

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on Avon



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21ST/22ND DECEMBER 2024 (Yr C)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT *O Rex Gentium*
Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

<u>Saturday</u>	5.30pm Mass
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00am Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	7.00pm Mass <i>Christmas Eve</i>
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00am Mass <i>Christmas Day</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>
<u>Saturday</u>	5.30pm Mass Feast of the Holy Family
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00am Mass of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER

VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY

6.30pm Carols & Poetry

7.00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, 25th DECEMBER

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

11.00am Mass

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 28th/29th DECEMBER

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

5.30pm Mass /11.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY, 1st JANUARY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 4th/5th JANUARY

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5.30pm Mass /11.00am Mass

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 11th/12th JANUARY

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5.30pm Mass /11.00am Mass

The parish extends a very warm welcome to all visitors and Parishioners and wishes everyone a very Happy and Blessed Christmas

Christmas Offering Envelopes available in the Porch.

CHILDRENS LITURGY - will be on Sunday, 29th December

RAFFLE RESULTS

1st	No. 0379	Mary Felton
2nd	No. 0290	Peter Jones
3rd	No. 1019	Ray Welch

'GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE'

Winner (cake weight 2.7kgs) Shay Murphy

ADVENT GIVING TREE: 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. There are still many items on the tree so lots of opportunities to support this initiative

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 the consequences of wars & conflicts: the Middle East-Gaza & Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan; Yemen; Ukraine & Russia;; Mali, Haiti & Mexico

~ 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

~ Our parish and the wider community: the lonely; the bereaved; 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 and all those not mentioned here

NEW ROTAS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS AND 'MEET & GREET are on the notice board in the Porch

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.

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

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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.