

# Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Year A	Psalter 2/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Mary Skinner RIP Confessions from 9am Adoration after Mass till 10.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Peace Sunday</b>	6pm	Chideock	Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass Michael Lawrence RIP With enrolment of Confirmation Candidates.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Peace Sunday</b>			
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Chris Doyle RIP Confessions from 11.30am Prayers to the Divine Mercy after Mass
St. Anthony			
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Beaminster	Mass Gerald Moverley RIP Adoration after Mass till 11am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
	10am	Bridport	Mass Rita Dollman RIP
	4.30pm	Bridport	Meeting of First Communion Parents
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir Practice
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Chideock	Mass The Welds of Chideock Living & dead
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> January St. Agnes	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Mary Hollyer RIP Confessions from 9am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Christian Unity
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass People of the Parish
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time			

*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:*

Theresa Gregory, Helen Rae, Jozef Krol, Phyliss Haries, Fr. Cyril Bennett, Dorothy Wiltshire, Dorothy Legge,  
Mary Haddon, Violet Smoothy, Ann Martelli, Lilian Leach, Raymond Manning, Nellie Barter, Kathleen Mierzwinski,  
Rita Dollman, Nora White, Mabel Denmead, Anthony Browne, William Hallet, Jim Draper.

*May they rest in peace.*



The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is:- **“Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.”**

This week’s **quotation from our Holy Father Pope Francis**: “God is peace: let us ask Him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world. Pray for peace.”

The Bishops ask that this weekend we offer special **prayers for the peace of the world.**

Many **congratulations to Natalie Williams** who has gained her Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies with distinctions in all 4 subjects: Transformation, Discipleship, Ministry & Mission.

At the Parish Mass this Sunday our **Confirmation candidates** are formally enrolled on their course of preparation under the leadership of Roger Draper.

Another **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Wednesday (it is always January 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>). As well as praying for Christian Unity in general we think particularly of our fellow Christians within the parish, their places of worship and their ministers. There is a prayer service in the United Church in East Street, Bridport, on Wednesday evening; all are welcome. It has been organised by Churches Together in Bridport.

This month we need to start updating **the Parish List** of names and contact details of our parishioners. We shall do this by attaching a form to a forthcoming Sunday notice sheet and asking you to fill it in and return it if (a) you know you have not done this before and therefore will not be on the list, or (b) you are not sure.

**The Christmas Collection to support Canon Richard** amounted to just under **£3000**, many, many thanks to all who contributed

#### **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 **Christmas Lunch** realised a profit of £362.24. The money will be allocated to nominated charities at the next Social & Development Team Meeting.

The council have granted us two dates for our **Bucky Doo Saturday Stall**. Please dig deep for any saleable bric-a-brac, there will be collection boxes available in each of our three churches.

We have “lost” two of our **church cleaners**, due to changes in their personal circumstances. Would you be able to offer a **few hours once a month** to help keep our beautiful new **Church** clean. If so please see Faith in the Parish Office.

The **lost property box** in the Parish Office is very full!!! If you have lost a scarf, hat, gloves or other items please come to the Office to collect them.

**Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** led by Bishop Mark, takes place between 27<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017. For further information see posters in each of our churches.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**The Way the Truth and the Life.** Diocesan Pilgrimage to **Santiago de Compostela**, with Bishop Mark and Fr. Philip Austen, is from 6<sup>th</sup> till 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018. For further information please see posters in each of our Churches.

**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 (from New Zealand)**

If your life is broken, do not wrap it up in  
bandages,  
but let it lie wide open to the sun and the  
wind and the rain.  
Let flowers drop their seeds in.  
Plant a tree or two and encourage the birds  
to sing in the branches.  
Then invite your friends around to listen to  
the music.  
If you trust enough to do this,  
you will quickly discover  
that God has a wonderful way  
of turning broken lives into gardens.