

Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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4th Sunday of Advent	Year A	Psalter 4/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 17 th December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Pope Francis
4 th Sunday of Advent	10 - 11.30	Bridport	Exposition and Confessions
	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Robert Xavier RIP and family <i>Confessions from 5.30pm</i>
Sunday 18 th December	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass People of the Parish
4 th Sunday of Advent	4pm	St. Swithun's	Carol Service
Tuesday 20 th December	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Charles Zeigler RIP Confessions from 11am <i>Prayers to the Divine Mercy after Mass</i>
Wednesday 21 st December	10am	Beaminster	Mass Family & Friends of Annette de Rohan Confessions 10.45 – 11.15am
Thursday 22 nd December	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
	10am	Bridport	Mass Jane Brown RIP <i>Adoration after Mass till 11am</i>
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir Practice
Friday 23 rd December	10am	Chideock	Mass Confessions 10.45 – 11.15am
	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 24 th December	5.30pm	Bridport	Carols
	6pm	Bridport	The First Mass of Christmas Miriam Langton-Smith RIP
Vigil of the Nativity	Midnight	Beaminster	Midnight Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th December	8am	Bridport	Christmas Mass at Dawn KK Mathew RIP
The Nativity of Our Lord	10am	Chideock	Christmas Morning Mass The Homeless

*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:*

Sylvia Matterface, George Sylvester, Joyce Hawkins, Patrick Didby, Frederick Messer, Carl Bland, Alfred Broughton,
Joy Rodber, Ellen Sylvester, Mary Metcalfe, Suzanne Trump, Tom Pattinson, Doug Rawles, Ellen Quinlan.

May they rest in Peace



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 24th December

First Mass of Christmas 6pm with Carols at 5.30pm

At St. Mary & St. Catherines's Church Bridport

Midnight Mass at 12.00 at St. John's Church Beaminster.

Christmas Day 25th 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
"Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory."

This week's **quotation from our Holy Father Pope Francis**:
"holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith!"

Saturday of this weekend has been **the 80th birthday of our Holy Father Pope Francis**; he has those in our world (and even, sadly, in our Church) who are working against him. He deserves our prayers, and will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at our Masses. Bishop Mark is encouraging all his parishes to do this.

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.

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'*.

A few of the **small cards of welcome to our Christmas Services** that were given out last w/e are still available. 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.

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.

This Sunday (18th) 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. **Amsafe** once again have offered the use of their car park for those attending the Carol Service.

We no longer have the special donation envelopes for your **Christmas offerings to support our priest**. If you already have gift aid envelopes there will be an envelope especially for your Christmas offering in your box. If not and you would like to gift aid your offering please use one of the **blue envelopes** available in each of our churches. **All money put in the collection baskets over Christmas will be part of the traditional Christmas offering, whether in an envelope or not. Offerings collected at the Christmas cribs** in our churches will go to The Children's Society, as is our custom.

There will be **Masses every day in the week between Christmas and the New Year**. Next weekend's notice sheet will give the details.

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 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.

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.

Cakes and Carols at St. John's Church West Bay at 12.30pm on 26th December after the Boxing Day Swim. All welcome.

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.

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.

If anyone would like to see a video of the **Parish Panto** then it is in two parts because it is so long. If you put the words "Bridport Catholic Parish Pantomime Youtube" into Google then you should find it. The actual web addresses are Pantomime (Part 1) <https://youtu.be/JumuNLys-TE>
Pantomime (Part 2) <https://youtu.be/Zo6w197QvbY>

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Loneliness can be a grace.
A sense of something missing is
God's way of calling us into greater intimacy
with himself.

