



The Catholic Parishes of:

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**31 January 2010 – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C**

	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>	<b>Ashurst</b>
	<b>9.00am - Mass Father Ronnie</b>	<b>11.00am – Mass Father Ronnie</b>	<b>9.00am – Mass Father Danny</b>
<b>Mon 01 Feb</b>	Father Des is at Provincial Council Meeting for the Missionaries	<b>10am – Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Tues 02 Feb</b> Presentation of the Lord in the Temple	Father Des is supporting a young man in court		
<b>Wed 03 Feb</b> St Blaise	Presentation of the Lord in the Temple – Mass celebrated in Ringwood today. Followed with the blessing of throats at the end of Mass	<b>10am – Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday 04 Feb</b>	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour <b>10am - Mass</b>		
<b>Fri 05 Feb</b> St Agatha		<b>10am – Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday 06 Feb</b> St Paul Miki & Companions	<b>6.00pm - Vigil Mass Father Ronnie</b>		

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: MY LIPS WILL TELL OF YOUR HELP**

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur in February**

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| Hon Muriel Wilkinson | Eileen Snook     | Louis Martin    | Anna Morrissey    |
| Pauline Mansell      | Leonard Marshall | Charles Crouter | Raymond Perilleux |
| Robert Overill       | John Grant       | Mona Basham     | Ruth Grant        |
| Margaret Turner      | Joe Baker        |                 |                   |

**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.

**Message from Bishop Crispian regarding Haiti\_**“The news from Haiti is heartbreaking. The loss of life, the destruction of buildings and the whole fabric of civic life – all are devastating features of the burdens now having to be borne by the survivors. I offer my heartfelt prayers and those of the whole diocese of Portsmouth to the people of Haiti. I promise that, together with CAFOD, we will do all we can to help. I am praying particularly for those who have died so tragically and their families, which are suffering such sad bereavement. In a special way, I will be remembering my brother bishop, Archbishop Serge Miot, who is said to be among those who have died.”

**HAITI - The CAFOD Appeal:** The counting has been done and parishioners of Ringwood and Fordingbridge raised an amazing £3,432.15p between them. Several people also said they donated to CAFOD on-line or by post so the total will be in excess of £3,500! A heartfelt 'thank you' goes to everyone for this wonderfully generous response to the appeal.

**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.

**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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or 01252 329385

### **Dear Father Des and "all helpers"**

A very big THANK YOU .....your response out did all our expectations!.....just like our Lord's at the Wedding of Cana, only in this case "painters" moved in abundance rather than wine. Thank you all for giving up your precious time to help us out and even volunteering to come back again.

God bless you and your families.

The Sisters at St Dominic's Priory.

### **Poitiers News**

#### **"An Oasis in a Desert"**

The generosity of the parishioners of Ringwood and Fordingbridge has enabled the Poitiers Project working with the In Touch project to give a new bed, cooker and fridge to a young girl with a baby in Fordingbridge. All she kept saying was "But they're new, they're new!" May God reward you all.

#### **Help Needed Please**

**To all car drivers.** Would you be willing to join the list of people who make an occasional trip to Verwood to collect food for our Poitiers families and then deliver it to St Joseph's Ashurst?

This is supplementary to the church food collection which is so generously done every week by Bill and Helen Eales.

If you can help please either ring me (Jenny C.) on 01425656483 or email me at [jennyclemas@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyclemas@btinternet.com). **Thank You**

"From what we get we make a living. From what we give we make a life"

## **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.

## **On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February the Annual Collection for Cabrini Children's Society will take place.**

The Society provides support and care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community.

Their work includes providing subsidised Breakfast & Homework Clubs and Pre-school Care; Counselling for school age children experiencing stress and exclusion; Residential Care for young people with special needs and Catechetical Programmes for children and young people with disabilities.

The Society relies on the generosity and good will of the Catholic community to continue its work in our diocese. Please give what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve.

## **Obligatory collection this weekend for Catholic Education Service**

### **Collection for week ending 24 January 2010**

Gift Aid            £196.25            Cash   £174.28            Standing Orders   £ 106.00

## **Haiti Appeal (including Tax refunds) £1869.24 Thank You**

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**