

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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4 th Week of Lent	Psalter 4/Year2		Mass Intention	
Saturday 10 th March	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am	Bridie Day RIP
4 th Sunday in Lent	6pm	Chideock	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	Jan Meyer RIP
Sunday 11 th March Laetare Sunday/Mothering Sunday 4 th Sunday in Lent	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday 13 th March	10am	Bridport	Funeral Mass John Coatsworth	
	11am	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy	
	12 noon	Bridport	Confessions	
	12.45	Bridport	Tuesday soup bread & cheese lunch	
Wednesday 14 th March	10am	Beaminster	Mass	Mr MF & Miss MK Duffy
	12.30pm	Bridport	Stations of the Cross	
	6-9.30pm	Bridport	Introduction to Christian Meditation	
Thursday 15 th March	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary	
	10am	Bridport	Mass	David & Ann Lockie RIP Adoration after Mass till 11am
	4.15pm	Bridport	Children make their 1 st Confession	
	6pm	Beaminster	Stations of the Cross	
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir Practice	
Friday 16 th March	10am	Chideock	Mass	The Cornick & Manning Families
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers	
Saturday 17 th March St Patrick	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am	Mary Hollyer RIP
5 th Sunday in Lent	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	Plymouth Secular Clergy
Sunday 18 th March	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
5 th Sunday in Lent				

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is **“O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

This week's quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**: “God acts in humility, in silence, in the little things. This begins with Creation, where the Lord does not use a magic wand but creates man with mud. It is a style that runs through the whole of salvation history.”

Many thanks to Ruth and all her team for **the Taize Service last Sunday**; it was well attended and the singers alone represented six local churches and congregations.

The **proposed Junior Choir** will sing at our Parish Mass first on April 8th under Ray D'Inverno's direction. It was so lovely the other Sunday to have a 'taster' of what they could do. They will practise in our Hall the day before, Saturday the 7th, at 10.30am. Members of the choir do not have to be Catholic and will include a number from our Parish School. Once established they will lead the music and singing at our Parish Mass each First Sunday of the month. Please encourage this exciting new venture.

We are very **grateful to Heather McCaughey** for being one of our parish safeguarding 'staff'; she is standing down from that formal role but will remain part of the team as an observer at our Parish Mass to make sure we are doing all that we need to do in this important area of church life.

Canon Richard and our secretary Faith will be going to a meeting at Buckfast on Friday to learn more about how **the new Data Protection Act** (coming into force in May) will affect churches and parishes.

Our preacher at Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday next weekend will be Fr John Chadwick, the founder of our Lent Charity this year: The Margaret Clitherow Trust. There will be a special second collection at those Masses to add to to generous gifts you have already made.

There will be no Mass next Wednesday evening in Bridport, as Roz Stockley will be giving her introductory evening on Christian Meditation.

The next CWL meeting will be on the 12th March 7pm at St's Mary and Catherine.

We have now received the leaflets about our **Lenten Project, The Margaret Clitherow Trust**. Please help yourself to one of these which explains in more detail the wonderful work that this Charity do. Please also be **as generous as you can**, a box for donations is available by the altar.

To all APF (Mill Hill Missionaries) Red Box Holders. March is the time for your boxes to be emptied. Please get them to your promoter (Jane Fearn, Sarah Light, Bernard Davis or Mike Murless) or leave them in the Parish Office. If you need your box to be collected then please contact Mike Murless on 01308 485442.

The Tuesday soup bread and cheese lunches have become a huge success, and Faith is now planning to start a rota, so we are looking for soup makers, cheese and bread suppliers and people to prepare the table. If you feel able to do any of these on a monthly basis then please see Faith in the office

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.

"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, and on the door from 5pm. Queries to Veronica Downey. 01308 862542.

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.

St. Peter's Eype have a very interesting exhibition of **Stations of the Cross Paintings**, painted by members of the Bridport Art Society. These are available to see 2pm till 5pm every Saturday and Sunday during Lent, and every afternoon during Holy Week. There will be a Stations of the Cross Service held on Palm Sunday 25th March at 4.30pm at St. Peters led by the Right Reverend Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne.

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.

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.

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 Representative** is Faith Leborgne 07970 532324

We remember in our prayers: our parish school; our house bound, those who are sick; and whose Anniversaries occur around now:- Gwen Crowley, Josephine Thomas, Denis Butler, Francis O Neill, Mary Myhill, Maisie Weston, John Boldero, George Martelli, Luba Petrovana-Boyd, Lily Hallet, Patrick Daly, Gertrude Butler-Bowden, Constance Bennett, Dorothy Everitt, Jeanette Cracknell, Mary Haddon. **May they rest in peace.**

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Jesus, radiant light of the world,
guide our steps in the ways of truth and goodness,
and lead us through the shadows of this world
of your kingdom of unfailing light.