

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on Avon



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4th/5th JANUARY 2025 (Yr C) SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday 5.30pm Mass

Sunday 11.00am Mass

Wednesday 10.00am Mass

Saturday 5.30pm Mass) Feast of the Baptism

Sunday 11.00am Mass) of the Lord

The Parish warmly welcomes all visitors and Parishioners and wishes everyone a very Happy and Peaceful New Year

ADVENT GIVING TREE:

A great big 'THANK-YOU' to all those who donated to our parish initiative. It was a great response. The items were collected this week by the two local charities we support, Evesham Caring Hands and Stratford Foodbank ready to be distributed among the community.

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

MONDAY, 6th JANUARY: PARISH PRAYER GROUP

7.30pm-9.00pm - meet in the Presbytery.

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY: HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

Classes start back Sunday, 12th, 9.45am-10.45am.

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY: PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH

There is a 'bring and share' lunch in the Presbytery after Sunday Mass on 12th January 2025. Nice & simple, bring something if you can, but don't worry if you can't. Refreshments provided. It's an opportunity to just get together in fellowship. All welcome! If anyone needs a lift to attend please let Louise know (07715326713).

TUESDAY, 14th JANUARY: LITURGY GROUP MEETING

7.30pm-9.00pm - meet in the Presbytery.

WEDNESDAY, 15th JANUARY: SCRIPTURE GROUP

10.30am-11.30am - meet in the Presbytery.

ADVANCE NOTICE

MONDAY, 27th JANUARY: PARISH MEETING

The Very Reverend Canon John Yethirajulu Batthula, Dean of Kidderminster & Worcester Deanery (Canon Brian McGinley's successor) will be visiting our parish on Monday, 27th January, to introduce himself to us and to talk about the future of the parish. The meeting will be held in the church, starting at 7.30pm. Lifts can be arranged to help those who want to attend.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

PRAYERS: Please let us pray for:

~ Those that have died recently, particularly Phil Hodgetts' brother, Gerry, who passed away last week. We send our love and prayers to all the family. May he rest in peace.

~ Those whose anniversaries occur in January:

Doreen Allen; Elizabeth Brett; Canon Garry Byrne; Margaret Connelly; Dot Gerrard; May Kane; Kath 'Paddy' Milward; Michael Moore; Pat Neville; Wynne Pozzi; Margaret Schutte; John Turner; Clare Wyatt

~ All who suffer the consequences of wars & conflicts: the situation in the Middle East-Gaza & Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan; Yemen; Ukraine & Russia; Mali, Haiti & Myanmar

~ Those affected by natural disasters across the world - from flooding to drought, earthquakes & cyclones, for all those who have lost their lives and the millions who are trying to rebuild their homes & livelihoods

~ Our parish and the wider community: for 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

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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.