

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass this Week 6th/7th February 2016 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5.30 pm Marilyn De Franco RIP
Sunday 11.00 am Liam O'Connor RIP

Monday: 10.00 am People of the Parish
Tuesday: 10.00 am Mary Jo Moran RIP
Ash Wednesday: **9.00 am** James Hobbs RIP
6.15 pm Mary Coleman RIP
Thursday: 6.15 pm Marie Cooke Int
Friday: 9.00 am People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 5.30 pm Edward De Franco RIP
11.00 am Sarah Dowd RIP

Confessions: Saturday after Mass

TODAY - SECOND COLLECTION FOR

'LIFE' Life combines prolife campaigning and education work with a comprehensive care service (counselling, housing and support of all kinds during and after pregnancy.)

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNES-

DAY, 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 6.15 pm.**

LENTEN "WALK WITH ME" BOOK-

LETS in this Year of Mercy. In his introduction, His Grace, the Archbishop, writes: "(In Lent) So many of the scriptures invite us to rediscover the merciful face of the Father. The Holy Spirit gives us the grace to make our own the many rich passages from Scripture from the Lenten liturgy. Lent is a season of mercy because it is also a time of re-

pentance and conversion. ... As Pope Francis has said in his message for Lent, during these weeks we are to give first place to a 'prayerful listening to God's word, especially his prophetic word.' Let us do just that!"

THE WORCESTER DEANERY meet this Tuesday. Mass here will be at 9 am on Tuesday.

THIS WEEK'S TWEET The Diocese has asked me to contribute a Tweet each Wednesday during the Year of Mercy, bearing in mind the context of Prison Chaplaincy. My offering for this week:

There will be Ash Wednesday Services in many prisons today with the Blessing & Distribution of Ashes. Men's religious fasting is respected.

The Diocesan website is very interesting:
www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

ST JOSEPH'S WEBSITE UP & RUNNING Address: <http://sjtw-bidford.org.uk>

Our thanks to Con McHugh, who has made a good beginning, setting this up and taking pictures. He found the history on the previous website. We originated from the ancient parish of Salford Priors. In 1960 the parish raised funds to buy a building and land in Quinney's Lane. This building, which had been a builder's workshop, was converted into a church and given the name 'St Joseph the Worker'.

Offertory Collection 30th/31st Jan: Offertory £124.48 plus Standing Orders. 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, John Fisher, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Harry, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett.