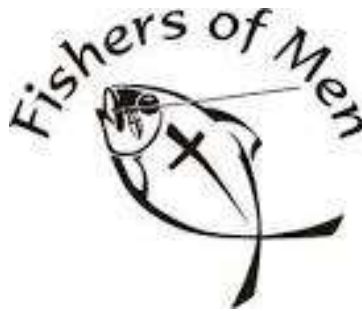


BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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3 rd Week in Ordinary Time	Psalter 3/Year2		Mass Intention	
Saturday 20 th January	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am	John Kusack RIP
3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	Catholic Women's League
Sunday 21 st January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass Baptism Baby William Powell during Mass	People of the Parish
3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4pm	Bridport	Unity Week Service	
Tuesday 23 rd January	11.40	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy	
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 11.30am	Jim Harding RIP
	12.45	Bridport	Tuesday soup bread & cheese lunch	
Wednesday 24 th January	10am	Beaminster	Mass Adoration after Mass till 11am	Gerald Moverley RIP
St. Francis de Sales				
Thursday 25 th January	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary	
Conversion of St. Paul	10am	Bridport	Mass	Monica Davis and family
	4.30pm	Bridport	First Holy Communion Enrolment	
	7.30pm	Beaminster	One World Forum	
Friday 26 th January	10am	Chideock	Mass	The Crawford family living and dead.
Ss Timothy and Titus	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers	
Saturday 27 th January	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am	Chris Southcombe RIP
4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6pm	Chideock	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	Christian Unity
Sunday 28 th January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Welcome to our First Holy Communion Candidates	

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:

Mabel Denmead, Anthony Browne, William Hallet, Nora White, Jim Draper, Joseph Duffy, Carol Gobbett, Ann Evans, Helena Murless, Margaret Chown, Madge Scott, Margareta Hitchcock, Katherine Bradley, Anne Dearlove, Joseph McEnane, Florence Cooper, John McDonnell, Maurice Chinkin, Thomas Lovell, Mary James.

May they rest in peace.

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is **“Lord, make me know your ways.”**

This week's quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**: “God is love. His is not a sentimental, emotional kind of love but the love of the Father who is the origin of all life, the love of the Son who dies on the Cross and is raised from the dead, the love of the Spirit who renews human beings and the world. Thinking that God is love does us so much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us. Jesus walks beside us on the road through life.”

To the Parish Mass this weekend we welcome the family and friends of young **William Powell** who is being baptised.

This Sunday afternoon at 4pm we welcome members of other local churches and congregations for **Bridport's Christian Unity Week Service**, and a cuppa afterwards. Please make the effort to be here to be good hosts to our visitors. This special week of prayer is annually from January 18th to the 25th.

The Second Collection last weekend for **SPUC's White Flower Appeal raised £365.30p**. Our thanks to all who contributed.

It will be lovely to have the **Reception Class of our Parish School** visit the Parish Church on Tuesday morning to look around and learn what we have and do, and why.

Our **Tuesday Soup, bread and cheese lunches** after the mid-day Mass continue with great success. Come and join us. The profit goes to CAFOD and its work with the world's hungry.

Many congratulations to our Mark Brown who, as part of his formation for the diaconate, has been awarded a Foundation Degree in Arts in Pastoral Ministry (Merit). On Saturday next (27th) he is formally received by the Bishop as a Candidate in a special Mass at the cathedral. The Big Day of his ordination approaches ... July 14th! You have got it in your new diary, haven't you? 11.30am.

Many thanks from the Presbytery for all the kind cards and gifts that were received over Christmas.

Our regular supply priest and good friend **Fr Peter Clarke celebrates his 80th birthday on Friday (26th)**. Canon Richard will be sending a card to him on behalf of the parish, to offer him our congratulations, prayers and good wishes on his special birthday.

The welcome meeting for parents and candidates enrolling on the First Holy Communion programme will take place in our parish hall at 16:30 on Thursday 25th January. It is not too late to register for this year's programme! Please contact Faith in the parish office if you would like your child to join us. **Next Sunday we welcome the children and their parents to the Parish Mass** to launch the start of the preparation course.

Tea & Chat will take place at 3.00 pm on Sunday 21st January at Bridport United Church Main Hall.

The next **Pastoral Council Meeting** will be on Wednesday 7th February at 7pm in our hall.

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday 3rd February at 10.30am at the Bull in Bridport. There will be a list for you to sign if you wish to come nearer the time

One World Forum The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday 25th January at St John's RC Church. Jon Robinson will speak on “Beyond boundaries and exploring a deeper awareness”. Mr Robinson has been involved in Parish ministry and was former chair of the Alister Hardy Society for the study of religious experience. Visitors £4 inc. refreshments.

Ann White from Mary's Meals is coming to talk to the staff, parents and children on Friday 2nd February at 8.40 at St Catherine's school as part of their assembly. This is to find out how the school can raise much needed funds for Mary's Meals during the next year. All parishioners welcome.

The Weldmar Hospice Snowdrop Memorial Service in Bridport will be on Thursday 1st February at St. Mary's Church South Street. All are welcome.

Somebody has cancelled their place on this year's retreat to Buckfast from 4th to 6th May inclusive. The place is for a twin ensuite room. Please contact Faith in the office if you are interested.

Taize in Lent at St Catherine's, Victoria Grove, Sunday 4th March at 4pm, keep the date free if you can – further information nearer the time

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*.

The receipts for December 2017 were **£4,708** and the outgoings **£4,827**

Our Safeguarding Representatives are Heather McCaughey & Faith Leborgne 01308 422594 (Office Number)

THE GOOD NEWS, A REFLECTION by George Elliot

I may be poor but no millionaire can be as happy as me
if they haven't got the love of God in their souls.
Think what it is - not to hate anything but evil;
to be full of love for every creature;
to be frightened of nothing;
to be sure that all things will turn out to good;
to know that nothing can separate us from GOD who
loves us
and who fills our souls with peace and joy.
This blessedness is offered to everyone;
it is the good news that Jesus came to preach to the
poor.