



*The Catholic Parishes of:*

**The Sacred Heart and St Theresa of Lisieux – Ringwood**

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**06 December 2009 – 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year C**

	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>	<b>Ashurst</b>
<b>Sunday 06 December</b>	<b>9.00am - Mass Father Des</b>	<b>11.00am – Mass Father Des</b>	<b>9.00am – Mass Father Danny</b>
<b>Monday 07 December St Ambrose</b>		<b>10.00am - Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 08 December</b>	<b>12 noon – Mass Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</b>		<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 09 December</b>		<b>10.00am - Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 10 December</b>	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour <b>10.00am - Mass</b>		<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Friday 11 December St Damascus 1</b>		<b>10.00am - Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 12 December</b>	<b>6.00pm - Vigil Mass Father Danny</b>		

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: WHAT MARVELS THE LORD WORKED FOR US!  
INDEED WE WERE GLAD**

**Parish Coffee Morning**

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

**Cafod Fairtrade Hamper draw to take place**

**Portsmouth People now available in the porch – please take your free copy home.**

**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.

## **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

## **Poitier News**

### **Have you registered yet with the Poitiers Project Easysearch and Easy fundraising?**

If you have not yet registered and would like to do so either look on Fordingbridge Parish's web page, [www.fordrc.org.uk](http://www.fordrc.org.uk), email [jennyclemas@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyclemas@btinternet.com) for details or just log onto [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and register with Montfort Missionaries as your fundraising cause. This is a really easy way to raise money and **All at NO COST to us** - Isn't it great when something works!

### **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.

**On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December** we will be having a Bring and Buy Poitiers Table in the porch. This will be to raise some much needed funds for a little extra help over the Christmas period for our Poitiers families. We know that you will support this if you possibly can. Thank You!

### **\*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

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

**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>.

## **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.

**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](mailto:jmkear@hotmail.co.uk)

Jo Kennedy Wall (Ringwood parish) 01425 489 883

**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**

On **Tuesday 22nd December at 7.30 pm**, you are warmly invited to join us at the **United Reformed Church** for an evening of **Christmas Music and Readings** by candlelight. We shall be accompanied by the St George's Singers of Boscombe, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards, and there will be a retiring collection for our Christmas Charities. Do come and join us, this would make a lovely ending to the carol singing around the town

## **Collection for week ending 29 November 2009**

<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>£201.00</b>	<b>Cash</b>	<b>£ 86.37</b>	<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>£ 95.00</b>
<b>Cafod</b>	<b>£ 36.80</b>	<b>Thank You</b>			

**TIMES OF WEEKEND MASSES AT OTHER PARISHES IN OUR PASTORAL AREA (Avon Stour)**



St. Thomas More, Exton Road, Boscombe East 01202 485588

Saturday 6.00 pm Sunday 9.30am

The Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch 01202 483340

Saturday 6:30 pm Sunday 9:00 am 10:45 am

Holy Redeemer, Kilmington Way, Highcliffe 01425 274838

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am

The Sacred Heart & St Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood 01425473728

Sunday 11:00 am

Our Lady Queen of Peace. Southbourne 01202 424960

Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am, 6.00pm

**Hospital Chaplaincy** Should any Parishioner be going into hospital and wishes to receive a visit from the Chaplain, please phone Fr Ron Hishon for Bournemouth Hospital on 513380 or 07963617031 – Fr John Lee for Christchurch Hospital on 483340 – Deacon McConville for Poole Hospital on 442167 or 665511 and The Chaplain Salisbury Hospital – 01722 336262

**Mass is also celebrated on Sunday evening at St Osmund's Salisbury at  
7.15pm**

The newsletter is printed each week on the Parish Website – [www.fordrc.org.uk](http://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](mailto:Hammond.44@talktalk.net) or leave a message on 01425 654838 (deadline Wednesday 9.00pm) – thank you**