



# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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campaigns to promote the Catholic Faith in public life such as the <http://www.artofdyingwell.org/>

Please help us continue this work through contributing generously to the collection on the day. Some Prayer cards for the day have been sent to parishes. Parish resources for the Day are online at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/wcd17>

**THE GENERAL ELECTION 2017** *A Letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops.* "As Catholics and citizens of the UK, our lives are shaped by the vision inspired by our faith. Pope Francis says: "An authentic faith... always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, the leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters." Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, par. 183. In their letter our Bishops develop these statements. ***Please take a copy.***

**BRING ME SUNSHINE** A Summer Concert presented by Bidford Area Community Choir. Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm. The Barn, Waterloo Road. Tickets available in advance or on the door. Call Helen on 01789 774719 Adults £7.50 Under 16's free. Proceeds in aid of Dementia Café and Friends of Bidford Health Centre.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** 13/14 May: £131.82. 20/21 May: £160.82. 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 Gerrard, 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, Derek Riley, Greg Steele.

## Times of Mass & Services 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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| <b>Saturday</b>                                       | 5.30 pm  | People of the Parish   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 11.00 am | Pat & Emma Corghan Int |
| <b>Monday</b>   | 10.00 am | Clare Wyatt RIP        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | NO MASS  |                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                                      | NO MASS  |                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                       | NO MASS  | or Holy Hour           |
| <b>Friday</b>   | 9.00 am  | Int. D/M               |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                       | 5.30 pm  | Mike Gerrard RIP       |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 11.00 am | People of the Parish   |
| <b><u>CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass</u></b> |          |                        |

**TODAY IS ASCENSION SUNDAY and World Communications Sunday** There is a second collection today for Catholic Communications.

World Communications Sunday takes place on 28 May 2017, the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. It reflects his mandate that we should "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news".

On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network.

The CCN is the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and seeks to support the Bishops in their role as teachers both of the Catholic community and the wider world. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image, online and offline. In addition to this, CCN work on carefully selected proactive