



St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on-Avon

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Times of Mass & Services

4th/5th May 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.00 am	John & Mary Hartnett RIP
Monday	10.00 am	Sarah Dowd RIP
Tuesday	10.00 am	Breda Conway RIP
Wednesday	9.00 am	Patricia Reilly
Thursday	6.15 pm	John Martin RIP
Friday	10.00 am	Kathleen Johnson RIP
Saturday	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.00 am	Paddy Ryan RIP
Confessions: after the 5.30 pm Sat evening Mass		

THERE IS AN APPEAL THIS WEEKEND ON BEHALF OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST COLUMBAN. We welcome Fr Paddy Dore, SSC

NEXT SUNDAY there is a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

THURSDAY HOLY HOUR 5.15 – 6.15pm

THIS SATURDAY, JOIN US ON THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The parishes of Our Lady's, Alcester and St Joseph's, have booked a coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Sat.11th May. The coach will pick up at St Joseph's at 7.15 am, with a comfort stop near Peterborough. Leaving Walsingham at 5 pm.. Cost £20. Please put your name on the list on the table in the porch. Hear the history at www.walsingham.org.uk/latest-news/what-happened-at-walsingham We are grateful to Fr Stephen Squires for saying the 5.30pm Sat Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS MONTH

It is lovely that young people of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during this Easter Season. Bishop William Kenny will be coming on Monday 20th May at 7pm. This is an important occasion to be shared by the whole parish. Please see some of the young people's work displayed

around the church. We thank Mrs Zofia Jackson and helpers for the thorough preparation they have had, including visits to Harvington Hall and St Chad's Cathedral, not to mention interviewing "St Thomas More". On Monday evening, 13th May, they will meet in church to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to rehearse. Pray for them.

EASTER THANKS On behalf of the whole Parish may I thank all those who enabled us to worthily celebrate the days of Holy Week: those who cleaned the Church, brasses and linens and those who gave them refreshments; those who beautifully arranged the flowers and decorated the Church; the altar servers; the readers and extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist and Rota makers; the organist/choir mistress and choir; the Church wardens; and all of you who participated in the Liturgy.

PERSONAL THANKS I sincerely thank you for your very generous Easter Offerings and for your Easter Greetings.

A SENSE OF HUMOUR Pope Francis exudes the joy of Easter. He has said that he ends his morning prayers with the prayer of St Thomas More for good humour:

"Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I". Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Michael David Moore, Pat Hopkins, Heather Gerard, Wendy Sternberg, Deirdre Thompson, Clive Stanbrook, Elizabeth Standing, Bridget Parkin, Tommy McAloon, Gabriel Edwardes, Ryan Clarke, Elise Palmer.