



The Catholic Parishes of:

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29 November 2009 – First Sunday of Advent - Year C

	Fordingbridge	Ringwood	Ashurst
Sunday 29 November	9.00am - Mass Father Des	11.00am – Mass Father Des	9.00am – Mass Father Danny
Monday 30 November St Andrew		10.00am - Service of Word & Holy Communion	5.30pm – Mass
Tuesday 01 December	10.00am - Mass		5.30pm – Mass
Wednesday 02 December		10.00am - Service of Word & Holy Communion	5.30pm – Mass
Thursday 03 December St Francis Xavier	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10.00am - Mass		5.30pm – Mass
Friday 04 December St John Damascene		10.00am - Mass	5.30pm – Mass
Saturday 05 December	6.00pm - Vigil Mass		

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

Parish Coffee Morning

Tea and coffee will be served after Mass on 06 December. Please support this fundraising event by coming along.

2010 Diaries are now available in the porch – please take one they are free!

Please pray for the sick of our Parish and for their carers. Johanna and Arthur Jackson, Alice Milmer, Annette Sands, John McGeachy, Ron Tague. Jean Ward, Joan Ward, Robert Hope, Dennis So, Michael Goh (K.L), Johnny Chang (Singapore) Nicky Ings, Chris Riley, Marie Bergmann, Nell Lonnergan, Mary Carlow, Sarah Andrews, Linda Andrews, Courtney Andrews, Pat Baker, May Rogers, Thomas Bernard, Gus Kiamtia, Margaret Scotchmer and anybody else in the parish who is experiencing health problems.

Also, please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Gordon Sands	Margaret Woods	Mr Jewell	Joan Anderson
Rachel Freeman	Henry Senn	Richard Stacey	Basil Gummer
Joseph Woods	Martin Twinn	Mary Ellen Witt	Millicent Coleman
Billy Howieson	Norah Mary Craig	Earl Vaughan-Brown	Roy William Tibbles

Fr Des and Fr Danny invite the Children of The Parishes to their Annual Children's Christmas Party

St Joseph's. 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst on Saturday 5th Dec from 2pm to 5pm.

Lots of Games, presents and Fr Christmas will be there too!

If you and your children would like to attend Please phone: 02380 292337, and tell us how many are coming, ASAP please

Thank you from the Poitiers Project.

To everyone who is using Easysearch and Easy fundraising. With this month's money we have bought seven backpacks to be filled with comforting things and given to homeless men this winter.

All at NO COST to us. - Isn't it great when something works!

If you have not yet registered and would like to do so either look on Fordingbridge Parish's web page, www.fordrc.org.uk or email jennyclemas@btinternet.com for easy details.

Poitiers Project - Urgent need

If anyone has any redundant saucepans we would be very pleased to have them. They are always needed but we are down to our last three!

Jenny Clemas 01425 656483

Co-Op Vouchers

It is that time of the year again when the Co-Op vouchers are dropping through the letter boxes – if you would once again like to donate them to making Christmas a little better for others by giving them to the Poitier Project there is a box in the porch where they can be left in sealed envelopes to give to Father Des. **Thank You.**

An Advance Notice for your diaries: On 09 January 2010 we shall be holding our annual Christmas Party at the Trinity Hall.

Advent Reflections: Cafod will be producing weekly e-mail reflections during Advent. Sign up at any time at: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/worship>.

Despite the poor weather some people did turn out for the bonfire on 21st November. There were refreshments provided by some of the CAFOD Group members for donations. £54.72p was raised so many thanks go to the CAFOD Group and the people who donated on the night.

The Fairtrade Hampers will be raffled at the Sunday Coffee Morning on 6th December. (one in Ringwood and one in Fordingbridge) so make sure you have bought your tickets – available after Masses until then - and come along for your tea or coffee and refreshments and the draw.

Children's Nativity –We would like to organise a simple, joint parish Children's nativity this year - short notice I know and seeing as I haven't done anything like this before, I am looking for help.

Does anyone have any useful skills/experience? For example, perhaps you have some unwanted costumes, can lead some simple carols/songs, play an instrument or could be our narrator. It would also be lovely if we could meet for coffee, cake and chat afterwards so I am looking for some kitchen hands and contributions of homebakes.

If you are interested in helping or just would like to come along (some idea of likely numbers would be handy) please let us know.

Thank You!

Jo Kear (Fordingbridge parish) 01425 655 625 jmkear@hotmail.co.uk

Jo Kennedy Wall (Ringwood parish) 01425 489 883

Brass Cleaning.

With the passing of time the cleaning of brass has now become too large a task for Paul Bond who has maintained the brassware so beautifully and for which we send our sincere thanks for all his hard work over the years.

Paul has suggested that people 'adopt' a piece of brass, eg: the paschal candle, and that the 'adopters' meet once a month, probably in the Dungeons, to freshen up their pieces and enjoy some coffee and possibly cake? Paul will arrange a supply of brass cleaning materials, boxed, and will with his undoubted experience, to begin with at any rate, oversee the tasks making sure that we do the best possible job.

Volunteers of all ages therefore are requested to come forward to look after and take a pride in their brass when on display. Regularly cleaned brass is not difficult to keep in tip top condition.

Please contact Paul on 01425 652613 or if unsuccessful Charlie Berridge on 01425 654041.

Piety Stall News

'The beautiful task of Advent is to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus open the doors of hope'

'Walk with Me' - A booklet compiled by Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, is available from the piety stall in the porch, price £1:00.

There is a complimentary Advent calendar for every child.

Christmas Gifts

The Piety stall is well stocked with Missals, Bibles, wooden statues of Angels, key rings, prayer cards, Rosary beads and Christmas cards. Any profits go to Parish funds.

Our Lady Queen of Peace church, Douglas Road, Southbourne, BH6 3ER, is holding a **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday 5th December** at 2pm in the church hall. Come and meet Santa and his helper. There will be homemade cakes, fancy goods, Fairtrade refreshments, the Grand Draw, bottle tombola, Christmas decorations and cards. Everyone is welcome. Entrance: Adults 50p, children go in free.

Churches together in Fordingbridge & District

CARERS' DROP IN

Wednesday, 2nd December, 10.30 – 12.30

At the United Reformed Church, Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge (SP6 1AB)

Are you a Carer (looking after someone with a disability, mental or physical)? Come and have a coffee or tea and biscuits. See the latest help available for YOU. Professionals are on hand to answer your questions. *Friendly and welcoming.* Just drop in – again and again! – on the first Wednesday of the month. Vicky 023 8028 6342

Collection for week ending 15 November October 2009

Gift Aid £211.00 Cash £ 92.72 Standing Orders £ 95.00

Collection for week ending 22 November October 2009

Gift Aid £187.70 Cash £118.41 Standing Orders £ 95.00

Cafod £ 87.22 Thank You

Also received £785.60 in Gift Aid donations from Fordingbridge envelopes left in Ringwood from April 2008 to August 2009. Thank you. If any Gift Aid members who regularly attend Mass at Ringwood would prefer to pay by Standing Order, forms can be obtained by contacting Richard Carson on 01425 652440.

The newsletter is printed each week on the Parish Website – www.fordrc.org.uk

Have you been away and missed newsletters?

The last few weeks' newsletters are readily available to read and catch up on in the blue folder marked Newsletter. It is always on display in the porch. Should you wish to have the newsletter by email please let me have the address and I will add you to the list.

Any items for the newsletter should be sent to Anne Hammond at Hammond.44@talktalk.net or leave a message on 01425 654838 (deadline Wednesday 9.00pm) – thank you