

# BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Christmastide	Psalter 2/Year2		Mass Intention	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass 6pm	Beaminster	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	Iris Campbell RIP
<b>The Epiphany</b>				
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
<b>The Epiphany</b>				
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 11.30am	Joan Scott RIP
	<b>11.40am</b>	<b>Bridport</b>	<b>Prayers to the Divine Mercy.</b>	
			<b>Soup bread and cheese lunch after Mass</b>	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Beaminster	Mass	Deceased Members of the Brown Family
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary	
	10am	Bridport	Mass Adoration after Mass till 11am	Tony Penders RIP
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Chideock	Mass	Emily Davis & Family living and dead
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am	The Brown Family
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection SPUC</b>	6pm	Chideock	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	In thanksgiving for our Priests
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection SPUC</b>				

**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:**

George Nash, Joseph Kijewski, Ethel Legg, Elizabeth McKenna, Bertram Cramp, Jo Howard, Mary Heighton, Francis De Silva, Edith Coleman, Clover Watts, Bridget Hayne, Kathleen Stuart, Christopher King, Francis Martelli, Arthur Boughton, Jock Monaghan, Joan Cox, Margaret Kemp, Samuel Barnes, Anthony Silvester, Betty Callaghan.

*May they rest in peace.*

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is **“All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.”**

This week's quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:  
“A Christian is one who is invited to join in the feast, to the joy of being saved, to the joy of being redeemed, to the joy of sharing life with Christ. This is a joy! You are called to a party!.”

**We welcome Canon Richard** back this weekend, and hope that he is fully recovered from his recent illness, and is rested and refreshed from his Christmas break. We also thank Fr. Peter for saying our weekend Masses.

This weekend sees **the retirement of Harry Brown** as our regular organist at the Parish Church after many years of faithful service. He has been a model of reliability and good humour. We thank him for all he has done and are glad that of course he will continue to be part of our parish family.

We are grateful to everyone for their generosity in the **Christmas collections** which, by long established custom in Catholic parishes, go of course to the support of our Parish Priest. This year they amounted to **£2.737**.

The parish extends sincere **condolences to Monica Davis and her family** on the death of her dear husband Ted. His Funeral Service will be in our Parish Church at 10.30 on Tuesday of next week, the 16th, followed by cremation at Weymouth in the afternoon and the burial of his ashes the next day in Bridport Cemetery.

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins next week on Thursday 18th. We are hosting Bridport's Unity Week Service in our Parish Church at 4pm on Sunday the 21st.

**Our Weekly soup bread and cheese lunches** in our hall start this **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**, after the 12 noon Mass. A good opportunity to spend time with fellow parishioners and enjoy a delicious lunch at the same time. **All are welcome** and a donation towards the costs would be appreciated. Prayers to **The Divine Mercy** will now be **BEFORE** Mass at **11.40am**

We now have our small, **2018 Parish Diaries** they are selling for just **50p** each this year half the price of last year!

The welcome meeting for parents and candidates enrolling on the **First Holy Communion programme** will take place in our parish hall at 16:30 on Thursday 25th January. It is not too late to register for this year's programme! Please contact Faith in the parish office if you would like your child to join us.

**White Flower Appeal** – the Society for the protection of unborn children will be holding it's annual appeal **next weekend**. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and mothers for decades. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC in their work.

The next **CWL meeting** will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm in St. Mary and St. Catherine's Church Hall.

The next **Pray Bridport** meeting will be on 8th January at St John's Church, West Bay at 7.30pm. This is an **ecumenical prayer group**, open to all, organised by Churches together in Bridport.

It is with great sadness that Bishop Mark has heard of the sudden death of **Lorna Dixon** on Christmas Eve. Lorna was our Finance Manager at St Boniface House and has been faithfully working on accounts for the Diocese over many years. Most of us have much reason to be grateful to her both for her help and her patience and warmth. Please remember Lorna and her husband and their family in your prayers at this very sad time. May she rest in peace.

**Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. For further information please see the posters in each of our churches.

**Bridport is a Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth.** Reg. Charity No: 213227.  
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**PRCDTR Bridport RC Parish.**  
**Our Safeguarding Representatives are**  
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### A Prayer for the New Year

May we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable;

Enough trials to keep us strong;

Enough sorrow to keep us human;

Enough freedom to keep us happy;

Enough failure to keep us humble;

Enough success to keep us eager;

Enough wealth to meet our needs;

Enough faith to banish depression;

Enough hope to look forward;

Enough love to give us comfort;

And enough determination to keep us going.

