

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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| 1 st Week of Advent Year B | Psalter 1/Year2 | | Mass Intention | |
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| Saturday 2 nd December St Osmund of Salisbury | 9.30am | Bridport | Mass Confessions from 9am | Plymouth Secular Clergy |
| 1 st Sunday of Advent Migrants Day | 6pm | Beaminster | Mass Confessions from 5.30pm | Alec Sandford RIP |
| Sunday 3 rd December | 10am | Bridport | Mass | People of the Parish |
| 1 st Sunday of Advent Migrants Day | | | | |
| Tuesday 5 th December | No Mass | Prayers to the Divine Mercy. | | |
| Wednesday 6 th December | No Mass | | | |
| St. Ambrose | | | | |
| Thursday 7 th December | 9.30am | Bridport | Rosary | |
| | No Mass | | | |
| | 7.15pm | Bridport | Choir Practice | |
| Friday 8 th December | 10am | Chideock | Mass | For increased devotion to Our Lady |
| The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 10am | Bridport | Mother's Prayers | |
| Saturday 9 th December | 9.30am | Bridport | Mass Confessions from 9am | Joan Kelly RIP |
| | 6pm | Chideock | Mass | People of the Parish |
| 2 nd Sunday of Advent | Confessions from 5.30pm | | | |
| Sunday 10 th December | 10am | Bridport | Mass | Hermine Hoffman RIP |
| 2 nd Sunday of Advent | | | | |

We remember in our prayers: our parish school; our house bound who receive Holy Communion; those of the parish who are sick; and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:

Ellen Stevens, Thomas Hickey, Jane Holmes, Ernest Batty, Rene Snel, Ernest Andrews, Percy Ancell, David Dear, Phyllis Bartlet, Steve Stevenson, Fredrico Mottola, Phyllis Messer, Maria Gladstone, William Farwell, Frederick Biles, William Scott, Peter Mugliston, Cyril Philpott-Curran, Maisie Baldassari, Alexander Sandford, Pepe & Patricia Irisari, Mary Powell, Charles Maggs, Stanley Steer, Mary Stocker.

May they rest in peace.

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is: **“God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved.”**

This week’s quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:
“If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light, and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life.”

The Catholic Church asks us this weekend to say a **special prayer for migrants and refugees**, that our society may always welcome the stranger. We pray too for those countries from which asylum seekers and refugees have fled. We think particularly at this time of the Rohingya refugees. The Holy Father has spoken in Rome of ‘the persecution of our Rohingya brothers and sisters’.

The new year’s Sunday Missals are now in use and the few remaining ones are available still at £5. This is your last chance to buy one.

We hope shortly to have our small, **2018 Parish Diaries** they will be selling for just **50p** each this year half the price of last year!

It was lovely last week after the Parish Mass to be able to **welcome Fr Cor**, retired now from most of a lifetime working in the Solomon Islands, into our parish community. What a party! Thank you to those who supplied the food and drink. We trust he will be happily settled with us.

This Sunday marks the start of Advent; it is our Church’s New Year’s Day. As is our custom on the first Sunday of each month, the Parish Mass will be presented with the children particularly in mind.

Note that this week, **from the 4th to the 7th, Canon Richard is away on Retreat.**

Tickets for the Parish Christmas Lunch on Sunday 17th December will be available from this Sunday. Adults £10, Children under 12 years £7. **See Sadie and Pat after Mass.**

First Holy Communion Programme 2018. It is now the time for interested parents to register their child for inclusion in this programme. To be eligible your child must be in Year 3 or above at school. To register your child’s details please contact Faith in the Office. A letter will be sent to all registered parents at the beginning of December, with further details of the programme.

PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITY.....Calling all parishioners - old, young and anywhere in between! Would you like to host Mary and Joseph (figurines) for one night during Advent? They will be accompanied by a small booklet with the story of their journey and a short prayer to share; a wonderful opportunity to help reflect on the true meaning and spirit of Christmas during this busy time. "We need to know your interest and ideally preferred date by the **26th Nov**, so you don’t have long; please book early to avoid disappointment... First Come, First Hosting!" For more information, please contact Heather on 07801561997, or Natalie on 01308 897261.

We are delighted that **St Catherine’s Year 3’s** will be joining us at our Church at Chideock for the annual **Christingle** on Thursday 7th December, 1 - 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us on this joyful occasion, followed by a delicious tea.

“Have you ever considered being a catechist? Are you being called to pass on your faith to budding young Catholics? **Then your Parish needs you!** If you would like to join our team of catechists who undertake the Sunday Children’s Liturgy in Bridport and/or the First Holy Communion Team, then please talk to Fr Richard or contact Natalie Williams on 01308 897261. Such a position is subject to DBS clearance but it is very rewarding and your own faith will grow too.”

CWL will be selling tickets for their Christmas Hamper this Sunday 3rd and 10th of December. All proceeds will go to the Catholic Children’s Society. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a **Christmas Taizé Service** on Sunday 10th December at 3.30pm at Bridport United Church. All are welcome.

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to do a u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for Catholic Education in your search engine to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Rita’s Retreat Centre in Honiton are holding an **Advent day of Recollection** entitled “What are you Waiting For” on Saturday 16th December between 11am and 4pm. There will be an opportunity for confession and the day will conclude with Mass. The cost is £25 which includes lunch. For further information please see the posters in each of our Churches

Churches Together in Bridport are holding a prayer meeting in our Church Hall on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm. Also there is a special **Carol Service** for all the churches to be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14th December at **Bridport United Church** during the Christmas Tree Festival. All welcome

Gather 2018 19th – 21st January Livermead Hotel Torquay. Join Bishop Mark catechists, teachers, clergy and friends of the Diocese of Plymouth for a weekend of friendship faith and formation. Cost £150 residential, £40 day rate. To book please contact Fr. Jonathan Stewart on 01392 274724 or e-mail jonathan.stewart@prcdtr.org.uk.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes 2nd - 8th August 2018 led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter a time of prayer and relaxation. Cost £779. For further information and to book please see the information in each of our churches.

Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 18th – 25th February 2019. For further information please see the posters in each of our churches.

Old £1 Coins: if you have found yourself in the possession of an old pound coin or two, please consider donating them to the Catholic Children’s Society via our orange recycling boxes. As the saying goes... every little helps! Many thanks Claire.

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A REFLECTION FOR THE START OF ADVENT

‘Where there is life there is hope’, they say.

The reverse is also true,

‘Where there is hope there is life’.

As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.

It is the task of Christians to keep hope alive in the world.

And hope is one of God’s great gifts to his people.