

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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34 th Week in Ordinary Time	Year A	Psalter 2/Year I	Mass Intention
Saturday 25 th November St. Catherine of Alexandria	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Stephen & Kathleen Hughes RIP Confessions from 9am
	1.30pm	Chideock	Wedding Mass Gregory and Isobel.
Feast of Christ the King Youth Sunday	6pm	Chideock	Mass Arnold de la Poer RIP Confessions from 5.30pm
Sunday 26 th November	10am	Bridport	Mass People of the Parish
Feast of Christ the King Youth Sunday			
Tuesday 28 th November	12 Noon	Bridport	Holy Souls Novena Mass Eight Confessions from 11.30am Prayers to the Divine Mercy after Mass
Wednesday 29 th November	No Mass		
St. Cuthbert Mayne			
Thursday 30 th November	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
St. Andrew - Apostle	10am	Bridport	Holy Souls Novena Mass Nine
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir Practice
Friday 1 st December	No Mass		
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 2 nd December St Osmund of Salisbury	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Plymouth Secular Clergy Confessions from 9am
1 st Sunday of Advent Migrants Day	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Alec Sandford RIP Confessions from 5.30pm
Sunday 3 rd December	10am	Bridport	Mass People of the Parish
1 st Sunday of Advent Migrants Day			

*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:*

Kim McCaffery, Mary Tuck, Wallace Wright, John Reardon, Jeannie Bollins, Winifred Crewe, Kathleen Harmiter,
Philomena Powell, Alma Cuniffe, Peter Murphy, Donald Smith, Hilda Tuck, Mary Southwell, Philip Leakey, John Bartlett,
Ellen Stevens, Thomas Hickey, Jane Holmes, Ernest Batty.

May they rest in peace.

The response to the psalm at our weekend Masses this weekend is:-
“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

This week’s quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:
“Grace is not a part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge or reason.”

This Sunday is the last of the Church’s year, dedicated to **Christ the King** and with special prayers for our young people.

This is the last Sunday our blue Sunday Missals are in use. **Next year’s Missals** (red) begin actually with St Andrew’s Day on Thursday this week and are available still at £5. The ones we have out in our three churches at present are our last, so take the opportunity to buy one while you can.

There is no Mass in the parish this Wednesday. Canon Richard will be among the priests of the diocese meeting **Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Buckfast** that day, and celebrating Mass with him in the abbey church at 12.30.

There is **no Mass in the parish on Friday** either; Canon Richard will be at a meeting of CAST directors at St Boniface House, Ashburton (the diocesan offices). CAST is the Catholic Schools Academies Trust and is responsible for the 36 Catholic schools in the diocese.

Next Sunday marks the start of Advent; it is our Church’s New Year’s Day. As is our custom on the first Sunday of each month, the Parish Mass will be presented with the children particularly in mind.

Note that next week, **from the 4th to the 7th, Canon Richard is away on Retreat.**

Congratulations to Medwin who accompanied the whole Parish Mass last Sunday at the organ. Quite an achievement for a 12 year old!

This Sunday after the Parish Mass we are due to welcome to the parish a familiar friend, Fr Cor, who comes to make his home with us in Bridport after retiring from a working lifetime in the Solomon Islands.

Tickets for the Parish Christmas Lunch on Sunday 17th December will be available from this Sunday. Adults £10, Children under 12 years £7. **See Sadie and Pat after Mass.**

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.

PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITY.....Calling all parishioners - old, young and anywhere in between! Would you like to host Mary and Joseph (figurines) for one night during Advent? They will be accompanied by a small booklet with the story of their journey and a short prayer to share; a wonderful opportunity to help reflect on the true meaning and spirit of Christmas during this busy time. "We need to know your interest and ideally preferred date by the **26th Nov**, so you don’t have long; please book early to avoid disappointment... First Come, First Hosting!" For more information, please contact Heather on 07801561997, or Natalie on 01308 897261.

We are delighted that **St Catherine’s Year 3’s** will be joining us at our Church at Chideock for the annual **Christingle** on Thursday 7th December, 1 - 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us on this joyful occasion, followed by a delicious tea.

There will be a **Christmas Taizé Service** on Sunday 10th December at 3.30pm. at Bridport United Church. All are welcome.

“Have you ever considered being a catechist? Are you being called to pass on your faith to budding young Catholics? **Then your Parish needs you!** If you would like to join our team of catechists who undertake the Sunday Children’s Liturgy in Bridport and/or the First Holy Communion Team, then please talk to Fr Richard or contact Natalie Williams on 01308 897261. Such a position is subject to DBS clearance but it is very rewarding and your own faith will grow too.”

CWL will be selling tickets for their Christmas Hamper on Sunday 3rd and 10th of December. All proceeds will go to the Catholic Children’s Society. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

St. Rita’s Retreat Centre in Honiton are holding an **Advent day of Recollection** entitled “What are *you* Waiting For” on Saturday 16th December between 11am and 4pm. There will be an opportunity for confession and the day will conclude with Mass. The cost is £25 which includes lunch. For further information please see the posters in each of our Churches

“How to be peacemakers at Christmas! The last in the year of Fr. Christopher’s quiet days is on Saturday 2nd December from 10am till 3pm at the Southgate Retreat Centre, Buckfast Abbey. For further details please see the posters in each of our Churches.

Churches Together in Bridport are holding a prayer meeting in our Church Hall on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm. Also there is a special **Carol Service** for all the churches to be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14th December at **Bridport United Church** during the Christmas Tree Festival. All welcome

Gather 2018 19th – 21st January Livermead Hotel Torquay. Join Bishop Mark catechists, teachers, clergy and friends of the Diocese of Plymouth for a weekend of friendship faith and formation. Cost £150 residential, £40 day rate. To book please contact Fr. Jonathan Stewart on 01392 274724 or e-mail jonathan.stewart@prcdtr.org.uk.

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.

Old £1 Coins: if you have found yourself in the possession of an old pound coin or two, please consider donating them to the Catholic Children’s Society via our orange recycling boxes. As the saying goes... every little helps! Many thanks Claire.

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A REFLECTION FROM MOTHER TERESA

The biggest disease in the world today
is the feeling of being unwanted.
And the greatest evil in the world
is a terrible indifference towards one’s neighbour.
Lord, open our hearts when they are closed
and warm them when they are cold,
so that we may produce the fruits of love
and be found worthy of belonging to your kingdom.