TRIDUUM (Three Days)**

**HOLY THURSDAY 7.00pm.** We enter into the events of that night: the Last Supper, the washing of the disciples' feet, the gift of the priesthood. We are invited to pray at the Altar of repose until 10.00 pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY At 3pm** the time when Jesus died for us on the Cross, we gather in St. Joseph's to **hear the Passion** account read by several voices. We **kiss the Cross** as a sign of belief and love, and have the opportunity to **receive Holy Communion**. (*Good Friday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence*).

**HOLY SATURDAY 8.00pm** The Church celebrates Our Lord's **rising from the dead**. We gather on the field by the car park where the Easter Candle will be lit from the fire. The Easter candle is carried into the darkened Church. The great events of

God's love for us are recalled, the water of Baptism is blessed. The first Mass of Easter is celebrated.

**GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS** Please assemble at The Crawford Hall, at 10.00am.

### **A WAY TO HELP ASYLUM SEEKERS**

One great way to help asylum seekers in the U.K. would be to allow them to seek work if their application for asylum has gone beyond a six month limit. At the moment they cannot do this in the U.K. and have to try to live on £5 per day. If you would like to support a Bill coming before the House of Commons (late March or early April), would you please write to your M.P.? We have left some more information at the back of Church and a sample letter. Our Stratford M.P. is Nadhim Zahawi. (*This suggestion has come from Caritas Social Action Network – which co-ordinates the charitable work of our Diocese*)

**THIS WEEK'S TWEET** The Diocese has asked me to contribute a Tweet each Wed., bearing in mind the context of Prison Chaplaincy.

*"We are paying for what we did. This man has done nothing wrong. Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." Lk 23 v40*

**Offertory Collection** 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Mar: Offertory £150.64 plus Standing Orders.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Pastoral Care Project:** £116.43 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, Harry, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett.