



St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services

25th /26th Feb. 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	5.30 pm	William Ryan RIP
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	10.00 am	Francesca Kelly Int
Tuesday	10.00 am	Kitty Campion Int
Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	Josie Kennedy RIP
	7.30 pm	Ann Pegg Int
Thursday	9.00 am	Ellen Delaney Int
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	5.30 pm	Mary McGrath RIP
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY,

the beginning of the penitential season of Lent and is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat, except for the very young, the sick and elderly. **There are two Masses here on Ash Wednesday, with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.** The Evening Mass is a little later than usual because Bishop Robert Byrne is saying Mass for the prisoners in Long Lartin at 5.15pm and I will be accompanying him.

LENTEN "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS

In his introduction, 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."

NO MASS ON FRIDAY as I am due to have a cataract removed on Thursday afternoon.

CONSULTANT APPOINTED Our Parish Building Committee obtained a grant of £9,400 from "Awards for All" to undertake a feasibility study of the needs of the local community and how our parish of St Jo-

seph the Worker could best use our resources to meet them. On Friday 17th 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, 22nd 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 Uggerloese, Margaret Ball and Fr Garry.

ST JOSEPH'S PASTORAL CARE GROUP If you need help with shopping, lifts to church, doctors/hospitals etc. we can help. This group of volunteers may also be able to support with gardening or visiting. Please contact Fr Garry or Eileen 01789 612526. A few more volunteers would be helpful.

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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is taking place this year at The Barn, on Fri. 3rd March at 2pm

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.