

BRIDPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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4th Week of Advent	Psalter 4	Year C	Mass Intention
Saturday 22 nd December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Those who will be lonely at Christmas <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
4th Sunday of Advent	6pm	Chideock	Mass Those in hospital this Christmas
Sunday 23 rd December	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass People of the Parish
4th Sunday of Advent	4pm	Bridport	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	5pm	Bridport	Parish Christmas Tea
Monday 24 th December	6pm	Bridport	Vigil Mass of Christmas Miriam Langton-Smith RIP Carols from 5.30pm
Vigil of the Nativity	9pm	Beaminster	Mass of Christmas Night The Armed Forces
Tuesday 25 th December	8am	Bridport	Mass of Christmas Dawn KK Mathew RIP
The Nativity of the Lord	10am	Chideock	Mass of Christmas Day People of the Parish
Wednesday 26 th December	10am	Bridport	Mass Modern Day Martyrs
St. Stephen			
Thursday 27 th December	10am	Beaminster	Mass Our Church at Beaminster
St. John Apostle			
Friday 28 th December	10am	Chideock	Mass Vulnerable children
The Holy Innocents			
	9.15am	Bridport	Meditation Group
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 29 th December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Bishops of England and Wales <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
St. Thomas Becket			
The Holy Family	6pm	Bridport	Mass Disfunctional Families
Sunday 30 th December	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass People of the Parish Baptism of Baby Carmen McVey
The Holy Family			

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

Ellen Sylvester, Mary Metcalfe, Jacqueline Butler, Suzanne Trump, Tom Pattinson, Doug Rawles, Ellen Quinlan, William Farwell, Iris Campbell, John Gosbee, Ted Davis, Frances Rivers, Cynthia Coatsworth, Tony Penders.

May they rest in peace.



The response to the psalm at **The Vigil Mass of Christmas** is:-
“**I will sing forever of your love, O Lord**”

The response to the psalm at the **Mass of Christmas Night** is:-
“**Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord**”

The response to the psalm at the **Mass of Christmas Dawn** is:-
“**This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us**”

The response to the psalm at the **Mass of Christmas Day** is:-
“**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God**”

This week's quotation from our **Holy Father Pope Francis**:-
“Advent is the time to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, the time to look ahead, and to prepare ourselves for Christ's return.”

If you would like to bring to the Parish Mass this 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.

With your notice sheet this week is your special **Christmas Giving envelope**; as is the custom in Catholic parishes, the money raised goes to the support of our Parish Priest. The envelope can be put in the collection basket at Mass with your collection in the normal way. Please complete the **gift aid declaration** if you are able. Without all the relevant information we are unable to make a valid claim.

Well done and Thank you to our singers and readers for their contribution to the joint Carol Service with St Swithun's last Sunday. An estimated 130 were present.

We extend best wishes for a lovely Christmas and good holiday to the children of our **Parish School**, to Mrs Guppy and the teachers, and pray a blessing on their homes and families.

Note that this week the **location of Masses on Wednesday and Thursday**, both still at 10am, have swapped over; Wednesday's will be at Bridport and Thursday's at Beaminster, so that we can celebrate the Feast of St John the Evangelist at Beaminster where he is our patron saint.

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.

There will be **no Lectio Divina** on 26th December and 2nd January. It will resume on **Wednesday 9th January**

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.

There will be no coffee after the 10am Mass on Sunday 23rd December. However our **Parish Christmas Tea** will be after **Evening Prayer and Benediction** which is at 4pm in Bridport. There are still a few tickets left which will be available after the 10am Mass in Bridport

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.

As always there will be a collecting basket for **The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** beside the crib in all three Churches. Please be as generous as you are able to support all those children living in difficult circumstances.

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 short of. Many thanks. Deacon Mark.

In accordance with Diocesan policy, the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 21st December till Wednesday 2nd January.

There will **NOT** be the usual Tuesday, soup and cheese lunch on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day, the lunches will resume on **Tuesday 8th January**.

A huge thank you from the CWL to all who bought tickets for the Christmas Hamper, and congratulations to Faith Leborgne who was the lucky winner. We made £118 which has been made up to £150 and donated to **The Plymouth Catholic Children Society**. **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**.

Our Safeguarding Representative is Faith Leborgne 07970 532324 Jennie Burbury 07739 852878

A REFLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

*Christmas is a feast of the heart.
It reveals to us what the heart of God is like,
and shows us what the human heart is
capable of. Christmas is the one time in the
long calendar year
when people open their shut-in hearts to one
another. And the extent to which we open
our hearts will be the extent
to which we will experience the great joy
the angels announced to the shepherds,
because joy is the fruit of love.*

