

Bridport Catholic Parish

Serving Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock

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Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Year A	Psalter 4/Year1	Mass Intention
Saturday 28 th January Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Mark O'Toole	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Nancy Bushell RIP <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6pm	Chideock	Mass Bishop Mark
Sunday 29 th January	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass John White RIP
4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Tuesday 31 st January	12 noon	Bridport	Mass People with terminal illness <i>Confessions from 11.30am</i> <i>Prayers to the Divine Mercy after Mass</i>
St. John Bosco			
Wednesday 1 st February	10am	Beaminster	Mass Charles Ziegler RIP <i>Adoration after Mass till 11am</i>
	5pm	Bridport	Confirmation Classes
Thursday 2 nd February	9.30am	Bridport	Rosary
	10am	Bridport	Candlemass William Curtin RIP
The Presentation of the Lord	11am	Bridport	Snowdrop Service
	7.15pm	Bridport	Choir Practice
Friday 3 rd February	10am	Chideock	Mass Those in the armed forces <i>The Blessing of Throats</i>
St. Blaise	10am	Bridport	Mother's Prayers
Saturday 4 th February	9.30am	Bridport	Mass Those who have lost their babies <i>Confessions from 9am</i>
5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6pm	Beaminster	Mass Buckfast Abbey <i>Confessions from 5.30pm</i>
Sunday 5 th February	10am	Bridport	Parish Mass People of the Parish
5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			

*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:*

Camilla Greenleas, Violet Pettican, Phylliss Taylor, Yvonne Tobias, Phoebe Baughan, James Melia,
Thomas Crewe, Juan Fernandez, Kathleen Handley, Patrick Cauldwell, Charles Lucas, William Quill, Patricia Baggs,
Michael Roberts, Michael Horsley, Stanley Green, Arthur Perret, Bridget Fawcet, Gerald Egan, Kate Grinter,
Dorothy Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Conroy, Tony Wigsell, Herbert Pinkett, Albert Boteler, Maurice Kemp,
Margaret Hartley, Kathleen Rendell, Daniel Donoghue, Margaret Fletcher, Helen Burrice.

May they rest in peace.



The response to the psalm at our Masses this weekend is:- **“How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

This week's **quotation from our Holy Father Pope Francis**: “Let us keep the flame of faith alive through prayer and the sacraments; let us make sure we do not forget God.”

February 2nd (on Thursday) is by long Catholic tradition ‘**Candlemass**’. Candles will be blessed and held as we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and Simeon's words that Jesus would be ‘the light for revelation to the Gentiles’. In the old days all the candles to be used in church during the year would be blessed.

Our Parish Church is once again host to the **annual Snowdrop Service** organised by the Weldmar Hospice. It is on Thursday at 11am. The invitation is open to all who have been bereaved to come and remember those they once knew and loved.

Friday is the feast of **St Blaise** and Mass will include the traditional ceremony of the Blessing of Throats.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** meets on Tuesday week the 7th at 7pm in our Parish Hall.

After Mass this Sunday, the first of the **Holy Communion Classes** will take place. This session is entitled “In the name of the Father.”

Now that we are starting a new year it is time to **update** our list of **Parish Members**. If you have not already done so, we would be most grateful if you would **complete the form** that was attached to last week's newsletter – whether you have recently moved or not – and return it to Faith in the Parish Office. It is **most important** that the contact details are kept up to date.

We have “lost” two of our **church cleaners**, and our **brass cleaners** due to changes in their personal circumstances. Would you be able to offer a **few hours once a month** to help keep our beautiful **Church and brasses** clean? If so please see Faith in the Parish Office.

The **lost property box** in the Parish Office is very full!! If you have lost a scarf, hat, gloves or other items please come to the Office to collect them.

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 2nd February**. 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.

Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Mark, takes place between 27th May and 2nd June 2017. For further information see posters in each of our churches.

“Do you know of anyone who might wish to know more about the **Catholic Church**? Why not make inquiries at the church office or contact Roger Draper to explain what we can offer.”

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on Saturday 11th February at 10.30am at the Bull Hotel. There will be a list available to sign after the next two weekend Masses if you would like to attend.

The Way the Truth and the Life. Diocesan Pilgrimage to **Santiago de Compostela**, with Bishop Mark and Fr. Philip Austen, is from 6th till 17th May 2018. For further information please see posters in each of our Churches.

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.

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REFLECTION

The Beatitudes (in this weekend's Gospel) are the badges of the true disciple of Christ. The things they stand for are very beautiful, the *‘Beautiful Attitudes’* they have been called: things such as peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy and integrity. A person who lives according to the Beatitudes is already living in the kingdom of heaven. Eternal life will be a glorious and full blossoming of a plant that is already green with life.

