

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on Avon



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14th/15th DECEMBER 2024 (Yr C)
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<u>Saturday</u>	5.30pm Mass	
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00am Mass	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<i>O Sapientia</i>	
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00am Mass	<i>O Adonai</i>
		Confession available after Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	<i>O Radix Jesse</i>	
<u>Friday</u>	<i>O Clemis David</i>	
<u>Saturday</u>	<i>O Oriens</i>	
	<i>Commemoration of St Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	
<u>Saturday</u>	5.30pm Mass	Day of Prayer for
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00am Mass	Expectant Mothers
	<i>O Rex Gentum</i>	

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 continue to pray for:

~ Those that 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; Syria; Sudan; Yemen; Mali & Haiti and we pray for the cease-fire in Lebanon

~ Those affected by natural disasters across the world - for all those who have lost their lives and the millions who have lost their homes & livelihoods through extreme and 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.

ADVENT GIVING TREE: There are still many items on the tree so lots of opportunities to still support this initiative. Thank you to those who have already contributed. All items will be distributed to the two local charities we support, Evesham Caring Hands and Stratford Foodbank

CHRISTMAS MARKET AND RAFFLE: Fantastic picture in the Stratford Herald, WELL DONE EVERYONE! The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 14th December after Mass.

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL: There are still two copies of the new Sunday Missal available Please contact Steve Jackson, 07758 088828 or steve.jackson1948@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER: TREE FESTIVAL LAST DAY
St Laurence's Church, 12noon - 6pm: Community Choir, Refreshments, etc. Adults£4.00, 12-17yrs £2.00 U12's free

MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER: PARISH PRAYER GROUP
7.30pm-9.00pm, meet in the Presbytery,

TUESDAY, 17th DECEMBER: RECONCILIATION SERVICE
St Mary's & St Egwin's, Evesham, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER: THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - This will be available after Mass

WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER: CLEANING THE CHURCH
The more the merrier! coffee & mince pies for the workers

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER: CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENT - BIDFORD VILLAGE NATIVITY WALK - starting at St Joseph's @ 3pm & working its way through the village, it finishes with a service at St Laurence's. Please come and support this community event. There are 2 children from our parish participating - Isabelle is playing Mary & Ignacio is one of the Kings. Some helpers needed for setting up on Friday and with clearing afterwards on Saturday. Please contact Phil Hodgetts, Peter Goodall or Eileen Jinks to help

CHRISTMAS MASSES

TUESDAY, 24th Christmas Eve: 6.30pm for carols & poetry. 7.00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, 25th Christmas Day: 11.00am Mass

FRIDAY, 3rd JANUARY: BIBLE TIME LINE SESSION 9
10.00am-11.30am meet in the Presbytery

MONDAY, 6th JANUARY: PARISH PRAYER GROUP
7.30pm-9.00pm meet in the Presbytery

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY: PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH
There will be a 'bring and share' lunch in the Presbytery after Sunday Mass on 12th January 2025. All welcome!

WEDNESDAY, 15th JANUARY: SCRIPTURE GROUP
10.30am-11.30am meet in the Presbytery

MAY 2025: PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE Interested? Please contact Kaitlin Kelly-Nogradi (07449629938) asap. Full details, costs, etc, are on the poster in the porch.

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

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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 or alternatively the Diocesan safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/** safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.