



St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services

22nd/23rd Dec. 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Saturday	5.30 pm	Betty McNally RIP
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	10.00 am	Special Intention (AH)
CHRISTMAS EVE	8.00 pm	Derek Reilly RIP
CHRISTMAS DAY	11.00 am	The Lafferty Family
Friday	10.00 am	Les Hedley RIP
Saturday	5.30 pm	Andrew Soares.
Sunday	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Confessions: after the 5.30 pm Sat evening Mass		

CHRISTMAS MASSES Our first Mass of Christmas is on Christmas Eve at 8.00 pm, preceded by Carols from 7.30pm. Mass on Christmas Day is at 11.00 am.

ADVENT SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION after Saturday 5.30 pm Mass, and 11am Mass this Sunday, and Christmas Eve, 6.00 – 7.00 pm.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING The one collection at the Christmas Masses is your personal offering for the support of your priest. *Please take an envelope.*

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY There is a Pastoral Letter from His Grace, the Archbishop.

PREPARATION OF THE CHURCH-THANKS We are grateful to all those who prepared the church for the celebration of the Christmas Liturgy: those who helped the children to decorate the tree, those who cleaned the brasses, cloths, church, windows and woodwork, those who provided and arranged the flowers.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS Congratulations to the winners in the Raffle which was drawn last Sunday. The Luxury Hamper: **Anthony Handforth**; The Family Hamper: **Mr E. Williams**; The Chocolate Indulgence: **Greg & Claire Jinks**.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT TICKETS & DONATED and WRAPPED THE PRIZES The Raffle made £722 for the church building fund. Thanks also to Margaret Ball for £50 from the knitted Christmas Puddings.

VISIT TO HARVINGTON HALL A parish visit has been arranged for Thurs. 21st Feb., 10 – 2pm, as part of the Confirmation Programme. We will be guided in the journey of the Catholic Faith in England, including the Tudor and Stuart periods when priest hides were used. We will have Mass in the Georgian Chapel, followed by a packed lunch. The day will end with a short seminar. The parish will pay for our 'Class' to go, so there will be no individual cost. We will share cars. Please see Zofia Jackson if you would like to come. 07954 176286. All parishioners invited.

ANGEL TREE THANKS Please see the card in the porch thanking parishioners who contributed to Angel Tree this year and gave £90. Thank you to those who helped with shopping, wrapping and praying for the Charity. 87 Gifts were wrapped and sent to children.

THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS towards the repair of Quinneys Lane, which has now happily been completed. Our parish pledged £1,000, which we can now pay, thanks to your generous donations. *Thank You.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 9th Dec: £156.81
Poor Parishes: £145.74; 16th Dec: £123.30,
Christmas Flowers: £98.55 *Thank You.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
Michael David Moore, Pat Hopkins, Heather Gerard, Wendy Sternberg, Deirdre Thompson, Clive Stanbrook, Elizabeth Standing, Maureen Pierce, Bridget Parkin, Tommy McAlloon, Gabriel Edwardes, Ryan Clarke.