



# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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## Times of Mass & Services

10th/11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2016

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm	Michael McDermott RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am	Sarah Dowd RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00 am	Dec'd of Taylor, Toole & Bennett Families
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	James Hobbs RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	6.15 pm	Jackie Buckley.
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am	Anne Louise Hobbs Int
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm	Rex Holbrook RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass**

### **TODAY ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR FR HUDSON'S CARE**

Father Hudson's is the social care agency of the Archdiocese, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. For more information visit [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

### **THE ORIGINS SERVICE is provided by Fr Hudson's**

A few years ago the new Lord Mayor of Coventry said that his charitable focus for the year would be Children in Care. He said that he, though not a Catholic, had been well looked after in Fr Hudson's Homes as a child. Fr Hudson's had found him wonderful adoptive parents to whom he would always be grateful. **The Origins Service** seeks to respond in a compassionate, timely and professional manner to bring about healing and reconciliation for those separated from each other from early childhood. For an adopted person to learn that they were loved by the mother who gave birth to them and for a mother to learn that their decision is understood and that their child holds no resentment towards them, can be a powerful healing turning point in people's lives.

**TIMES OF CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES** Our **FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS IS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT 8 pm. MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT 11 am.**

**PREPARING THE CHURCH** On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December after 11am Mass come and join with the

community as we clean, dust and decorate the Church for Christmas. Coffee and Mince Pies will be available!

**HOLY HOUR THIS THURSDAY** before The Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm to Mass at 6.15 pm. This is a wonderful way to '**be awake**' to Our Lord's coming.

**JULIAN OF NORWICH MEETING** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10 Holland Close (Heather's 778493). Soup Lunch at 12.30 pm. Meeting starts at 2 pm with ½ hour silence.

**KNOTWEED REMOVED** The knotweed in a part of the former allotment behind the church was removed during the week. In tracing it, the contractors excavated at the deepest point to about 2 ½ meters. In all, around 30 square meters of soil was processed. The largest roots were about 1 ½ inches thick, breakable by hand, and showing an orange interior, which greatly helps to identify them. The cost, with a 10 year guarantee, is £12,000 which we will now have to raise.

**A FEW CATHOLIC DIARIES** still remain on the Piety Stall, as do other small Gifts and Cards.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THANKS** Fr Anthony Chantry, the National Director of Missio, has written to thank our parish for the gift of £161.77, our collection of World Mission Sunday. This funds the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: £131.05; 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: £142.95 Plus Standing Orders.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE POOR PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE: £131.92 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, 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.