

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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6 th Week in Ordinary Time	Psalter 2/Year2		Mass Intention
Saturday 10 th February St. Scholastica	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Alfreda & Zbigniew Rzadkiewicz RIP Confessions from 9am
6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for the sick 2 nd Collection Lourdes Pilgrims	6pm	Chideock	Mass People of the Parish Confessions from 5.30pm
Sunday 11 th February 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for the sick 2 nd Collection Lourdes Pilgrims	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass and anointing In thanksgiving BH
Tuesday 13 th February	11.40	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Ted Davis RIP Confessions from 11.30am
	12.45	Bridport	Tuesday soup bread & cheese lunch
	6-7pm	Bridport	Confessions
Wednesday 14 th February	10am	Beaminster	Mass Charles Ziegler RIP and imposition of ashes
Ash Wednesday	7pm	Bridport	Sung Mass and imposition of ashes
Thursday 15 th February	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
	10am	Bridport	Mass Jelan RIP
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir practice
Friday 16 th February	10am	Chideock	Mass Anne Bird (100 years) Adoration after Mass till 11am
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 17 th February St. Scholastica	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Cornelius Coelho RIP Confessions from 9am
1 st Sunday in Lent	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Oliver Richman RIP Confessions from 5.30pm
Sunday 18 th February 1 st Sunday in Lent	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass People of the Parish

We remember in our prayers: our parish school; our house bound those who are sick; and whose Anniversaries occur around now:
 Clifford Dorrington, Gladys Newman, June Dempster, Affreda Rzadkiewicz, Tim Fetherstonhau, Gladys Cramp, Barbara Bennet,
 Joyce Zieba, Helen Hinton, Majorie Williams, Patrick Catford, Alexander Henry, Clifford Farnham, Elise Baker,
 Sr. Teresia Teugels, Emily Boldero, Estelle Buckley, Sidney Bollins, Mervyn Nixon, Winifred Gaffey.
May they rest in peace.

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is **"You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation."**

This week's quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**: "To be saints is not the privilege for the few, but a vocation for everybody!"

This weekend is the Church's **Special Day of Prayer for the Sick**, coinciding with the feast on Sunday of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Bishop has asked for a second collection to help support those going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August. At the end of the **Parish Mass this Sunday** there will once again be the opportunity for people to come forward for **anointing with the Oil of the Sick**. This can be for themselves but also on behalf of those close to them who need this sacramental reassurance of the Lord's healing and strengthening presence at a difficult time.

With Lent beginning this week we have available this weekend our customary **Lent leaflets** to help us keep this special season in solidarity with each other. So that others can see what we do you may want to take extra copies for friends and neighbours.

Our **Men's Breakfast** last weekend was a delightful occasion; our thanks to Roger Draper for organising it, to the staff of The Bull Hotel for accommodating and serving us, and to all who came for contributing to a profit of £50 to be sent on to Mary's Meals.

Last Sunday it was announced that the **new Rector of the Bridport Team** of Anglican clergy and local parishes is to be the Revd Deborah Smith, currently at Wyke Regis. It will be a little time before she starts here but we wish her well as she says her Goodbyes to present parishioners and prepares for her new ministry.

We are shortly to be in need of a **new organist at our Parish Church**. Harry Brown has retired as you know, and Celia Oliver is kindly 'holding the fort' until Easter. Dr Richard Godfrey, our splendid organist at Chideock (he is the resident organist at Lyme and an organ teacher) has kindly offered a free 'conversion course' to a competent pianist. A volunteer? If you think this wonderful opportunity might be just the thing for you, your name to Faith in the office please.

Ash Wednesday this week, as well as the usual Wednesday Mass at Beaminster at 10 there will be a Sung Mass in our Parish Church at 7pm. Both Masses will of course include the traditional ceremony of the Imposition of Ashes.

The next CWL meeting will be at St. Mary & St. Catherine's Church on Monday 12th February at 2pm. A member of the self help group "The Living Tree" will speak at the meeting.

Churches Together Lent Lunches start on Friday 16th February at 12.45pm the first one being at **The Bridport United Church**, please come and support these when you are able. Posters with further details are in each of our Churches.

St Mary and Catherine Church will be hosting Tea and Chat on Sunday 18th February at 3pm in the Bridport United Church. We look forward to seeing you there. If you need transport please call Mary on 01308423315.

Taize in Lent at St Catherine's, Victoria Grove. The Taize Prayer for Churches Together in Bridport during Lent will be on Sunday 4th March at 4pm in the Catholic Church. Please let friends and family know about this event. All musicians welcome. The theme for this Taize prayer is "A Shining Hope, and Hope is the theme for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland for Lent.

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.

"Partition" - a fascinating, illustrated talk on Indian Independence, and the creation of Pakistan, in 1947. Given by Barney White-Spunner author of Best Seller "Partition", Speaker at the recent Bridport Literary Festival, and Parishioner, **generously offering all proceeds of the evening to Parish Funds**. Presentation - 6pm, Friday, 16th March, in our Parish Hall in Victoria Grove. Tickets - £7 person, available from Bridport Tourist Information Centre. Queries to Veronica D. 01308 862542

For the first time since 1908 the English Catholic Church is celebrating a **National Eucharistic Congress** at Liverpool from the 7th - 9th of September. Saturday is the main day and 10,000 are expected. Our diocese has been allocated 300 invitations, and Canon Richard has provisionally **reserved 4 for our parish**. **Who would like to go?** We need to know **by next weekend** now so that arrangements can be made, if required, for a 'pilgrim coach' from our deanery of Dorset with overnight accommodation in Liverpool. Expressions of interest to Faith in the office please.

Jane Saunders is an experienced musician and sound therapist. She gives regular **Soundbaths** which are sessions up to an hour long where one can unwind and let the sound relax the mind, body and spirit. She uses a mixture of toning and instruments such as harp, Himalayan singing bowls, gongs, crystal bowls, and gentle percussion. The sounds are woven into a deeply relaxing surrounding sound which ebbs and flows in tempo and colour. The subtle vibrations pass through the body reducing muscle and nerve pain, lowering blood pressure and heart rate and are also gently energising. The first Soundbath is **Friday 16th February at 6.00pm** in our Church Hall and entry is £10. Young people and adults all very welcome. (not suitable for children) Please bring a blanket.

Meditation in the Christian tradition is practiced worldwide, Meditation is a very simple practice although at the beginning it is often helpful to hear from someone who has been meditating for a while. To this end, **Roz Stockley, a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM)**, will be holding an introductory evening for Bridport parishioners and others who may be interested on Wednesday 14th March from 6.30pm - 9pm This introductory evening will include information sharing, discussions and meditation. If you have any questions, please contact Roz (email roz@copsewood.org.uk or phone/text 07929007808). If you would like to attend, please let the Parish Office know. Light refreshments will be provided during a short break mid evening.

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 Heather McCaughey & Faith Leborgne 01308 422594 (Office Number)

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord, teach us how to take care of
our material needs
without neglecting our spiritual needs;
how to take care of others
without neglecting ourselves;
how to live joyfully in this world
without losing sight of the world to come