



The Catholic Parishes of:

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**13 December 2009 – 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C**

	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>	<b>Ashurst</b>
<b>Sunday 13 December</b>	<b>9.00am - Mass Father Ronnie 4.00pm – Advent Reflection</b>	<b>11.00am – Mass Father Ronnie</b>	<b>9.00am – Mass Father Des</b>
<b>Monday 14 December St John of the Cross</b>	<b>Father Des &amp; Community on Retreat</b>	<b>10.00am – Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 December</b>	<b>10.00am - Mass</b>		<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 16 December</b>		<b>10.00am - Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion 3.00pm –Reconciliation Service</b>	<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 17 December</b>	<b>9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10.00am - Mass 7.00pm - Reconciliation Service</b>		<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Friday 18 December St Damascus 1</b>		<b>10.00am - Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm – Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 19 December</b>	<b>6.00pm - Vigil Mass Father Ronnie</b>		

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: SING AND SHOUT FOR JOY FOR GREAT IN YOUR  
MIDST IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL**

**Father Des will be celebrating the Pastoral Area Concelebrated Christmas  
Mass at St Joseph’s Church Christchurch at 6.30pm on Friday 18 December.  
All Welcome.**

**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.

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

### **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 Poitiers 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!

### **Un-needed Christmas Presents**

Once again this year we will be having our highly successful collection of unwanted Christmas Presents.

It's so easy - instead of sticking them in the back of the cupboard, never to be seen again, so please just give them to us and we will use them to raise funds for Good Causes throughout the year.

Please mark your donations clearly so that we may keep them separate from the Poitiers food donations. **Thank You**

**Christmas decoration of the Church** There will be a collection for flower decoration expenses after Mass the weekend of the 19th/20th.

PLEASE may we have some strong volunteers to help burrow through the dungeons to extract the crib, preferably after Sunday Mass on the 20th. All volunteers to help with flowers, lights and moving heavy objects very gratefully received. Many Thanks - Jenni NW

**Father Des has asked me to thank** sincerely those parishioners who have asked for a form for a Christmas donation to the Poitiers Project. Your thoughtfulness and generosity at this expensive time of year is much appreciated. Jenny C.

**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.

### **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

**The Fairtrade Christmas Hampers.** The draws took place on 6<sup>th</sup> December and congratulations go to: Ringwood winner, Celia Southern and Fordingbridge winner, Ruth Sparks (who, incidentally, had ticket number 13!!). The joint total amount raised in both churches for CAFOD's Focus Africa Campaign was £318. The CAFOD Group would like to thank everyone who took part in raising such a marvellous total.

**The CAFOD Group.** The next meeting will be at Fordingbridge Parish Rooms at 7pm on January 14<sup>th</sup>. (The meetings alternate between Ringwood and Fordingbridge) If you are interested in helping the work of CAFOD in the developing world, please come along. For more information contact Helen Eales, Betty Baxter, Ginny Westwood, Jane Saunders or any of the members of the CAFOD Group.

**St Peters school Mass in Southbourne chapel** "There is a regular **fortnightly** Mass on **Thursdays at 1pm**. The next one is on **10th Dec** and then on the **14th January 2010**. All Welcome. There is also a regular 8am Mass every Friday which everyone would be welcome to attend." *Maggie Belcher, St Peter's School Chaplain.*

**Children's Nativity** – **As** there was no response to Joanne's offer to organise this event it has now been put on hold until next year when hopefully there will be more interest!

**Your Pastoral Area Newsletter** – If you have any items of interest you would like to be included in the next Pastoral Area Newsletter, 'The Link', please email Brian at [mass.media@ntlworld.com](mailto:mass.media@ntlworld.com)

The deadline for items is 15<sup>th</sup> December. The next publication of the Avon Stour Pastoral Area Newsletter will be available from the church porch at the end of January 2010.

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

**Gift Aid            £190.00    Cash   £ 95.62        Standing Orders   £ 95.00**

**Thank You**

**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**