

# Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Year A	Psalter 3/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Jo Larsson 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday Confessions from 9am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	6pm	Chideock	Mass Peter Mugliston RIP Confessions from 5.30pm
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass People of the Parish
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	12.30pm	Bridport	Baptism of Rebecca Isabel & Aimee Neal
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Ross Stark RIP
<i>St. Lucy</i>	7pm	Bridport	Advent Talk 3
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Beaminster	Mass For vocations to the priesthood. Adoration after Mass till 11am
<i>St. John of the Cross</i>			
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	St. Catherine's Carol Service
	11.30am	Bridport	Rosary
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Ryan Doyle RIP
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Chideock	Mass Young people in care
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Children & teachers of our school.
	10 - 11.30	Bridport	Exposition and Confessions
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Robert Xavier RIP and family Confessions from 5.30pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass People of the Parish
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	4pm	St. Swithun's	Carol Service

*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:*

Emily Neale, Mary Powell, Charles Maggs, Stanley Steer, Marjorie Stocker, Bogdan Jarmarkier, Jacqueline Butler, John Lee, Peter Roller, Mary Wheeler, Germaine Vandervierew, Ronald Kirby, Margareta Turner, Mary Meany, Eileen Byrne, Charles Tomlin, Helena Buin, Mollie Murphy, Derek Ambross, Sylvia Matterface.

May they rest in peace



## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December

First Mass of Christmas 6pm with Carols at 5.30pm  
At St. Mary & St. Catherine's Church Bridport  
Midnight Mass at 12.00 at St. John's Church Beaminster.

### Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December

Morning Mass 8am at St. Mary & St. Catherine's Church Bridport  
Morning Mass 10am at Our lady & St. Ignatius Chideock.

The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is  
"Come, Lord, and save us."

This week's **quotation from our Holy Father Pope Francis**:  
"All men and women of good will are bound by the task of pursuing peace. Pray for peace."

Between now and Christmas there will be **extra times for Confession**. Note the provision this week: on Saturday morning from 10 until 11.30 the Parish Church will be available for quiet prayer, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.

In the list of **Christmas Services** at the top of the page, note this year an extra Mass, at 8am on Christmas morning in our Parish Church.

Available from this weekend are **small cards of welcome to our Christmas Services**. They are NOT MEANT FOR YOU TO KEEP! Instead, please think of friends and neighbours who might want to come, perhaps after an absence of some years, and give THEM the card, with an encouragement to make a new start this Christmas. Better still, bring them with you.

The last of Roger Draper's evening **discussions of the Nativity Gospels** is this week on Tuesday at 7pm in the Hall of our Parish Church. We are grateful to him for leading this thoughtful Advent exercise.

**The Parish Christmas Lunch and Panto** was enjoyed by all, and we would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. There was a considerable amount of food left over which was donated to the **Pilsden Community**.

**SHARE OUR LOVE: GIVE THEM HOPE.** Please take time to visit our Christmas Crib (in place from Wednesday) 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.

Next Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>) we join with our friends at St Swithun's for a **combined Carol Service** at 4pm; it will be good to be together again for this, as we were last year.

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.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Catholic Children's Society Plymouth. Raffle will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Missio** have sent a letter to thank us for the £347.99 raised on Mission Sunday – for which they are very grateful.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

It is unlikely that the **Walsingham Pilgrimage** next year will go ahead, due to lack of support from Sherborne and Dorchester parishes. If the position changes Alan Wakefield will advise those from bridport who have expressed an interest.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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**

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## **REFLECTION**

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.  
A reed swaying in the wind  
is a symbol of the person who is easily influenced,  
and who has no convictions of his own.  
Still, we can learn something from the humble reed.  
The fact that it is able to bend  
means that the greatest storm cannot uproot it.  
Lord,  
teach us that there is strength in weakness and  
suppleness,  
and give us the wisdom  
to know when to bend and when to stand firm.