



# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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## Times of Mass & Services

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2018

### THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (B)

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm	John & Catherine Glenn.
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	People of the parish
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am	Anna Gold RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00 am	John & Deidre Hegarty
<b>Wed</b>	9.00 am	Samuel & Family
<b>Thursday</b>	6.15 pm	Sr Philomena Int
<b>Friday</b>	10.00 am	Eric Stanbrook RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 pm	Nancy O'Donnell Int
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Confessions: after the 5.30 pm Sat evening Mass</b>		

**TODAY** there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday.

**THE 'ADOREMUS' EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** is taking place in Liverpool this weekend. Two of our parishioners are there.

**ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S LINK TO OUR SCHOOLS** To help our children to adore Our Lord present in the Holy Eucharist, this Tuesday afternoon there will be live streaming from the Archbishop's Chapel, where he will be adoring the Blessed Sacrament and leading prayers. I have been asked to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's School, Alcester, at 2pm on Tues. to coincide with this link.

### PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We were grateful to the catechists, children and parents, for an encouraging preparation for First Holy Communion this year. The group of six children interacted with each other and the teachers wonderfully. The catechists have reviewed the year and have suggested that, because of the size of our parish, we have the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on alternate years. Bishop Robert is coming to our parish to administer the Sacrament

of Confirmation on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019. If you are in Year 6 or above, (or adult), and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation please let me, or Zofia Jackson know:

[zofia.jackson1949@gmail.com](mailto:zofia.jackson1949@gmail.com) **Preparation classes for Confirmation will be starting after half-term.**

Confirmation is the final Sacrament which fully initiates us into the life of Christ in the Church.

**"100 CLUB" ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION DUE** Thank you to everyone who supports the Parish "100 Club". It is just a year since it started and it has already brought in about £1,200 to the Church Building Fund. We are most grateful to Elise for organising it. If you pay annually by cash or cheque, the subscription is now due. It is £24 for one number for a year. Cheques to be made payable please to: Parish of St Joseph.

**SAFEGUARDING UPDATE** Archbishop Bernard has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant ([Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk](mailto:Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk) or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Michael David Moore, Pat Hopkins, Heather Gerard, Wendy Sternberg, Deirdre Thompson, Clive Stanbrook, Elizabeth Standing, Maureen Pierce.