



# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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## Times of Mass & Services

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm	Mary McGrath RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	Helen & George Byrne RIP
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am	Douglas & Bridie Anderson Int
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00 am	Fr Day Int
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Sarah Dowd RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	6.15 pm	Dominic Dolan RIP
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am	Susan Farr RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm	Joe Stevens RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	Kitty O'Connor RIP

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass**

**THIS FRIDAY IS FAMILY FAST DAY** Please take a CAFOD envelope today to use in the **Sec-ond Collection next Sunday for CAFOD.** This is a very good way to make our Lenten Almsgiving; to give the proceeds of what we may be going without during these weeks. We hear in the news that there is severe famine in South Sudan and Yemen. I know we will enable CAFOD to play its part in the international relief effort.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** meets this Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 45 Ebsdorf Close (Eileen & Andy's) at 7pm. All welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - THURS. 5.45pm,** followed by Evening Mass at 6.15pm.

**LENTEN "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS** His Grace, the Archbishop, writes: "Lent, then, is a time for renewal and refreshment. It is truly a God-given moment of privileged grace to examine our lives, repent of our sin, receive God's forgiveness and appreciate afresh our brothers and sisters around us."

### **DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12 – 19 March**

"Jesus invited us to pray to God as "Our Father". In so doing, he defined God as one who is full of tenderness and compassion. During this week we remember especially the often forgotten pain of those suffering with dementia and those who care for them." Bishop David McGough. *Please see his pray-*

*er "Loving Father" printed inside the back cover of the "Walk with Me" Booklet.*

### **BIDFORD DEMENTIA CAFÉ & MCCARTHY-FELTON DANCERS PRESENT A CELEBRATION OF ST PATRICK'S DAY**

St Laurence's Church, Bidford, **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3pm** Tickets £6 (Incl. refreshments) U16's £3 U5's free Contact Wendy 01789 750968 Mary Felton 01789 778047

### **CONSULTANT APPOINTED**

Our Parish Building Committee obtained a grant from "Awards for All" to undertake a feasibility study of the needs of the local community and how our parish could best use our resources to meet them. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. we appointed Naomi Fisher, Director of APEC Architects, of Birmingham, to conduct this study. Naomi wishes to take part in a parish consultation with you, about your thoughts on a new church, with community hub, and the best use of our site and resources (especially Dr Paddy Doherty's legacy). ***Our Parish Consultation Meeting is on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm, at the Community Room, Bidford School. Please come and explore each other's views.*** The members of the Building Committee are: Andy Jinks, Chair, Tony Brandon, Secretary, Elizabeth Uggerlose, Margaret Ball and Fr Garry.

### **LEAVING A LASTING GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH**

Our Diocese has produced a very helpful leaflet. Please take copies and distribute them to anyone who might be interested. It explains the easiest way of making a legacy and gives appropriate wording.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. £124.56; 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. £85.67; 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. £117.84 Plus Standing Orders. *Thank You.*

### **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 Gerard, Chris Browne, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Julie Kelly, Tommy McAloon, Gabrielle Edwards.