

# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on Avon



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**7th/8th DECEMBER 2024 (Yr C)**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday** 5.30pm Mass  
**Sunday** 11.00am Mass  
**Monday** SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY

**Wednesday** Memorial of St Damascus I, Pope  
**Thursday** Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Friday** Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

10.00am Mass  
**Saturday** Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest  
Doctor of the Church

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Sunday is the 15th Anniversary of the Installation of His Grace, the Archbishop

**SECOND COLLECTION:** for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

For pilgrims of hope : We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**PRAYERS:** Please let us keep the following in our prayers

~ Those who have died recently & those whose anniversaries occur in December: Jo Cheriton; Dorothy Coyne; Patrick Coyne; Derek Finn; Jenny Murphy; Theresa Poole; Mary Smee; John Tully; Nicholas Vlasveld; Arnold White

~ All who suffer from wars & conflicts- Gaza & Israel; Ukraine & Russia; Sudan; Yemen; Mali; Myanmar & we pray for a lasting peace in Lebanon & stability in Sth Korea

~ Those affected by natural disasters: in the UK from Storms Bert, Conall & Darragh & across the world for all those who have lost their lives and the millions who have lost their homes & livelihoods through adverse weather

~ Our parish and the wider community: the sick and housebound, those at home, in care or in hospital, especially Peter Bennett; Shirley Burgess; Terry Cane; Margaret Holbrook; Chris Kelly; Liz Lloyd-Jones and all the Lloyd-Jones Family; Zophia Jackson; Monica Metcalf; Michael Moore; Elise Palmer & Ann Warrington.

**NEWSLETTER & NOTICES IN THE PORCH:** Please take the newsletter home and look at the notices/posters in the porch as there is a lot of information with dates and times

## **100+ CLUB NOVEMBER RESULTS**

1st No 61 Shirley Mcaloon £63.00  
2nd No75 Bernadette Rennie £37.80  
3rd No120 Irene McIldowie £25.20 It is **imperative** that EVERYONE completes a renewal membership form. If you haven't filled in yours yet, please would you do so **asap** & return to Elise. There are some blank forms in the porch or email her [palmerdramas@gmail.com](mailto:palmerdramas@gmail.com) & one will be sent out, please fill in & return. Thank-you.

**NEW SUNDAY MISSAL:** There are two copies of the new Sunday Missal available to buy on a first come / first served basis for £17 (the 15% discounted price negotiated earlier in the year). If you want one please contact Steve Jackson- 07758 088828 or [steve.jackson1948@gmail.com](mailto:steve.jackson1948@gmail.com).

**Christmas Market.** It was an excellent afternoon. with a great atmosphere. The Raffle has not been drawn yet so there is still time to support by purchasing some raffle tickets. The wonderful hampers are in the Porch.

**Angel Tree** helpers. A big thank you to all who helped in any way. There is a card from Meryl from AT in the Porch.

## **SCRIPTUAL PRAYER GROUP: Wednesday 11th December**

Meet at the Presbytery, 10.30am-11.30am. Refreshments available – all welcome!

## **TREE FESTIVAL: St Laurence's, 14/15 Dec 12noon - 6pm**

Community Choir, etc, Adults £4.00, 12-17yrs £2.00

## **CLEANING THE CHURCH: Wed, 18th December after Mass**

Coffee & mince pies for the workers. The more the merrier!

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENT: Saturday, 21st November**

**BIDFORD VILLAGE NATIVITY WALK** Please come and support this community event--starts at St Josephs @ 3pm

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm for carols & poetry. 7pm Mass  
Christmas Day: 11.00am Mass

## **ADVANCE NOTICE – PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH 12th January**

There will be a 'bring and share' lunch in the Presbytery after Sunday Mass on 12th January 2025. All welcome!

## **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** Interested? There is a 7

night pilgrimage in May 2025. There are only 5 places left & a deposit is required by end December to secure your place. Please contact Kaitlin Kelly-Nogradi (07449629938) asap. Full details, costs, etc, are on the poster in the porch.

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