

# BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent		Psalter 3	Year C	Mass Intention
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass	Deceased members of the Brown family <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm	Beaminster	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Bridport	<b>The Parish Mass</b>	Audrey Upton RIP
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	4pm	St. Swithuns	Carol Service	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	11.40am	Bridport	Prayers to the Divine Mercy	
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass	Bernard Wilson RIP
			<i>Confessions from 11.30am</i>	
	12.45pm	Bridport	CAFOD Soup & Cheese Lunch	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Beaminster	Mass	Lily Short RIP
	7pm	Bridport	Lectio Divina	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary	
	10am	Bridport	Mass	Davnet McGinty
			<i>Adoration after Mass till 11am</i>	
	1.30pm	Bridport	School Carol Service	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	10am	Chideock	Mass	The Welds of Chideock living and dead
	9.15am	Bridport	Meditation Group	
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers	
	11.15pm	Bridport	Confessions	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass	Those who will be lonely at Christmas <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm	Chideock	Mass	Children and teachers of our school
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10am	Bridport	<b>The Parish Mass</b>	People of the Parish
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	4pm	Bridport	Evening Prayer and Benediction	
	5pm	Bridport	Parish Christmas Tea	

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

Mary Meaney, Eileen Byrne, Charles Tomlin, Helena Buin, Mollie Murphy, Derek Ambross, Sylvia Matterface, Maura Harmon, Walter Appleton, George Sylvester, Patrick Digby, Frederick Messer, Elda Fussell, Carl Bland, Alfred Broughton, Joy Rodber.

**May they rest in peace.**

The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is:-  
“**Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**”

This week’s quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:-  
“Let us ask the Lord for the grace of being generous, so that our hearts may be opened and we may become kinder.”

The Sunday Masses of this weekend are the traditional **Gaudete Sunday** celebrations, originally a day to ease the rigours of the Advent fast. The liturgical colour softens from purple to rose pink.

**Congratulations to Frances Guppy and her staff** at our Parish School for the youngsters’ ‘Wiggling Nativity Play’ last Tuesday. Great fun and well done! The whole **school Carol Service** is in our Parish Church on Thursday afternoon at 1:30. All welcome of course.

For **Confessions before Christmas** note the usual times overleaf and in addition an hour on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:15 in the Parish Church.

The familiar **Bridport Nativity** is (weather permitting) in Bucky Doo on Saturday morning, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11am. The parish is represented on the cast list!

If you would like to bring to the Parish Mass next Sunday **a figure from your crib at home**, it will be blessed before the altar. This is something that Pope Francis does in Rome, we gather.

Note that there is **no coffee after Sunday morning Mass** next week (23<sup>rd</sup>) but of course there is the special Christmas Tea in the afternoon.

**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.

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

**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.

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.

We have just sent a cheque to **CAFOD for £1256** which has been raised from the soup bread and cheese lunches for the last six months, which brings the total raised to £1969. Many thanks to all who have made this possible.

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a Carol Service 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.**

**Our Christmas Masses will be as listed below**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** at Bridport Catholic Parish Church – Vigil Mass of Christmas

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 9pm** at St. John’s Beaminster Mass of Christmas Night.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 8am** at Bridport Catholic Parish Church – Mass of Christmas Dawn

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

**Fr. Tony Chantry from Missio** has sent a letter of thanks to the parish for the **£294.27** raised for them on World Mission Sunday. Very many thanks to all who contributed.

We have agreed to support and be a drop off point for the **Bridport Food Bank** run by St. Mary’s Church. They would be **particularly grateful for** :- UHT Milk, Coffee, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Sugar Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes which they are particularly short of. Many thanks. Deacon Mark.

**In accordance with Diocesan policy**, the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December till Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

**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](mailto: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.**

Income for November was £5,232 and outgoings £7,056.

**Our Safeguarding Representative** is

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## A THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK

*Joy is the flag we fly  
when Christ, the Prince of Peace,  
resides in our hearts*

