

# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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## Times of Mass & Services 9th/10th July 2016 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

<u>Saturday</u>	5.30 pm	Fay & Simon Int
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00 am	Fiona McAloon RIP
<u>Monday</u>	10.00 am	Pat Hopkins Int
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am	Maria Conway RIP
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	John McCafferty RIP
<u>Thursday</u>	10.00 am	Frances Pearson RIP
<u>Friday</u>	9.00 am	Jackie Buckley Int
<u>Saturday</u>	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00 am	John Tully RIP

*Confessions Saturday evening after Mass.*

**TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY** when the Church prays for those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is vital to enable it to continue its work.

**DIOCESAN RETREAT** It was a great blessing to take part in this year's Retreat with 28 of our Diocesan Priests at Oscott College. The retreat giver was Fr John Udris, who is Spiritual Director to those preparing for the priesthood at the college; students from the Midlands, North, Scotland and Wales. His theme was God's mercy, particularly with insights from his deep knowledge of the writings of St Theresa of the Child Jesus. He challenged us to offer ourselves totally to God's Merciful Love as she did.

### **ORDINATIONS FOR OUR DIOCESE**

The Diocese celebrates with joy the Ordination of two new Permanent Deacons, Tim Anthony and Keith Millage this Sunday 10th July, and three new priests Simon Baker, Chris Yule and Tomas Zuna on Sat. 16th July. His Grace, the Archbishop, invites us to pray for those being ordained as well as for those in formation. Including the two ordi-

nands there are currently 18 men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, with 3 more beginning this Autumn. We are blessed to have 15 seminarians, including the three Deacons being ordained. Please also pray for Toby Duckworth, Stephen Fleming and Ciaran Page who will begin their formation this September.

### **PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Robert Byrne, Cong. Orat., will be giving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on Sunday 18th Sept., 11am Mass. Zophia Jackson has kindly offered to help our young people to prepare. She will be helped by either Eileen Jinks or Ruth Hargreaves. **The first get-together is on Wednesday evening 13th July. Please let me know if you wish to receive the Sacrament in July.**

### **PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The first meeting will be on Monday 11th July at 7pm in the Presbytery.

### **THE BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 12th July at 7pm in the Presbytery.

### **THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday 13th July at 7pm in the Presbytery.

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

*Canon Drinkwater, Chaplain in World War 1, was astonished at how little of the faith the soldiers understood. He later founded The Sower.*

**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.