

Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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2 nd Sunday of Advent	Year A	Psalter 2/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 3 rd December <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Our Local Hospitals <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
2 nd Sunday of Advent	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Priests of the Diocese <i>Confessions from 5.30pm</i>
Sunday 4 th December	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass People of the Parish
2 nd Sunday of Advent			
Tuesday 6 th December	No Mass		
	7pm	Bridport	Advent Talk 2
Wednesday 7 th December	No Mass		
<i>St. Ambrose</i>			
Thursday 8 th December	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
	1pm	Chideock	School Christingle
	5pm	Bridport	Reception of the body of Phyl Powell
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7pm	Bridport	Sung Mass Philomena Powell RIP
Friday 9 th December	10am	Chideock	Mass Baby Constance Horwood
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
	12.30pm	Bridport	Funeral Service Philomena Powell
Saturday 10 th December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Jo Larsson 80 th birthday <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
3 rd Sunday of Advent	6pm	Chideock	Mass Peter Mugliston RIP <i>Confessions from 5.30pm</i>
Sunday 11 th December	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass People of the Parish
3 rd Sunday of Advent	12.30pm	Bridport	Baptism of Rebecca, Isabel & Aimee Neal

*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:*

Jane Holmes, Ernest Batty, Rene Snell, Ernest Andrews, Percy Ancell, Phyllis Bartlett, Steve Stevenson,
Frederico Mottola, Phyllis Messer, Maria Gladstone, William Farwell, Frederick Biles, William Scott, Peter Mugliston,
Albert Cripps, Cyril Philpott-Curran, Maisie Baldassari, Alexander Sandford, Murray Pettican, Pepe & Patricia Irisari,
Emily Neale, Mary Powell, Charles Maggs, Stanley Steer, Marjorie Stocker, Bogdan Jarmarkier.

May they rest in peace



PENITENTIAL INTRODUCTION TODAY

(as the Advent candles are lit)

May God be the flame to light my way through the
dark times,
while I wait for Jesus to come near.

May God be the flame to warm my soul through the
cold times,
while I wait ...

May God be the flame to cheer my heart through
the sad times,
while I wait ...

May God be the flame to spark and sing through
the silent times,
while I wait...

Show us, O Lord, your mercy
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is
**"In his days justice will flourish and peace till the moon
fails."**

This week's quotation from our Holy Father Pope Francis:
"Miracles happen. But prayer is needed! Prayer that is
courageous, struggling and persevering, not prayer that is a
mere formality."

This week Canon Richard will be on his private Advent Retreat
at Buckfast, from Sunday afternoon till Wednesday. There will
no Mass in the parish on the Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thursday is the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception** of Our
Lady. Instead of a Mass in the morning there will be a Sung
Mass in our Parish Church in the evening at 7pm.

If anyone has **room for a lodger** in the new year, Liz would be
pleased to hear from you on 07583 736 969.

During Advent there will be a series of talks/discussions on
The **Nativity Gospels** (Matthew 1&2 and Luke 1&2) They will
be held in the Church Hall at 7pm on three consecutive
Tuesdays starting on 29th November, led by Roger Draper.

We are delighted that **St Catherine's Year 3s** will be joining us
at our Church at Chideock for the annual Christingle on
Thursday 8th December, 1 - 2.30 pm. Do join the children
and parents for this joyful occasion, followed by a delicious tea.

Everyone is invited to join us at our church at **Chideock** at
7pm on Saturday 10th December after the Vigil Mass for
mince pies and a glass of fizz in the museum for a get-together
and to celebrate the **Christmas spirit!**

There will be an **Advent Day of Recollection** on Saturday 10th
December at St. Rita's Retreat & Conference Centre Honiton,
starting at 10.30am and finishing with **Mass at 4pm.**
For information please see posters in all three Churches.

The next set of **Confirmation Classes** will start in mid-
January. If your child would like to attend the classes and
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Faith in
the Parish Office.

Christmas Day Lunch

There are still places for the Lunch if anybody knows of
someone who will be on their own on Christmas Day and
would like to have lunch at BUC Hall at 12 midday. This is
open to anybody, not only people who attend church.
Transport provided. Please contact me in order to book.
Elaine Butcher 01308 456066.

Tessa Griffiths, daughter of Jason & Maria, is going to do a
sponsored **Boxing Day Swim** at West Bay in order to raise
funds for the **Youth Japanese Exchange** programme. She
would be most grateful for sponsorship from members of the
Parish, and will be taking names from this Sunday after Mass.

Next **CWL meeting** will be on Monday 12th December at 2pm
at St Mary & St. Catherine's. CWL Ladies will be selling
raffle tickets for their **Christmas Hamper** after Mass on
Sunday's the 11th and 17th December. All proceeds from the
raffle will go to the Catholic Children's Society Plymouth. Raffle
will be on the 17th.

First Holy Communion Programme 2017

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 as
soon as possible. A letter will be sent to all registered parents
at the start of December with further details of the programme.

Churches Together are holding their annual **Advent Taizé**
service on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7pm. The title this
year is **WITH FAITH WE PREPARE**. The service takes place
during the Christmas Tree Festival at the Bridport United
Church. If you were there last year you will remember how
truly uplifting and spiritual the service was in the warmth of the
Christmas tree lights. Our church will be leading the singing
and music. Mark Brown has prepared the scriptural readings.
New singers and musicians always welcome. All enquiries to
Ruth Jenkins 01308 423034.

St. Swithun's Church Community welcome all members of
all churches to join our monthly community coffee mornings on
the first Thursday of each month, the next being **Thursday 5th
January**. They are held in our hall from 10.45 to 11.45. Fresh
coffee and cakes are served free of charge, and the occasions
provide a good opportunity to meet new people and have a
good chat.

**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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Prayer/Reflection

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice.
There are many lonely voices in our world,
coming not only from the prophets,
but also from the victims of injustice and neglect.
Lord, help us to listen to these voices.
Above all, help us to listen to *your* voice,
whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts,
telling us that we are loved by you,
and that we are to love one another.