

# St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on Avon



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**30th NOVEMBER/1st DECEMBER 2024 (Yr C)**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11.00am Mass</b>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Migrants Day</i>
	<i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Optional Memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>

**Saturday** 5.30pm Mass ) **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the**  
**Sunday** 11.00am Mass ) **Season of Advent**

A very warm welcome to any visitors, new or returning.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please pray for our communicants who started their preparation classes last Sunday

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

## **PARISH PRAYER GROUP: MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

Meet at the Presbytery, 7.30pm-9.00pm. Any questions please ring Nicky 0784 3055 764. All welcome

## **ANGEL TREE: WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. WRAPPING DAY,**

Meet at 9am at the House of the Open Door, Childswickham. Please take your presents there if you are helping on the Wednesday, otherwise asap or before Tuesday evening to Eileen. Thank you very much for helping.

## **BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE: FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Meet at the Presbytery, 10.00am-11.30am. Please bring a bible.

## **SCRIPTURAL PRAYER GROUP: WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

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

**MISSION RED BOX APPEAL:** Fr Brian Oswald thanks the parish for the welcome and generous response to his recent Red Box appeal last weekend. If you did not get a chance to respond, please visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk).

## **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 (2015); Dorothy Coyne (2005); Patrick Coyne (1995); Derek Finn (2010); Jenny Murphy (2001); Theresa Poole (2013); Mary Smee (1995); John Tully (2013); Nicholas Vlasveld (2007); Arnold White (2000)

~ All who suffer from wars & conflicts, particularly those in the Middle East - Lebanon, Gaza & Israel; Ukraine & Russia; Syria; Sudan; Yemen; Mali; Libya & Haiti

~ Those affected from natural disasters, especially from Storm Bert & Storm Conall, the recent flooding and extreme weather, for all those who have lost their lives & the tens of millions who have lost their homes & livelihoods

~ 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

**ADVENT GIVING TREE:** to remind us how this works - there will be a tree in the Porch with labels with specific items on them. We take a label (or two!) and then place the item(s) in the baskets under the statue of Our Lady. At the end of Advent these will then be distributed to the charities Evesham Caring Hands and Stratford Foodbank

**BIDFORD VILLAGE NATIVITY WALK – SATURDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER** We will meet outside St Joseph's ready to start the walk at 3pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** – 7pm, starting with carols & poetry at 6.30pm

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ruth Hargreave. She can be contacted at [sg.sjw.bidford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sjw.bidford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/** [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.