

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on Avon



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1st/2nd MARCH 2025 (Yr C)

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day for the Unemployed

Saturday 5.30pm Mass
Sunday 11.00am Mass Solemnity of St Chad

THE SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday Ash Wednesday
10.00am Mass

Saturday 5.30pm Mass (*Day of Prayer for*
Sunday 11.00am Mass *the Candidates for*
the Sacraments)

The Parish warmly welcomes all visitors and Parishioners

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there is a collection for Cathedral Maintenance

MONDAY, 3rd MARCH: PARISH PRAYER GROUP

7.30pm- 9.00pm - meet in the Presbytery

SAT/SUN, 8th/9th MARCH: CAFOD TALK

As it is CAFOD Family Fast Day on 14th March our CAFOD Parish Representative, Jo Williams, will be doing a short talk at Mass on 9th March and collecting the envelopes (available in the Porch) on the 16th March.

WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH: SCRIPTURE GROUP

10.30am-11.30am - meet in the Presbytery.

FRIDAY, 14th MARCH: TIMELINE COURSE SESSION 12 *

10.00am - 11.30am - meet in the Presbytery

Please note revised date

PARISH BUSINESS PLAN: The Parish Business Plan Steering Group will meet on 10th March at 19.30pm in the Presbytery. This group will plan the structure of a full Parish Meeting to be held in the near future.

****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 & lastly, 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. Many thanks - Bernadette (07748470386)

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 around the world who suffer the consequences of wars & conflicts, especially the volatile Ukraine/Russia situation; and the fragile situation in Gaza/Israel/Lebanon

~ Those areas continually affected by natural disasters and extreme weather

~ Those who have recently died, especially Peter Bennet who passed away last Tuesday, 25th February. Paul, his brother, let us know, and wanted to stress how grateful he was to the people of St Joseph's for all their support and kindness. 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

~ 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 & Helen Viles and all those not mentioned here

SERVICES DURING LENT AND EASTER

Ash Wednesday	5th March	10.00am
Penitential Service	3rd April	7pm
Stations of the Cross	11th April	6.30pm
Palm Sunday	12th/13th April	5.30pm/11.00am
Seder Meal	14th April	6pm for 6.30pm
Maundy Thursday	17th April	
Mass		7pm
Watching		8pm - 9pm
Good Friday	18th April	
Walk of Witness		Meet at 10.00am
Service		3pm
Easter Vigil	19th April	8.00pm
Easter Sunday	20th April	11.00am

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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.