

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on Avon



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22nd/23rd MARCH (Yr C)

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Saturday 5.30pm Mass

Sunday 11.00am Mass

Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF
THE LORD

Wednesday 10.00am Mass

Saturday 5.30pm Mass

Sunday 11.00am Mass

The Parish warmly welcomes all visitors and Parishioners

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences

PRAYERS: Please let us pray for:

~ All those who suffer the consequences of conflicts- especially from the renewed activity in Gaza, Israel, Lebanon and continued hostilities with Ukraine/Russia and the recent outbreaks in Syria, Sudan, Congo & Haiti

~ Those areas continually affected by natural disasters and extreme weather including from the heavy rains & floods in Bolivia & Ecuador, and the oil spillage in Ecuador

~ Those that have recently died, especially Peter Bennet whose funeral is on Monday. We send our love and prayers to Paul and all the family and friends at this time.

~ Those whose anniversaries occur in March: Ellen Ashe; Lucien Ciotkowski; Albert Elms; Angela Farr; Susan Farr; Jack Gerrard; Thomas Hartley; Joan Lumley; Len Lumley; Margaret Paton; Margaret Sheffield & Helen Viles

~ Our parish and the wider community: for the lonely; the bereaved; the sick and housebound - those at home, in care or in hospital, especially; David Anderson; Shirley Burgess; Terry Cane; Margaret Holbrook; Chris Kelly; Zophia Jackson; Monica Metcalf; Michael Moore; Elise Palmer; Carol Robertson; Ann Warrington & and all those not mentioned here

****PARISH FUNDRAISING - EASTER MARKET 5th APRIL****

Thank you ALL, as always, for your continued support. Please can I ask for donations of wine and spirits; Easter Eggs; chocolates & chocolate biscuits; games; etc, for Raffle Prizes for a Luxury-as well as a Family Hamper & a

Chocolate Hamper. We are also hoping to do a Bottle Tombola Stall, so donations of wine, spirits, beer, shampoo, lemonade, orange juice, etc. If anyone can make pickle or jam, please let me know. We are hosting a Nearly New Clothes sale, a Cake Stall, Crafts Stall, as well as the Raffle & Refreshments. We need volunteers to help. Please try to offer a few hours of your time to share the load & support your Parish. Raffle Tickets available in the Porch. Many thanks - Bernadette (07748470386)

PARISH MEETING, MONDAY, 7th APRIL

During the Masses of this and next weekend Ian Hall will explain a bit more about the full Parish Meeting due on Monday, 7th April, which we hope will have the same support as the last one

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: LENTEN PRAYER There is still time to put in a prayer request using the blank postcards and pens on the pews and by the candles. These requests can be written anonymously and placed in the sealed box with a slot at the back of the church. The box will be kept in the church then the intentions prayed for during the Prayer Group sessions.

MONDAY, 24th MARCH: FUNERAL MASS FOR PETER

BENNETT 2.30pm at St Joseph the Worker. Please allow plenty of time to park neatly. Afterwards at the Vale Crematorium for 4.00pm

WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH: SCRIPTURE GROUP

10.30am-11.30am - meet in the Presbytery.

FRIDAY, 28th MARCH: TIMELINE COURSE

10.00am - 11.30am - meet in the Presbytery

MONDAY, 31st MARCH: PARISH PRAYER GROUP

7.30pm- 9.00pm - meet in the Presbytery

Father Stephen's Recommended Book for Lent:

Finding Your Hidden Treasure: The Way of Silent Prayer by Beningnus O'Rourke. £10 from Amazon. It is easy to read and very encouraging. An excellent follow-up to our retreat days

MONDAY, 14th APRIL: SEDER MEAL 6.00pm for 6.30pm

in the Presbytery. As space is limited there is a sign-up list in the Porch. If anyone would like to come but does not want to drive, please ring Louise (07715326713) so that a lift can be arranged. There is no cost but donations would be welcome for the charity 'The Friends of the Holy Land'.

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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.