

## Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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The Nativity of the Lord	Year A	Psalter 1/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Bridport	Carols
<b>Vigil of the Nativity</b>	6pm	Bridport	<b>The First Mass of Christmas</b> Miriam Langton-Smith RIP
	Midnight	Beaminster	<b>Midnight Mass</b> People of the Parish
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	8am	Bridport	<b>Christmas Mass at Dawn</b> KK Mathew RIP
<b>The Nativity of Our Lord</b>	10am	Chideock	<b>Christmas Morning Mass</b> The Homeless
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Bridport	Mass Our Polish Community
St. Stephen			
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Beaminster Parishioners Confessions from 11.30am <i>Prayers to the Divine Mercy after Mass</i>
St. John the Apostle			
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Beaminster	Mass Child victims of violence
The Holy Innocents			
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
St. Thomas Becket			
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Chideock	Mass Divided families <i>Adoration after Mass till 11am</i>
The Holy Family			
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Tony Penders RIP Confessions from 9am
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	6pm	Bridport	Mass The New Year
	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass Sue Rorstad RIP
<b>Mary Mother of God</b>			

*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:*

Ellen Quinlan, Francis Rivers, Cynthia Coatsworth, Tony Penders, Jennie Bollins, Elizabeth Beamish, Neil Middleton, Dorothy Griffiths-Davies, Edward Dear, Joan Crew, James Screech, Arthur Needham, Philip Acton-Bostock, Derek Brown, Mary Carter, Anne Kidd, Dorothy Griffiths-Davies, Sue Rorstad, Leslie Tress, Brian Bailey, Doreen Lucas, Eileen Johnson, Harry Becket, Louise Sinden, Murial Recano, Mary Glenton, Mary Reynolds-Grey, Mary Pauline Lewis, Josephine Mason, Daisy Page, Christopher Dickens, Teresa Warboys, Freda Tomlin, Evelyn Green, David Hodder, Jo Howard, George Nash, Ethel Legg, Elizabeth McKenna, Bertram Cramp, Edith Coleman, Clover Watts, Bridget Hayne, Kathleen Stuart, Christopher King, Francis Martelli, Joseph Kijewski.

May they rest in peace.



The response to the psalm at

**The Vigil Mass is:-** "I will sing forever of your love, O Lord."

At **Midnight Mass:-** "Today a Saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord."

At **Mass at Dawn:-** "This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us."

At **Morning Mass:-** "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God."

This week's **quotation from our Holy Father Pope**

**Francis:** "To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty."

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND A BLESSING ON YOUR HOMES AND FAMILIES.**

Note that there is **Mass every day in Christmas week** but Canon Richard is away the following week from the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> until the morning Mass on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Note that the **Saturday evening Mass on the 31<sup>st</sup>** (being a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month) is in our Parish Church at Bridport at 6pm.

**Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup>** is of course New Year's Day but in the Church's calendar is the feast of Mary, Mother of God: we celebrate the Mother of the Lord and our Mother too. It is good and lovely to start another year in her kind safekeeping.

Canon Richard has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the many who so kindly sent him cards and brought him gifts this Christmas, and says a heartfelt **Thank you.**

**The thanks of all parishioners** are due to those who have worked so hard to make our church Christmas a good and beautiful one: secretary, ministers, singers & musicians, readers, servers, cleaners & polishers, flower arrangers and many more.

On Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> Canon Richard will be  **blessing the marriage** of Simon and Kate, and on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> the marriage of James and Louise. We wish both couples '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.

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.**

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

**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.

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.

**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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#### **PRAYER/REFLECTION**

Christ is the light of the world.  
His light was not lit once in Bethlehem  
and then extinguished.  
It continues to shine for all who believe in him.  
It is a persistent and defiant light  
that no darkness can overpower.  
Lord, may the radiance of your glory  
light up our lives,  
and bring us safely through the  
shadows of this world  
to our homeland of everlasting light.