

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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Octave of Christmas Year B	Psalter 1/Year2		Mass Intention	
Saturday 30 th December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9.00am	The Brown Family
The Holy Family	6pm	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	
Sunday 31 st December	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	People of the Parish
The Holy Family				
Tuesday 2 nd January	No Mass		Prayers to the Divine Mercy	
Ss Basil & Gregory				
Wednesday 3 rd January	No Mass			
Thursday 4 th January	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary	
Friday 5 th January	No Mass			
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers	
Saturday 6 th January	No Mass			
The Epiphany	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm	
Sunday 7 th January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass	
The Epiphany				

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 **“He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.”**

This week’s quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:
“Allow yourselves to be surprised by God! Don’t be frightened of surprises. They shake the ground from under your feet, and they make us unsure. But they move us forward in the right direction.”

After the morning Mass on Saturday this week **Canon Richard will be on holiday** for a week; he will be back for the 1st Mass of Sunday (The Feast of the Epiphany) on Saturday the 6th. There will be no weekday Masses during the week. Note too that the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22nd December to Tuesday 2nd January.

This weekend we are pleased to have with us our good friend **Fr Peter Clarke** to supply.

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

We now have our small, **2018 Parish Diaries** they are selling for just **50p** each this year half the price of last year!

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.

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.

Ruth and Jon Jenkins and family, **warmly thank** everyone in the Parish, for their prayers and condolences at the death of Ruth’s Mum

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.

The next **Pray Bridport** meeting will be on 8th January at St John’s Church, West Bay at 7.30pm. This is an **ecumenical prayer group**, open to all, organised by Churches together in Bridport.

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

Heather McCaughey & Faith Leborgne

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A REFLECTION ON THE FAMILY

There is no such thing as the perfect family.

Every family goes through rough times.

Every family has to make sacrifices.

The Holy Family had to struggle and to make sacrifices.

But these are precisely the things that form

a bond between people.

People are closer to one another in hard times

than in good times.

There is nothing like shared hardships to create a bond

between people.

There is more depth to relationships

that have weathered some storms.

Holiness is the fruit of sacrifice and struggle.

Ideally there is no place like home.

But there is no such place as an ideal home.

[Fr Flor McCarthy]

