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24 January 2010 – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

	Fordingbridge	Ringwood	Ashurst
Sunday 24 January	9.00am - Mass Father Danny	11.00am – Mass Father Danny	9.00am – Mass Father Des
Mon 25 Jan The Conversion of St Paul	11.30am – Funeral Mass for Michael J Price	10am – Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Tues 26 Jan St Timothy & St Titus			
Wed 27 Jan St Angela Merici		10am - Mass	
Thursday 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10am - Mass		
Fri 29 Jan		10am – Mass	
Saturday 30 January	6.00pm - Vigil Mass Father Des		

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT, LORD,
AND THEY ARE LIFE**

Saturday 30 January there is an obligatory collection for Catholic Education Society

Also today there is a Cafod collection for the disaster in Haiti

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, Pat Baker, May Rogers, Thomas Bernard, Gus Kiamtia, Margaret Scotchmer and anybody else in the parish who is experiencing health problems.

MISSIONARIES OF THE COMPANY OF MARY IN HAITI

"It is a time for tears; there is desolation everywhere, and the Montfortians have not been spared," writes Fr. Maurice, SMM, from Haiti, where the Missionaries of the Company of Mary have been present since 1871, with a dozen communities and about 50 religious priests.

In addition to them are some 20 students in various stages of their formation. According to information sent by Fr. Alfio, the Provincial Secretary of the Missionaries, 9 seminarians are dead and a Missionary priest, Father Jean Baptiste. He was probably crushed by concrete blocks crashing to the ground from the Baussan Home when the priest tried to leave the house. The 9 seminarians, 8 theologate students plus one seminarian recently returned from Peru, were attending a conference at CIFOR (Institute of Studies for Men and Women Religious), when the building collapsed on their bus as they were trying to leave. They were crushed by slabs of concrete.

In 1871, the first religious brothers and priests of the Society of Mary, after leaving France, landed in Haiti. Today, there are about 50 Haitian Montfortians, assisted in their ministry in Haiti by several missionaries from France and Canada. They are involved in several parishes of the Diocese of Port-de-Paix in the northwest of the country, but are also present in the Dioceses of Port-au-Prince and Gonaives, as well as in a mission in the Bahamas and one in the French Antilles. In addition to parish ministry, the religious of the Province headed several initiatives designed primarily to aid the poor. A member of the Province is also working to Nassau in the Bahamas, in a Haitian refugees living in these islands.

6 Daughters of Wisdom, (Montfort Sisters) have died. 3 have been buried. Three are still under rubble.

Our cousin order –the Brothers of Christian instruction (St Mary’s College Southampton) - lost four Brothers. Five of their schools collapsed. The death toll of pupils and teachers is still unknown.

Your COFFEE MORNING on 7th February: It will include a Bring & Buy Cake Sale. Don't buy shop bought cakes for the family on Saturday when you can buy the real thing on Sunday Morning! If you can make a cake bring it along to sell and if you can't then come and see what others have brought along and have a cup of tea or coffee with friends too. The last coffee morning before Lent - so make the most of it! All proceeds will be going straight to CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

Benjamin Donnison (Ringwood Parish) came to Father Des last Sunday and asked if he could make his First Holy Communion on the feast of Corpus Christi (6th June). If any other children would like to join Benjamin and they are over 8 years of age would they please give their name to Father Des.

PLEASE, please help... The Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph at the Dominican Priory in Sway, New Forest need our help. Sister Veronica, who prepared our children for First Holy Communion two years ago, belongs to that community. The Sisters have asked if we would be willing to finish painting some bedrooms for them on the first floor of their convent over this weekend. If you came last weekend thank you for all the hard work – there is still more to be done and help would be appreciated. It should be fun! Many thanks! Fr Des.



Churches Together in Fordingbridge – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity United Service for all at Burgate School on 24 January at 10.30am. All Welcome. See poster in porch.

Thank You – very much to Beth Dancer who gave up her time and took up the offer from Waterstones Bookshop on late night Christmas shopping in Salisbury to tirelessly gift wrap purchases in aid of the Poitiers Project and **made £40 for her efforts!**
Thank you also to Penny Sharp and Waterstones for making this possible

Poitiers News. Thank you all for your generous response to the 'saucepans' appeal. **Most** of them have now been given out and we are beginning to start a little stock for future needs. This time of the year is always a particularly busy one for us as our poor people struggle to pay heating bills, etc. At present, thanks to your continuing generosity we are supporting **50** families. That is something of which the two parishes should be very proud. Truly this is doing God's work. Currently, beds are still in short supply, also crockery. Plates, bowls, anything that can be used to eat from - nothing needs to be matching. Just clean and chip-free! Cutlery too is much needed.

Thank You.

World Youth Day - The next international gathering for World Youth Day (WYD) will be held in Madrid during August 2011. The Diocese is planning to take a group. If you would like to be part of this group, or would like more information about WYD, please come to the information evening on **Tuesday 2nd February, 7:30 pm to 9 pm, in Our Lady Queen of Peace church hall, Douglas Road, Southbourne, BH6 3ER.** To book a place at the information evening, please 'phone Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or email estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Cafod Supporters Day - Saturday 6th February, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Queens Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 3JB, 10.30am-40pm. An opportunity for all CAFOD supporters across the Diocese to get together and hear about upcoming plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lent Fast Day, and be led by our Spirituality Team reflecting on and praying in solidarity. Refreshments provided - please bring your own lunch. Please note that there is limited parking at the venue but there is a car park (Warburg car park, Alexandra Road) only 5 minutes away and car park fares will be reimbursed. The venue is also a few minutes away from Aldershot train station. Everybody is welcome - booking is recommended, please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385

Due to the weather, road conditions, and availability, it has been decided to cancel the Christmas party altogether.

However: On Saturday March 20th we will be having a lovely 'Irish Night' with Irish Dancing, music etc. Please keep that night free to join us at the 'Trinity' in Ringwood. More details will follow nearer the time. Please make a note in your diaries.

Children's Liturgy

The Liturgy of the Word for children aged 4 - 9 years will start on Sunday 31st January.

Volunteers prepared to lead the group are asked to sign the list in the porch, on the dates they are available to help. All volunteers must be prepared to be CRB checked.

Important Safeguarding Notice: Anyone planning to organise an event for children, young people or vulnerable adults **MUST** contact Donna Kerrigan, the Local Safeguarding Representative, **BEFORE** anyone is approached to support such an event. It is likely that any volunteers will need to complete the Diocesan Safeguarding procedures **BEFORE** they begin to undertake the role and this takes some time. This applies to the recruitment of Eucharistic Ministers.

Collection for week ending 17 January 2010

Gift Aid £ 240.83 Cash £ 115.88 Standing Orders £ 106.00 **Thank You**

**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**