

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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2 nd Week of Advent Year B	Psalter 2/Year2	Mass Intention
Saturday 9 th December	9.30am Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am Joan Kelly RIP
2 nd Sunday of Advent	6pm Chideock	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 10 th December	10am Bridport	Parish Mass Hermine Hoffman RIP
2 nd Sunday of Advent	3.30pm Bridport United Church	Churches Together Taizé Service
Tuesday 12 th December	No Mass	Prayers to the Divine Mercy.
Wednesday 13 th December	10am Beaminster	Mass Mr M.F. & Miss M.K.Duffy RIP
St. Lucy	12 noon Bridport	Funeral Service Bridey Day
	2pm Bridport	School Carol Concert Rehearsal
Thursday 14 th December	9.30am Bridport	School Carol Concert
St. John of the Cross	6pm Bridport	Mass Adoration after Mass till 7pm Gerry Myles RIP
	7pm Bridport United Church	Churches Together Carol Service
Friday 15 th December	10am Chideock	Mass Those lonely at Christmas
	10am Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 16 th December	9.30am Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am Sabina Bednarska & Family RIP
3 rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	6pm Beaminster	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm The Sutton Family
Sunday 17 th December	10am Bridport	Parish Mass Katherine Goodfellow RIP
3 rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	12 noon W.I. Hall	Parish Christmas Lunch
	4pm St. Swithuns	Joint Carol Service

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:

Pepe & Patricia Irisari, Mary Powell, Charles Maggs, Stanley Steer, Mary Stocker, Bogban Jarmarkier, Jacqueline Butler, John Lee, Peter Roller, Mary Wheeler, Ronald Kirby, Germaine Vanderveren, Margaretta Turner, Mary Meaney, Eileen Byrne, Charles Tomlin, Helena Buin, Mollie Murphy, Derek Ambross.

May they rest in peace.

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is: **“Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.”**

This week’s quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:
“Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good around us.”

Christmas Confessions, will be available at the following times:
Tuesday 19th December from 11am in **Bridport**, Wednesday 20th December from 9am in **Beaminster**, Thursday 21st December 12 noon till 1pm, and also Holy Hour and Confession from 6pm till 7pm, in **Bridport** and Saturday 23rd December from 5pm in **Chideock**.

Are you able to offer transport to the Christmas Masses? Do you need transport to the Christmas Masses? If the answer is yes to either please see Faith in the office.

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.

CWL meeting will be on Monday 11th 2pm at St’s Mary and Catherine’s. Followed by their pre-Christmas afternoon tea.

Weekly soup bread and cheese lunches in our hall are starting on Tuesday 9th January, after the 12 noon Mass. All are welcome and a donation towards the costs would be appreciated.

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

Tickets for the Parish Christmas Lunch on Sunday 17th December will be available 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.

“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 10th 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.

Last Wednesday the staff of St. Catherine’s School came to put decorations **made by the children** on our lovely Christmas tree in the hall. The theme of the decorations is **Love Peace Joy and Hope**. Many thanks to both teachers and children for all the work they put in to make our hall look festive for Christmas.

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.

“Grateful thanks to all who supported Mark Griffin’s Dragon Charity Quiz at the Red Lion in Beaminster recently - proceeds to the Uparo Project. £145 was raised ready for the Christmas presents to our special projects. Veronica and Trustees

Children First, the newsletter of the Catholic Children’s Society, is now available at the back of church or can be found on the Society’s website www.cccsplymouth.org.uk. To receive the newsletter direct to your door or mailbox please contact our office on 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk

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.

Bridport is a Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth. Reg. Charity No: 213227.

Please make any cheques payable to:

PRCDTR Bridport RC Parish.

Our Safeguarding Representatives are

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A REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK OF ADVENT

John the Baptist was a prophet,
and a speaker who drew the crowds.
The really persuasive speaker
is one who practises what he preaches.
The world may not always like what we say
and stand for,
but expects us to be in truth what we claim to be.

