

Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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1 st Sunday of Advent	Year A	Psalter 1/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 26 th November	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Our Nursing & Care Homes Confessions from 9am
1 st Sunday of Advent	6pm	Chideock	Mass The Crawford Family Living & Dead Confessions from 5.30pm
Sunday 27 th November	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass People of the Parish
1 st Sunday of Advent			
Tuesday 29 th November	6pm	Bridport	Mass Peter Murphy RIP
St. Cuthbert Mayne.	7pm	Bridport	Advent Talk 1.
Wednesday 30 th November	10am	Beaminster	Mass Sick children & their families
St. Andrew - Apostle			
Thursday 1 st December	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
	10am	Bridport	Mass Sabina Bednarska RIP & Family
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir Practice
Friday 2 nd December	10am	Chideock	Mass Alan Davis RIP Adoration after Mass till 11am.
St. Osmund of Salisbury	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 3 rd December	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Our Local Hospitals Confessions from 9am
St. Francis Xavier			
2 nd Sunday of Advent	6pm	Beaminster	Mass People of the Parish Confessions from 5.30pm
	7pm	Chideock	Cantamus Advent Concert
Sunday 4 th December	10am	Bridport	The Parish Mass Alec Sandford RIP
2 nd Sunday of Advent	12.30pm	W.I. Hall	The Parish Christmas Lunch

*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:*

John Reardon, Jeanie Bollins, Winifred Walcot, Winifred Crew, Kathleen Harmeter, Alma Cunniffe, Peter Murphy,
Donald Smith, Hilda Tuck, Mary Southwell, Philip Leakey, John Bartlett, Ellen Stevens, Thomas Hickey,
Jane Holmes, Ernest Batty, Rene Snell, Ernest Andrews.

May they rest in peace



The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is **"I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"."**

This week's **quotation from our Holy Father Pope Francis**:
"There is so much indifference in the face of suffering. May we overcome indifference with concrete acts of charity."

We wish all parishioners a Happy New Year with the **beginning of Advent**. There are no flowers at the altar, we do not say or sing the Gloria, and we use the second Acclamation in the Eucharistic Prayer.

Canon Richard will be at the **Bishop's Council of Priests on Tuesday**; Mass at Bridport will be at 6pm.

We look forward very much to the **Parish Christmas Lunch** next Sunday; all the tickets have now been sold.

Next week (not this week!) Canon Richard will be on his private Advent Retreat at Buckfast, from the afternoon of the 4th till Wednesday. There will **no Mass in the parish on the Tuesday/Wednesday, 6th/7th**.

Thursday week, the 8th, is the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception** of Our Lady. Instead of a Mass in the morning there will be a Sung Mass in our Parish Church in the evening at 7pm.

If anyone has **room for a lodger** in the new year, Liz would be pleased to hear from you on 07583 736 969.

During Advent there will be a series of talks/discussions on The **Nativity Gospels** (Matthew 1&2 and Luke 1&2. They will be held in the Church Hall at 7pm on three consecutive Tuesdays starting on 29th November, led by Roger Draper.

We are delighted that **St Catherine's Year 3s** will be joining us at our Church at Chideock for the annual Christingle on **Thursday 8th December, 1 - 2.30 pm**. Do join the children and parents for this joyful occasion, followed by a delicious tea.

The CWL Dorset Branch celebrates our Founder's day on Thursday 1st December at St Joseph's, Branksome starting with **Mass at 10.30am**. There will be a sherry reception to follow and a shared lunch (please bring a plate of food), quiz and carol service, to finish about 2.30pm. All members, direct, past and present, and new recruits who would like to join us are welcome.

There will be an **Advent Day of Recollection** on Saturday 10th December at St. Rita's Retreat & Conference Centre Honiton, starting at 10.30am and finishing with **Mass at 4pm**. For further information please see posters in all three Churches.

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.

Mood Indigo Concert The Trustees of the **Uparo Project**, now helping a range of development projects in Tanzania, are deeply grateful to the Rev. Dan Shackell and his Mood Indigo team for their great coffee and jazz morning on 19th November. A total of £246.19 was raised and it will help the self-sufficient agriculture project at the **Bethlehem Centre for the Disabled**.

"**The Art of Dying Well**" is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. **It will launch in November** – the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead.
www.artofdyingwell.org. Prayer cards are available in each of our three Churches.

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.

Everyone is invited to join us at our church at **Chideock at 7pm on Saturday 10th December** after the Vigil Mass for mince pies and a glass of fizz in the museum for a get-together and to celebrate the **Christmas spirit!**

An email has gone out to parents, grandparents and families with children who may like to host **Mary and Joseph (figurines) for one night during Advent**. If you have not received an email, but have a child who might be interested, please contact Heather on 07801561997 or Natalie on 07864 707555 for more details. **Their journey starts on 27th November** and we hope you can take part.

"**Cantamus**" will give a joyful Advent Concert, **'All So Still'**, at Our Church at Chideock on **Saturday 3rd December at 7pm** with songs and carols for the season. Tickets are £8 including usual delicious interval refreshments with glass of wine, from 01308 488348, or on the door. Please join us for this special annual event! See www.cantamus-dorset.org.

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.

Churches Together are holding their annual **Advent Taizé** service on Tuesday 13th 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.

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 1st December**. 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.'

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.

Parish receipts for the last month were **£10,767** and outgoings were **£11,087**

Our Safeguarding Representatives are
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PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your unchangeableness. May we meet this new year bravely, sure in the faith that while life changes around us, you are ever the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.