

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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2 nd Week of Easter	Psalter 2/Year2		Mass Intention	
Saturday 7 th April	9.30am	Bridport	Mass	Louise & Alan Walford
	10.30am	Bridport	Confessions from 9am Junior Choir Practice	
2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	6pm	Beaminster	Mass	The Catholic Women's League Confessions from 5.30pm
Sunday 8 th April Divine Mercy Sunday 2 nd Sunday of Easter	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday 10 th April	11.40am	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy	
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass	Brian Thompson RIP
	12.45	Bridport	Confessions from 11.30am Tuesday soup bread & cheese lunch.	
Wednesday 11 th April St. Stanislaus	10am	Beaminster	Mass	Chris Hince RIP
Thursday 12 th April	11.30am	Bridport	Funeral Mass Sarah Pyle	
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir Practice	
Friday 13 th April	10am	Chideock	Mass	The Catenians
	9.15am	Bridport	Adoration after Mass till 11am Mother's Prayers	
	10am	Bridport	Meditation Group	
Saturday 14 th April	9.30am	Bridport	Mass	Sadie Pyle RIP
	6pm	Chideock	Mass	Our Parish School
3 rd Sunday of Easter	10am	Bridport	Confessions from 5.30pm Parish Mass	People of the Parish
3 rd Sunday of Easter	After Mass	Bridport	First Holy Communion Class	

We remember in our prayers: our parish school; our house bound, those who are sick; and whose Anniversaries occur around this time:-

Edric Weld, James Wilkinson-Guillimard, James Capper, Felice Rossinos, Margarite Robinson, Edna Kirby, Ronald Murless, Eileen Carrivick, Anthony Robinson, Cyril Milligan, Mary Townend, Agnes Jennings, Doris Pound, Angela Barnes, Dorothy Lambert, Dorothy Wigzell, Hilda Snelling, Edward Poole, Alban Wylde.

May they rest in peace.

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is **“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.”**

This week’s quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:-
“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.”

Canon Richard says Thankyou to everyone for the generous contributions to this year’s Easter Offering (nearly £3,000) which, as is the custom in Catholic parishes, goes towards the support of the priest throughout the year, and also for the many gifts and cards received.

The Finance Committee meets on Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Church Hall.

Transferred from its natural date March 25th which was Palm Sunday this year, the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord (**‘Lady Day’**) is **being observed tomorrow**, Monday. Canon Richard will be concelebrating Mass at the cathedral in Plymouth with other canons and will have your intentions as his own.

Local clergy and ministers (Canon Richard among them) meet for lunch together on Wednesday.

A couple of times recently parishioners have, we hear, been disappointed that no-one from the church has been to visit them when **ill at home or convalescing** there after medical treatment. The truth is that we didn’t know! Perhaps people suppose that there is some mystical means of communication by which the Parish Priest learns these things, or that ‘Someone else must have told him’, when no-one has. If you know of a parishioner who needs a visit (and the sacraments of the sick possibly) PLEASE tell Canon Richard or Faith our secretary. We would rather have the information half a dozen times over than not at all.

In order that Faith can produce a much-needed rota for the organisation and provision of our now well-established **Tuesday soup, bread & cheese lunches**, she urgently needs one more volunteer to help. That will enable each of four teams to take a turn monthly.

Note that **Faith is on her Easter holiday** (and the office therefore closed) from Friday the 13th until Tuesday the 24th.

We are all enormously grateful to everyone who had a special part to play in the services and ceremonies of **the Triduum and Easter**: servers & ministers, singers & musicians, readers, cleaners & polishers, welcomers and our Parish Secretary.

Our dear parishioner **Sarah (‘Sadie’) Pyle died last weekend**; our condolences to John and all the family. Sarah’s Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 12th, at 11.30 and will replace the usual 10am Mass. It is very lovely that John has been received into the Catholic Church at the Vigil Mass last Saturday. We welcome him into our company.

This weekend, the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate **the Divine Mercy**.

After a further meeting about encouraging Meditation in the life of the parish we have launched a **Christian Meditation Group**. It will meet on Fridays in our Parish Church at **10am**. All are welcome. And if you know members of other local churches and congregations who would like to come, please invite and encourage them.

Books! Books! Books! In order to find room for their combined ‘libraries’, Canon Richard and Christine are getting rid of hundreds of books. There will be a **book sale in our church hall on Saturday, April 14th, 10:30 – 1**. Refreshments will be available and all profits will go to the church fabric fund. Come and enjoy a browse!

A **huge thank you** to Barney White-Spunner for the wonderful talk “Partition” that he gave recently, and to those who provided refreshments. **£283.60** was raised and donated to Parish Funds.

All Catholics in the UK are being invited to join **‘Rosary on the Coast’** at 3pm on Sunday, April 29th: a demonstration of prayer marking the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act. We hope to have a group ourselves on the beach at West Bay to join others all around the country, forming (as the organisers put it) ‘a ring of grace around our coast for faith, life and peace’.

The next **CWL meeting will be on Monday 9th April at 7pm** in the Parish Hall.

Applications are now being taken for places at the Plymouth Diocese **Catechetical Summer Camps**, to be held at **Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey**. Camp details and application forms can be found on-line from the camp website : www.pdsummercamps.org.uk
Prompt applications are advisable.

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.

Celebrate Ascension Thursday at Buckfast Abbey: join the Catholic Children’s Society for the day on 10th May to raise funds for our local families in need. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by lunch and a talk from the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe. Tickets **£25** to include lunch and a tour of the grounds or the Abbey. Call our office 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk for details.

Our **Parish Retreat** at Buckfast starts on 4th May, there are a couple of **spare places**, if anyone is interested please contact Faith in the office as soon as possible.

Fully escorted **Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**, Ireland on 1st July 2018. **£649** per person sharing. Price includes flights transfers, 5 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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

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Please make any cheques payable to: **PRCDTR Bridport RC Parish**.
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**It is difficult to be a believer on one’s own.
We need to belong to a believing community,
whose common faith
strengthens the faith of each person.
The early Christians show us how it is done.
Look at the story of St Thomas in the Gospel
today.**