

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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Holy Week	Psalter 2/Year2		Mass Intention	
Saturday 24 th March	No Mass			
Palm Sunday	6pm	Chideock	Mass of the Passion	The Margaret Clitherow Trust
2nd Collection Easter Flowers	With Distribution of Palm Crosses <i>Confessions from 5.30pm</i>			
Sunday 25 th March	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
Palm Sunday	with Procession of Palms Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses			
Tuesday 27 th March	11.40am	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy	
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass	Alvaro & Lillian Rocha RIP
	12.45	Bridport	<i>Confessions from 11.00am</i> Tuesday soup bread & cheese lunch.	
	2.30pm	Bridport	Funeral Service Pauline Forey	
Wednesday 28 th March	12 noon	Plymouth	Chrism Mass	
	12.30pm	Bridport	Stations of the Cross	
	7pm	Bridport	Mass	Michael Reardon RIP
Thursday 29 th March	9.30am	Bridport	School Mass	Teachers & Children
	10am	Beaminster	Prayers	
	5pm-6pm	Bridport	Confessions	
Maundy Thursday	7pm	Bridport	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Watch till 9pm</i> Priests and more priests.	
Friday 30 th March	10am	Chideock	Prayers	
	12 noon	Bridport	Stations of the Cross	
Good Friday	Collection for Holy Places			
	3pm	Bridport	Liturgy of the Passion	
Saturday 31 st March	10am	Bridport	Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Food	
Holy Saturday	9pm	Bridport	Mass of the Easter Vigil	New Christians Reception of John Pyle
Sunday 1 st April	8am	Chideock	Mass of Easter Dawn	Bishop Mark
Easter Sunday	10am	Bridport	Parish Easter Mass	People of the Parish

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

This week's quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:
“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, inner emptiness, and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew.”

We urgently need **12 people to volunteer a foot** for the Maundy Thursday evening ceremony at the Mass (7pm). Names to the board at the back of church this weekend please.

Note that next week, Holy Week, there will be a **Service of Prayer and Reflection on Maundy Thursday at Beaminster and on Good Friday at Chideock, both at 10am**, led by our Deacon-to-be Mark Brown.

Canon Richard will be leading **Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at noon** in our Parish Church.

Remember that after the Good Friday Liturgy (3pm) there is the **traditional collection for the Holy Places**. Bishop Mark asks all his parishes to be especially generous this year with those places being caught up in so much violence and tension.

Bishop Mark has announced that Canon Bart Nannery, Dean of our Cathedral in Plymouth for the last 28 years, is moving to Devonport at the end of July. The **new Dean is to be Fr Mark O’Keeffe**, currently Parish Priest of Paignton; Canon Richard has been in touch with congratulations on behalf of our parish.

After a further meeting about encouraging Meditation in the life of the parish we are about to launch a **Christian Meditation Group**. It will meet on Fridays in our Parish Church at 10am, starting on April 6th. All are welcome. And if you know members of other local churches and congregations who would like to come, please invite and encourage them.

Books! Books! Books! In order to find room for their combined ‘libraries’, Canon Richard and Christine are getting rid of hundreds of books. There will be a **book sale in our church hall on Saturday, April 13th, 10:30 – 1**. Refreshments will be available and all profits will go to the church fabric fund. Come and enjoy a browse!

All Catholics in the UK are being invited to join **‘Rosary on the Coast’** at 3pm on Sunday, April 29th: a demonstration of prayer marking the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act. We hope to have a group ourselves on the beach at West Bay to join others all around the country, forming (as the organisers put it) ‘a ring of grace around our coast for faith, life and peace’.

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.

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.pdsommerscamps.org.uk
Prompt applications are advisable.

Heartfelt thanks to each and everyone involved in the fascinating “Partition” Evening last Friday - for Barney as our Speaker, and the several hard-working volunteers helping in a variety of ways. The funds raised for the Parish will be shown as soon as paper-work is finalised.

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.

Celebrate Ascension Thursday at Buckfast Abbey: join the Catholic Children’s Society for the day on 10th May to raise funds for our local families in need. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by lunch and a talk from the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe. Tickets £25 to include lunch and a tour of the grounds or the Abbey. Call our office 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk for details.

There is an envelope attached to your newsletter for your **Easter Offering**, if you wish to **Gift Aid** then please enter your details on the front of the envelope. By long tradition in Catholic parishes this collection goes towards the support of our Parish Priest.

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:- Rose Harris, Gemma Sturdy, Beryl Cook-Rees, Maria Manning, Kathryn Towey, Danuta Wydrzynski, Nicholas Nicole, Sarah Davies, Leslie Grellis, Frances Briscoe, John Altham, Eileen Vagg, Roger Scott, Martin Barrett.
May they rest in peace.

The Masses this weekend will include **the blessing and distribution of palm crosses**, and the Parish Mass will begin with the traditional Procession of Palms.

Plan your Holy Week now! ...

Palm Sunday, March 24th: 10am Bridport: Palm Procession and Mass of the Passion.

Tuesday, Bridport: Confessions, 11am, Mass 12 noon , Soup Lunch 12:45

Wednesday, The Cathedral: Chrism Mass, 12 noon, Bridport, 7pm Mass

Maundy Thursday, Bridport, 9:30 School Mass, Beaminster 10am, Prayers. Bridport Confessions 5-6pm, Bridport 7pm, **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** and ‘Watch’ until 9pm

Good Friday, Chideock, 10am Prayers Bridport, 12 noon, Stations of the Cross Bridport 3pm, **Liturgy of the Passion**

Holy Saturday, Bridport 10am Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Food
Bridport 9pm **Mass of the Easter Vigil**

Easter Morning Chideock, 8am Mass of Easter Dawn
Bridport 10am Parish Easter Mass