

Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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The Epiphany of the Lord	Year A	Psalter 1/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 7 th January	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am. Pat Henley RIP
	4pm	Chideock	Marriage Blessing James & Louise
Vigil of the Epiphany	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Confessions from 5.30pm Alec Sandford RIP
Sunday 8 th January	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass Adolf Kraupner RIP
The Epiphany of the Lord			
Tuesday 10 th January	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 11.30am Grace Jane Faye Prayers to the Divine Mercy after Mass
Wednesday 11 th January	10am	Beaminster	Mass Members & benefactors of the Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund.
	12 Noon	Litton Cheney	Funeral Mass John Gosbee
Thursday 12 th January	9am	School	Mass School children everywhere.
	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir Practice
Friday 13 th January	10am	Chideock	Mass The Catholic Women's League
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 14 th January	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Confessions from 9am Mary Skinner RIP Adoration after Mass till 10.30am
Peace Sunday	6pm	Chideock	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 15 th January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass World Peace
Peace Sunday			

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:

Edith Coleman, Clover Watts, Bridget Hayne, Kathleen Stuart, Christopher King, Francis Martelli, Joseph Kijewski, Daniel McKeon, Jock Monaghan, Joan Cox, Margaret Kemp, Samuel Barnes, Anthony Silvester, Betty Callaghan, Daniel Barry, Theresa Gregory, Helen Rae, Jozef Krol.

May they rest in peace.



The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is:- **"All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord."**

This week's **quotation from our Holy Father Pope Francis**: "May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about mutual understanding and forgiveness."

**WE WISH A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS
AND A BLESSING ON YOUR HOMES AND
FAMILIES
IN ALL THAT LIES AHEAD.**

This weekend the Catholic Church celebrates **the Feast of the Epiphany** recalling the visit of the wise men to the child Jesus with their gifts.

We are grateful to the parish of **Litton Cheney** and its church authorities for permission to celebrate a Funeral Mass for John Gosbee there on Wednesday.

There is **no Mass in the Parish Church on Thursday** at 10; we have instead a Mass in the hall of our Parish School at 9am. Parishioners are of course warmly invited to join us.

The Bishops ask that next weekend (14th/15th) we offer special **prayers for the peace of the world.**

A paper has come from the Bishops of England & Wales on **Silence in the Liturgy**. Amongst other things, while recognising the joy of people meeting in church and exchanging news, the bishops stress the importance of quietly waiting for the Mass to begin, with collected thoughts. The time before our Parish Mass in Bridport on Sundays has become increasingly noisy, and Father has had complaints about it. Could we all try to keep the volume down?! You perhaps know the old church saying, *'Before the service talk to God, during the service let God talk to you, and afterwards talk to one another'*.

Canon Richard will be **blessing the marriage** of James and Louise on this Saturday We wish them 'All the very best' for their lives together.

SHARE OUR LOVE: GIVE THEM HOPE. Please take time to visit our Christmas Crib over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the **Catholic Children's Society** as it works across our diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis. Thank you for your generosity. **Offerings collected at the Christmas cribs** in our churches will go to The Children's Society, as is our custom.

First Holy Communion Programme 2017

Letters have now been sent to interested parents and the first meeting with parents, children and catechists will be held in the Parish Hall at 16:30 on Thurs 19th Jan. If you have not already registered your child, it is not too late, simply contact Faith in the parish office as soon as possible.

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

The next **CWL meeting** will be on Monday 9th Jan at 2pm at Bridport. **The CWL Christmas Hamper** raised £80, proceeds will go to Plymouth Catholic Children's Society. Many thanks to all who bought tickets. Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

Ever wanted to understand the Old Testament better? Then come along this Friday and Saturday to hear renowned Scripture Scholar and Jesuit Fr. Nicholas King unpack the old Testament for us here at St. Mary's Poole. Friday 13th Jan 7-8 pm. continuing next morning Saturday 14th. after Mass at 11 a.m. until 3.30 pm. Bring a packed lunch to share. Admission £5 For further details contact Deacon Declan 01202 661869 or email mconville@ntlworld.com

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 2nd February**. 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.

GATHER 2017 Gracious Gift. We are delighted to announce that catechists, teachers, clergy and friends from across the Diocese of Plymouth will be meeting together on 3-5 March 2017 at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel Torquay for a time of friendship, support and inspiration. The weekend will include keynote speakers, plenary talks, shared liturgies, quiet space for prayer, a choice of workshops and plenty of time to meet, talk, laugh and be encouraged in our faith. Bishop Mark O'Toole will celebrate Mass with us. Residential rate £150 (2 nights B&B, lunch and dinner on Saturday). Single room supplement £20. Non residential rate £40. More details and booking form in the leaflet which you can collect from the back of church. We look forward to seeing you in Torquay.

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 01308 422594 (Office Number)

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Jesus is truly the light of the world.
His words have echoed down the centuries,
bringing light to those in darkness
and hope to those in despair.
And for two millennia his compassionate deeds have
illuminated the world.
Lord, keep us strong in faith
fill our hearts with your love,
and bring us to the glory you promise.