



St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services

5th/6th August 2017

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)

Saturday	5.30 pm	Fr Clement's Int
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Saturday	5.30 pm	Nora Farrell RIP
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish

DURING THE HOLIDAYS This week there will be a Eucharistic Service on Wednesday 9th August at 10.00 am, but no weekday Masses. The Thursday Holy Hour before The Blessed Sacrament will resume after the break.

HOLIDAY SUPPLY PRIESTS Fr Pontius and Fr Sunday, priests at St Osburg's in Coventry, are kindly saying the parish weekend Masses when I am on holidays. They are African Missionary priests and do not yet have an English Driving Licence or a car. We are very grateful to parishioners who are giving them lifts from and to Coventry. Fr Eddie Clare, from Maryvale, and Mgr Timothy Menezes, the Vicar General, are kindly saying Mass for me in Long Lartin Prison.

"100 CLUB" Elise would like to thank all those who have expressed interest in the Club. Membership is going well but it would be fantastic if we could try and get some more numbers sold. Approximately 50 numbers have been taken up so far. Could we encourage you all to return your forms to Elise, Fr Garry or the presbytery as soon as possible. We hope to launch the Club with the first draw on Sunday 24th September. Thank you all for your support. Membership will start on first of September with your cheques and standing orders starting then.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE The Social Committee met for the first time on Mon. 17th July. Lots of

fundraising and social event ideas were discussed. Everyone agreed that it would be great to have the first event as a social gathering – so come along to the 'Parish Picnic' on 20th August (weather permitting) in the Presbytery garden. Bring your own food and drink/picnic blankets etc. Everyone is welcome. If anyone has outdoor games such as giant Jenga/boules or the like, it would be great if you could bring that along too.

GIFT AID We thank Steve Jackson for his presentation on the parish Gift Aid. Please hand completed Gift Aid Forms to Fr Garry or put them through the Presbytery letter box. For those in the scheme for some time, please consider increasing your offering. If you have changed address since you joined the scheme, please make sure we have your new address.

HUDSON'S CARE – ORIGINS SERVICE

THANKS Hudson's Care recently sent us a copy of their newsletter 'Reaching Out' and a letter in which they thanked our parish "for your Christmas Crib collection for the work of our Origins Service...Since Christmas we have dealt with more than 100 new enquiries. Typical of the situations we dealt with is an adopted woman in her sixties, for whom we found her sisters and put them in touch. In another situation, we put a birth mother in touch with the son she parted with for adoption over 30 years previously. He was touched that she asked for him to be contacted and she in turn was delighted his adoption had turned out so well. So thank you for supporting us in this work."

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 Gerrard, Chris Browne, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Julie Kelly, Tommy McAloon, Gabrielle Edwards, Derek Riley, Greg Steele, Ronnie Walker.