

# BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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I <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	Psalter I	Year I Sundays Year C	Mass Intention
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am Cecily Garvey RIP
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Lily Short RIP
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10am	Bridport	<b>The Parish Mass</b> People of the Parish
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	4pm	Bridport	Evening Prayer and Benediction
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	11.40am	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Sabina Bednarska & Family RIP Confessions from 11.30am
	12.45pm	Bridport	CAFOD Soup & Cheese Lunch
	7.30pm	Bridport	Taizé Rehearsal
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Beaminster	Mass Mr M.F. and Miss M.K. Duffy Adoration after Mass till 11am
	7pm	Bridport	Lectio Divina
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Bridport	Morning Prayer and Exposition <b>Start of 24 hour Vigil</b>
	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
St. Nicholas	10am	Bridport	Mass Bobby Rocha RIP
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Bridport	Morning Prayer <b>End of 24 hour Vigil</b>
St. Ambrose	10am	Chideock	Mass The Catholic Women's League
	9.15am	Bridport	Meditation Group
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Christine Elbourne Confessions from 9am
<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm	Chideock	Mass Alec Sandford RIP
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Bridport	<b>The Parish Mass</b> Pepe, Patricia and Susannah Irisarri RIP
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Christmas Flowers	12 noon	Bridport	Baptism of baby Ronnie Fooks
	3.30pm	United Church	Taizé Prayer Service

The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is:-  
“**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**”

This week’s quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:-  
“In Advent we rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey ... across the paths of time.”

**On each Sunday of Advent a candle is lit** on the Advent wreath at the beginning of Mass as our plans and preparations build for the celebration of the birth of Christ, the Light coming into our world.

Note the **Mass intention next Sunday** for Pepe and Patricia Irisarri whose death together in a road accident we marked with shock and sadness some years ago; their daughter Susannah has just died too, and we remember all three of them at our Mass. May they rest in peace.

The new church year begins with Advent this Sunday. There are still a few traditional **Advent calendars** available on the repository stall in the Parish Church. Also on the repository stall are copies of the **2019 calendar** produced by and for the Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth). It features stained glass windows from 12 churches of the diocese including, for July, two from our own Parish Church.

### **VIGIL OF PRAYER AND PENITENCE.**

As a Church we are only too aware of historic cases of abuse that has damaged so many people’s lives. We would like to offer an opportunity for our parish to pray for those who have been abused and their abusers by holding a 24 hour vigil, starting at 9am on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St. Nicholas – patron saint of children – until 9am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Sheets will be available after each weekend Mass and we would ask that as many parishioners as possible, show their support by signing up for an hour slot at some stage during the vigil to join Canon Richard and Deacon Mark.

**From the first Sunday in Advent** we will be starting a new **Public Prayer List for the sick.** From then all requests for names of the sick to be remembered at Mass must be given in through Faith in the Parish Office, and in the case of the sick as far as possible with the permission of that person. This is to bring us into line with the provisions of the new Data Protection laws.

The **new Sunday Missals (£5) and next year’s Parish Diaries (50p)** are now available in our churches. The Missals include all that is required for Masses from Advent, beginning on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If and when you buy a Missal, please put your name inside; over the course of the year we have a number left behind in church with no evidence of ownership.

**Lectio Divina- Advent reflections.** For some time now a group of parishioners have been meeting on a Wednesday evening at 7pm to spend a few minutes reflecting on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday and to use the reading as a basis of prayer. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ’s coming. Why not join us on a Wednesday evening during Advent, You would be most welcome.

**Catholic Women’s League** ladies will be holding their annual Christmas hamper raffle on Sunday’s 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. after Mass. We ask for your support. Proceeds from raffle will go the **Plymouth Catholic Children Society.**

**Christingle on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.** Our church at Chideock will once again welcome Year 3 children and teachers from St Catherine’s School for a Christingle Service. . Please join us for this lovely occasion and help with the making of the Christingles and processing around the church, with carols in front of the crib, and afterwards tuck into a delicious tea. All parents especially welcome.

There will be a **2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Christmas flowers** after Mass on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please give generously in order to make **our** Church beautiful for Christmas.

We have a **new notice board** in the parish hall, the left hand side of it for anyone who wishes to send a Christmas card to the parish rather than send individual cards. There will be a basket for the money you have saved, which will be donated to **Aid to the Church in Need**, helping suffering and persecuted Christians around the world.

**Advent Day of Recollection** at St. Rita’s Centre, Honiton, with Fr. Barry Hallett, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am till 4.30pm. There will be Mass and Confessions, cost £25 per person to include lunch. For further information please see the posters in each of our Churches.

**There are services on each of the Sundays of Advent** as listed below to help us to prepare for Christmas.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4pm in our Catholic Church Bridport

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** there will be Taizé Prayer at 3.30pm at The United Church. Followed by soup.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a Carol Concert at St. Swithuns at 4pm.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction, at 4pm followed by a Parish Christmas Tea. Tickets (free) will be available from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December after both Masses, they are limited to 60 so please get yours early to avoid disappointment. If you are able to contribute sandwiches and or cakes please see Faith in the office. **There will be no coffee after the 10am Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.**

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2019**

It is now time for interested parents to register their child’s name for inclusion in this programme. To be eligible, your child will currently be in year 3 or above at school. To register your child’s details please contact Faith in the parish office BEFORE Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. A letter will be sent to all registered parents in December with further details of the programme, which will begin with a meeting for parents and candidates on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 at 16:30 in the Parish Hall. Please note that the First Holy Communion will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, which falls on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

**Frances Jobling** will again be selling a selection of scarves, handwarmers, and a few small items for children in aid of saving villages in Mali from sand dunes. However this year she will have a stall in Bridport town hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm till 8pm and another one in St. Mary’s Beaminster on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 10am till 12.30pm. Please support her if you can.

**We remember in our prayers: our parish school; our house bound, those who are sick; and whose Anniversaries occur around this time:-**

Mary Southwell, Ellen Stevens, Philip Leakey, Thomas Hickey, Bridey Day, Earnest Batty, Rene Snel, Ernest Andrews, Percy Ancell, David Dear, Phyllis Bartlett, Steve Stevenson, Frederico Mottola, Phyllis Messer, Maria Gladstone, William Farwell, Frederick Biles, William Scott, Peter Mugliston.

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Please make any cheques payable to:  
*PRCDTR Bridport RC Parish.*

**Our Safeguarding Representative** is  
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### **A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK**

*Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind or spirit  
by those who betrayed  
the trust placed in them.*