

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services

3rd/4th Sept. 2016

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C)

Saturday	5.30 pm Maria & Dominic Thompson Int
Sunday	11.00 am People of the Parish
Monday	10.00 am Sarah Dowd RIP
Tuesday	10.00 am Michael Fallon RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am Cath Malone RIP
Thursday	6.15 pm Harry Mellon RIP
Friday	9.00 am Alan Branagh RIP
Saturday	5.30 pm Grace Scarpellini RIP
Sunday	11.00 am People of the Parish

Confessions Saturday evening after Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service.

THURSDAY 8th Sept. is the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1,000 YEARS SINCE ST OSBURG St. Osburg was a Benedictine Abbess, sent from the North of England by King Canute at the beginning of the 11th Century to found a monastery in the Midlands. She chose a spot by what is now known as the River Sherbourne. This was the first settlement and developed into what is now Coventry. It was the 4th most prominent City in England in the Middle Ages. There was a strong cult to St Osburg in the City at that time, her Feast Day being a public holiday. The Catholic Community in Coventry are marking the 1,000th anniversary of the death of St Osburg. Archbishop Bernard will be the Main Celebrant at Mass at St Osburg's Church on Sunday 11th Sept, which Church Leaders and Civic Dignitaries will also be attending. I have been invited, having served for 16 years as Parish Priest. Fr Zbigniew Zieba, who is Professor of Scripture at Oscott College, has accepted to supply here that morning. When he came from Poland and first served in this country the people found his name difficult to pronounce and, instead, called him Fr Ziggy, which has stuck. Fr Ziggy assisted me for several years at St Osburg's while he worked on his Doctorate.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 234216

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Robert Byrne, Cong. Orat., will be coming to our parish to give the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am Mass on Sunday 18th September. Please pray for the young people of our parish preparing to receive the Sacrament, whose pictures are shown in Church.

GIFT AID THANKS Our Bank Account has been credited with £3,272, the result of those who have Gift Aided their regular donations to the parish. Thank you for this generous and 'smart giving', which will reduce our Current Account Overdraft.

'ALL HANDS TO THE PUMPS' Are you able to add your name to the Cleaning or Coffee Rota please?

"LOOKING AFTER A LOVED ONE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA?"

If you are a carer for a loved one who is living with the early stages of dementia. Whatever type. Then this friendly *free* programme is for you. Commencing Tues. 13th September 2.00 until 4.00pm, at St Laurence Parish Hall. To book a place please ring Louise Brandon 01789 292145 or 07715326713.

CONFIRMATION GIFTS now available on Piety Stall. If gold, sterling silver or other items needed, please ask Angela to view catalogue or phone Rosalind-Marie 01789 509147.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 28th Aug.

£167.94, plus £270 per week in Standing Orders.

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.