

# Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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Holy Week	Year A	Psalter 2/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April St. John Baptiste de la Salle	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Katherine Curtin <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	6pm	Chideock	Mass Tom Spurle RIP <i>Confessions from 5.30pm</i>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass People of the Parish
<b>Palm Sunday</b>			<b><i>With Palm Ceremonies and Passion</i></b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Chideock	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Bridport	Mass Chris Hince RIP <i>Confessions from 11.30am</i> <i>Prayers to the Divine Mercy after Mass</i>
	6pm – 7pm	Bridport	Holy Hour and Confessions
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	Plymouth Cathedral	<b>Chrism Mass</b>
	12 noon	Bridport	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Beaminster	Morning Prayer and Reflection
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7pm	Bridport	<b>Mass of The Lord's Supper</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
<b>Good Friday</b>	10am	Chideock	Morning Prayer and Reflection
	3pm	Bridport	<b>Celebration of The Lord's Passion</b>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Holy Saturday</b>	10am	Bridport	Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food
<b>Vigil of Easter</b>	9pm	Bridport	<b>Mass of The Easter Vigil</b> Those being baptised
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	8am	Chideock	<b>First Mass of Easter</b> Conversion of Sinners
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	10am	Bridport	<b>Parish Easter Mass</b> People of the Parish

*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:*

Felice Rossinos, Margarite Robinson, Edna Kirby, Ronald Murless, Thomas Thomas, Eileen Carrivick, Gordon Lily, Cyril Milligan, Mary Townend, Agnes Jennings, Doris Pound, Agnes Barnes, Mary Barnes, Dorothy Lambert, Hilda Snelling, Edward Poole, Alban Wyld, Sybil Edwards, Dorothy Wigzell, Margaret Bowman, Margaret Nixon, Frances Higgins, Ron Hawkins, Claude Hastings, Elizabeth Keene.

*May they rest in peace*

The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is:- **“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”**

This week’s **quotation from our Holy Father Pope Francis**: “We cannot give up in the face of evil. God is Love and he has defeated evil through Christ’s death and resurrection.”

This weekend’s Masses will mark **the beginning of Holy Week** with the traditional Blessing of Palms & Procession, and the reading of the Passion. We have plenty of Palm Crosses, so do take some for family, friends and neighbours, and especially for the housebound.

**Holy Week leaflets** are now available with a brief introduction to the principal ceremonies.

Note that there is **no Mass in the Parish on Wednesday**, as Canon Richard will be with other priests of the diocese at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at Plymouth at mid-day; at this Mass the Bishop will bless all the Holy Oils we shall use in the coming year, and priests will renew their ordination vows together.

After talking it through with the Pastoral Council, and on the recommendation of a majority of its members, Canon Richard has decided that this year that all **the main services of the Sacred Triduum** (“Three days”) on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday should be in the Parish Church, not divided between our three churches as before. This is actually what the liturgical guides say should happen in parishes with a number of churches, so that the story of the Lord’s Passion and Resurrection unfolds more naturally on the one stage.

But notice overleaf that there will be short **Services of Prayer and Reflection** at 10am on Maundy Thursday at Beaminster and on Good Friday at Chideock. They will be led by Mark Brown.

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Maundy Thursday evening includes of course **the Washing of the Feet** as we recall the dramatic action of Christ at the Last Supper. So we shall need 12 feet! It would be good to have volunteers who represent the wide range of members of our parish community. Please put your name on the list provided by the entrance.

**The first of this year’s sales at Bucky Do** will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Boxes for your donations of good quality items will be in each of our Churches from 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please ring Mike Murless on 01308 485442 if you have items that need collecting. All proceeds will go to our parish nominated charities.

The **Parish Gift Aid envelopes for 2017/2018** have been available since 19/03/17 in both Bridport and Beaminster Churches. **PLEASE COLLECT YOURS even if you donate regularly by direct debit.** For further information please ring Mike Murless.

The CWL ladies will be **selling tickets for their Easter Raffle** on Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April. Proceeds will go to **St.Catherine’s School**. The next CWL meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm. In Bridport.

**Walsingham Way Vocational Pilgrimage** will be held at Walsingham between 30<sup>th</sup> June & 2<sup>nd</sup> July. For further information please see the posters in each of our Churches

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps will be **“Living in God’s Kingdom”** this year at Grangehurst, **Buckfast Abbey**. For further information please see posters in each of our Churches or look online at [www.pdsummercamps.org.uk](http://www.pdsummercamps.org.uk).

**Spring is here again** and Georgette and Mark have once again asked for any **excess plants** that you might have, to help the Church & Presbytery gardens look beautiful. If you have any plants to spare please bring them to Faith in the office.

The next of **Fr Christopher’s series of Quiet Days** for 2017 will take place in the Violet Evelyn Hall at the Southgate Retreat Centre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This day will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm and includes refreshments and a light lunch. As well as the talk and instruction by Fr Christopher, there is the opportunity for some group discussion, individual quiet time, Mass and Confession (if desired). The cost of the day will remain unchanged again this year at £15. Accommodation is available should parishioners like to extend their time here. For further information or to book a place please contact Geoff Pring on 01364 645532

**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 4<sup>th</sup> May** 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.

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#### REFLECTION

The day on which Jesus died might well have been called **“Bad Friday”**  
But we call it “Good Friday”  
We do so because that dark day  
was made luminous by the goodness of Jesus,  
and because we see it in the light of Easter.  
His death may have seemed a defeat,  
it was not a defeat; it was a victory;  
the victory of love over hate,  
of good over evil, and life over death.

