

# BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	Psalter 1/Year2		Mass Intention	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am	Cornelius Coelho RIP
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	Oliver Richman RIP
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent				
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	11.40	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy	
	No Mass			
	12.45	Bridport	Tuesday soup bread & cheese lunch	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	10am	Beaminster	Mass	The Holy Souls
	12.30pm	Bridport	Adoration after Mass till 11am Stations of the Cross	
	7pm	Bridport	Mass	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary	
The Chair of St. Peter	10am	Bridport	Mass	The Khan family living and dead
	4.15pm	Bridport	First Communion Class	
	7pm	Beaminster	Stations of the Cross	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	10am	Chideock	Mass	The Weld Family Living and Dead
<b>Family Fast day</b>	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am	Sheila & Kevin Laidlaw
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection CAFOD</b>	6pm	Chideock	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection CAFOD</b>	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	Jan Meyer RIP

**We remember in our prayers: our parish school; our house bound those who are sick; and whose Anniversaries occur around now:**  
 Mary Quinn, Dorothy Rutland, Fernaide Thackwaite, Janet Ashman, Denis O'Donahue, Penelope Seogalutze, Brian Hune,  
 Mary Duthie, Veronica Egan, Christopher O'Sullivan, Edward Mc'Dermot, Helen Wood, Margaret O'Hare.

**May they rest in peace.**

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is **“Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your Covenant.”**

This week's quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**: “Let us ask for the grace to live in the truth without hiding anything from the Lord and without hiding anything from ourselves.”

There is **no Mass (nor Confessions beforehand) on Tuesday** this week; Canon Richard will be at the Deanery Clergy Conference at Poole.

This week our usual **Lent Stations of the Cross** begin on Wednesdays at 12.30pm at Bridport. The Stations at Beaminster are scheduled to be on Thursdays at 7pm but a decision will be made after this Saturday evening's Mass about that being the best time.

Remember that there will be an additional **Mass most Wednesday evenings** at 7pm in our Parish Church. This new arrangement has in mind particularly those who are working in the day

With Lent beginning last week we still have available 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.**

**Simon Giarchi from CAFOD** will be coming to speak to us next weekend (24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>). It would be good if a couple of people from the Parish who would be able to become **Reps for CAFOD**. If you think this is something you could do please see Faith in the office.

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.

**The Lent Day of Recollection** will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at St. Rita's Centre Honiton. The day will be led by Fr. Gerald Wilson and the theme **“Let us Pray”** The day will start at 10:30am with coffee, there will be opportunity for Confession and the day will conclude with **Mass at 4pm**. For further information please see the posters in each of our Churches.

**Churches Together Lent Lunches** continue on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February the next one being at **St. Mary's Church, Bridport** 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.

**Women's World day of Prayer**, will be at St. Mary's Church Beaminster on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm. The theme this year is “All God's Creation is very good.” And it has been prepared by the **women of Suriname**, ( the north coast of South America.)

**Taize in Lent at St Catherine's**, Victoria Grove. The Taize Prayer for Churches Together in Bridport during Lent will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 online from the camp website : [www.pdspringcamps.org.uk](http://www.pdspringcamps.org.uk)  
Prompt applications are advisable.

**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.

**"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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 next Soundbath is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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#### A LENT OF LISTENING

Lord, you are never too busy to hear us.

Help us to have time to listen to our children with their endless prattle ; to have time for our old folk with their repetitive reminiscences;

to have time for our demanding friends with their boring tales; to have time for disabled companions whose speech is slow or indistinct. Help us to make time to hear them all, and in hearing them to listen to you.