

# BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Advent Year B	Psalter 4/Year2	Mass Intention
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport Mass Confessions from 9am Prisoners
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	6pm	Chideock Mass The sick & those who care for them Confessions from 5pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Bridport Parish Mass (Said Mass) People of the Parish
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Bridport <b>First Mass of Christmas</b> Miriam Langton-Smith RIP
<b>Vigil of the Nativity</b>	Midnight	Beaminster <b>Midnight Mass</b> Children of our families.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	8am	Bridport <b>Christmas Morning Said Mass</b> K.K.Mathew RIP
<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	10am	Chideock <b>Christmas Morning Sung Mass</b> People of the Parish
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon	Bridport Mass Confessions from 11.30am Joan Scott RIP St.Stephen Prayers to the Divine Mercy after Mass
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Beaminster Mass Deceased members of the Brown Family St. John <b>Beaminster's Feast of Title</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport Rosary
The Holy Innocents	10am	Bridport Mass Tony Penders RIP
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Chideock Mass Children and Young People Baptism of Baby Walter Ellis
	10am	Bridport Mother's Prayers
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport Mass Confessions from 9.00am The Brown Family
	6pm	Bridport Mass Confessions from 5.30pm Divided Families
The Holy Family		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	10am	Bridport Parish Mass People of the Parish
The Holy Family		

**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:**

Jacqueline Butler, Suzanne Trump, Tom Pattinson, Doug Rawles, Ellen Quinlan, William Farwell, John Gosbee, Francis Rivers, Cynthia Coatsworth, Tony Penders, Jennie Bollins, Elizabeth Beamish, Neil Middleton, Dorothy Griffiths-Davies, Edward Dear, Joan Crew.

*May they rest in peace.*

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is **“I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.”**

The response to the psalm at the **Nativity Vigil Mass** is **“I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.”**

The response to the psalm at **Midnight Mass** is **“Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.”**

The response to the psalm at the **Dawn Mass** is **“This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.”**

The response to the psalm at the **Later Morning Mass** is **“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.”**

This week's quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:  
“We all have a duty to do good in the world around us.”

**Christmas Confessions**, will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 5pm in **Chideock**.

We are very grateful for all the work put into our **Parish Christmas Lunch** last Sunday. It was a lovely occasion, full of good food and good cheer. Well done Sadie and all her helpers.

Our **Christmas Crib** will be put in place in the Parish Church after the Morning Mass this Sunday, ready for our First Mass of Christmas at 6pm.

We so appreciate all **the hard work of many over this great Christmas festival**: singers and musicians, servers, ministers and readers, cleaners and flower arrangers, and providers of refreshments. And of course Faith in the Parish Office, upon whom we all depend so much for the smooth running of the parish.

A reminder that all **collections at Christmas** are part of the offering we make for the support of our Parish Priest. You are generous, he is grateful!

We are delighted to be able to **baptise baby Walter** at the Chideock Mass on Friday.

After the morning Mass on Saturday this week **Canon Richard will be on holiday** for a week; he will be back for the 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (The Feast of the Epiphany) on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be no weekday Masses during that week, but next weekend we shall be pleased to have with us Fr Peter Clarke to supply. Note too that the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**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.

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

**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.

The **Trustees of the Diocese** are responsible to the Charity Commission for the running of the Diocese as a registered Charity. Their oversight helps ensure that the resources of the Diocese are used for the designated charitable purposes and that all is carried out in accordance with the law of the land. Their invaluable work helps ensure that the mission of the church in the Diocese is carried out responsibly and smoothly. The expertise they bring from their own background and experience are greatly appreciated. **The Diocese is looking to recruit one or two new trustees** to support the work of the Diocesan trust. The particular areas of expertise that would be most valuable at the present time would be experience in accountancy, corporate financial management or in Human Resources management. If you could help in this way please see Canon Richard.

**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 CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time of reconciliation – God became man so that the rift between him and us caused by sin should be healed. Christmas is quite rightly a time for family and friends, but we know too well how even the closest family suffers from tension and sometimes from grudges. Sometimes friends misunderstand each other, offence is taken. Your peace of mind might even now be spoilt by a refusal to forgive someone who has injured you. Be forgiving. The first step can be hard. It requires humility. Forgiveness reconciles us with one another and so brings peace into the family or with the community in which we live.

[The late Cardinal Basil Hume]

