

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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2 nd Week of Advent	Psalter 2	Year C	Mass Intention
Saturday 8 th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Christine Elbourne <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
2nd Sunday of Advent	12 noon	Bridport	Baptism of Baby Ronnie Fooks
	6pm	Chideock	Mass Alec Sandford RIP
Sunday 9 th December 2nd Sunday of Advent 2 nd Collection Christmas Flowers	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass Pepe, Patricia and Susannah Irisarri RIP
	3.30pm	United Church	Taizé Advent Prayer Service
Tuesday 11 th December	11.40am	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Martin Sewell <i>Confessions from 11.30am</i>
	12.45pm	Bridport	CAFOD Soup & Cheese Lunch
Wednesday 12 th December	10am	Beaminster	Mass The Holy Souls
	7pm	Bridport	Lectio Divina
Thursday 13 th December	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
St. Lucy	10am	Bridport	Mass Barbara Powell and family
Friday 14 th December St. John of the Cross	10am	Chideock	Mass Kevin McCreavy RIP <i>Adoration after Mass till 11am</i>
	9.15am	Bridport	Meditation Group
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 15 th December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Deceased members of the Brown family <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
3rd Sunday of Advent	6pm	Beaminster	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass Audrey Upton RIP
	4pm	St. Swithuns	Carol Service

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

Cyril Philpot-Curran, Maisie Baldassari, Alexander Sandford, Pepe & Patricia Irisari, Mary Powell, Charles Maggs, Stanley Steer, Mary Stocker, Joan Scott, Bogdan Janmarkier, Jacqueline Butler, John Lee, Peter Roller, Mary Wheeler, Ronald Kirby, Germaine Vanderveran, Margaretta Turner.

May they rest in peace.

The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is:-
“**What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**”

This week’s quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:-
“May the Virgin Mary help us to joyfully follow Jesus on the way of service, the royal road that leads to heaven.”

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.

The **Mass intention this Sunday** is 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.

It was good that last Saturday Deacon Mark, Louise Heatley and Peter Cove should go to Plymouth to represent the parish at a diocesan consultation about the forthcoming launch of ‘**Caritas Plymouth**’ next May. This is in response to Pope Francis’s call to the Church to rediscover her mission to the world and its needy. Caritas Plymouth has chosen to focus on work in the parishes of our diocese to assist children and families in difficulty, support migrants and refugees, look to the needs of the homeless, and ensure the care of the elderly and isolated.

We are **grateful to Jennie Burbury for agreeing to be our second Safeguarding Representative** (along with parish secretary Faith); she has now received formal recognition by the diocesan Safeguarding Office.

Churches Together in Bridport have their Carol Service on Thursday at 7pm in the United Church in East Street. All are invited of course.

As in recent years, **our own Parish Carol Service** is celebrated jointly with our friends at St Swithun’s Church next Sunday (16th) at 4pm.

The **last few Sunday Missals (£5) and next year’s Parish Diaries (50p)** are available in our churches. The Missals include all that is required for Masses from Advent, onwards. 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 selling tickets for their annual Christmas hamper raffle on Sunday 9th Dec. after Mass. We ask for your support. Proceeds from raffle will go the **Plymouth Catholic Children Society**.

There will be a **2nd collection for Christmas flowers** after Mass on Sunday 9th 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 15th 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 9th December there will be Taizé Prayer at 3.30pm at The United Church. Followed by soup.

Sunday 16th December there will be a Carol Concert at St. Swithuns at 4pm.

Sunday 23rd December there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction, at 4pm followed by a Parish Christmas Tea. Tickets (free) will be available from Sunday 9th 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 23rd December.**

Our Christmas Masses will be as listed below

Monday 24th December at 6pm at Bridport Catholic Parish Church – Vigil Mass of Christmas

Monday 24th December at 9pm at St. John’s Beaminster Mass of Christmas Night.

Tuesday 25th December at 8am at Bridport Catholic Parish Church – Mass of Christmas Dawn

Tuesday 25th December at 10am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St. Ignatius Chideock – Mass of Christmas Day.

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 14th December. 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 17th 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 23rd 2019.

As a school St. Catherine’s are grateful for the support and links with our Parish. All within our school enjoy and benefit from Canon Richard’s weekly visits. As a Parish you have been very supportive and following a recent Catholic Community Group Meeting it was agreed that we could further our links by including items in the parish newsletter to let you know what we have been doing and how we can help each other. **We are looking for anyone that is able to volunteer their time on a regular one to one basis to listen to our children read.** The benefits to children being listened to and having someone to discuss books with are phenomenal and has positive knock on effects across the board. If you are interested please contact office@stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk. We will take you through the safeguarding process. Christmas is coming and we should be grateful if you would take a look at our wish list (located on the new pin board) and donate any of the items listed. All these little things go a long way to help our work in the classroom.

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.

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A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

*Lord Jesus,
take the blindness from our eyes
so that we may walk in your ways.*