



Holy Week

SERVICES

Tuesday April 11th

* Stations of the Cross - Chideock at 11am.

* Mass - Bridport at 12 noon

*Holy Hour and Confessions – Bridport 6pm – 7pm

Wednesday April 12th

*Chrism Mass Plymouth Cathedral at 12 noon

* Stations of the Cross - Bridport at 12 noon.

Thursday April 13th – Maundy Thursday

*Morning Prayer and Reflection – Beaminster at 10am

* Mass of The Lord's Supper - Bridport at 7pm

Friday April 14th – Good Friday

*Morning Prayer and Reflection – Chideock 10am

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Bridport at 3pm

Saturday 15th April – Holy Saturday

*Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food – Bridport at 10am

*The Easter Vigil – Bridport at 9pm

***Sunday 16th April – Easter Sunday**

*First Mass of Easter – Chideock at 8am

* Easter Parish Mass – Bridport at 10am

Maundy Thursday 13th April Mass of the Lord's Supper Bridport 7pm

Much of this evening's Mass differs little from the ordinary Sunday Mass. But it is more highly charged with a sense of drama because we celebrate with the Lord and his disciples in the Upper Room on the occasion of the Last Supper. The ceremony of the Washing of Feet is an important and moving part of the Mass tonight, and the whole mood of the Mass changes towards the end when the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose and our 'Watch' (until 10pm) begins: our way of keeping Christ company in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest.



Good Friday 14th April Celebration of the Lord's Passion Bridport 3pm

The keynote of today's liturgy is simplicity, starkness even. Nothing is allowed to distract our attention from the death of Jesus on the Cross. This is not a Mass; first there is the Opening Prayer and Liturgy of the Word (including the Passion from St John's Gospel). Then follow the traditional Prayers for the Church and the world. The Showing of the Cross and its Veneration come next, and afterwards a simple form of Holy Communion from the Blessed Sacrament reserved from last evening's celebration. A Prayer over the People concludes the liturgy, and all leave church in silence.



Holy Saturday 15th April

The Easter Vigil

Bridport 9pm

To begin with today is a 'non-liturgical' day: a day of quiet as the Lord rests in the tomb. The Mass is not celebrated; there are no ceremonies. The Church simply encourages us to join publicly in the morning prayers from the Divine Office: Readings and Morning Prayer (Bridport, 9am). In the evening comes the Easter Vigil, the oldest and most dramatic of Christian liturgies and the centre piece and high point of our year. Everything that as Christians we try to do and be throughout the year and throughout our lives flows from this triumphant celebration.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Outside church, after the Greeting and Introduction to the Vigil Ceremonies,

- the new fire is blessed
- the Paschal Candle is marked with the date and incense grains
- the Candle is lit and proclaimed as Christ our Light, with the response **Thanks be to God**
- The Candle is carried into the dark church, where all present light their hand candles from it, and it is proclaimed as before.
- The Candle is enthroned on its stand by the altar and proclaimed the third time.
- The Candle is honoured with incense and the sacred song, 'Exultet', amongst the very oldest of our Church chants.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit for 3 readings from the Hebrew Scriptures.

Two verses of Hymn 279 is sung after each reading, and a prayer is said.

After the last reading the altar candles are lit, the church lights are switched on, the Gloria is sung and bells are rung: our Easter celebration has begun!

We sit again for the reading from St Paul, and then stand for the Alleluia verse and the Gospel Reading. The homily follows as usual

BLESSING OF WATER AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

- Water is blessed.
- Hand candles are lit once again
- Baptismal promises are renewed; the response to each question is **I do.**
- The priest sprinkles the people with the Holy Water to recall their baptism.

THE BIDDING PRAYERS

THE PEACE

The newly confirmed and all the congregation give the Sign of Peace to each other.
[It is omitted later in the Mass before Communion.]

THE MASS CONTINUES AS USUAL.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

**The Paschal Candles for Beaminster and Chideock are lit
and held either side of the priest during the blessing.**

They will be carried out in procession with the priest at the end of the Mass,
and enthroned in their respective churches tomorrow morning
at the start of their next Easter Mass

THE DISMISSAL

at the conclusion of the Mass is as follows:

Priest: Easter has begun. Go in the peace of the risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God ...**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

