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14 February 2010 – 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

	Fordingbridge	Ringwood	Ashurst
Sunday 14 Feb	9.00am - Mass Father Des	11.00am – Mass Father Des	9.00am – Mass Father Kevin
Mon 15 Feb		10am – Service of Word & Holy Communion	5.30pm - Mass
Tues 16 Feb	1.00pm – Funeral Mass Gertrude Littlefare RIP		5.30pm - Mass
Wed 17 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY	7.00pm - Mass	12 noon -Mass	5.30pm - Mass
Thursday 18 Feb	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10am - Mass		5.30pm - Mass
Fri 19 Feb		12 noon – Mass followed by Lenten soup lunch	5.30pm - Mass
Sat 20 Feb	6.00pm - Vigil Mass Father Des		
Sunday 21 Feb	5.00pm – Stations of the Cross		

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: HAPPY THE MAN WHO HAS PLACED HIS
TRUST IN THE LORD**

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.

Betty Hope thanks everybody very much for their prayers and support for her son Robert during the past few weeks. He is doing well now and does not need the big operation that was originally forecast. Please still keep him in your prayers.

Lent and Easter Card with times of all services is now available at the back of the church – please **take one home with you.**

Portsmouth People - The February/March issue of the Diocesan magazine is available from the church porch. **Also, The Link** our Pastoral Newsletter will be available next Saturday in the porch. They are both **free** so please take copies home!

The Avon Stour Pastoral Area

Our Outreach project for Lent is for The Poitiers Project when all the parishes are invited to collect food as we do in this parish. As we already undertake to do this regularly I have asked Father Des if I can approach you all about having a special second collection towards the end of Lent – proposed the weekend of 20/21 March (**Father Des' Ordination Anniversary**) - for The Poitiers Project and he has agreed that it would be a great idea. If during Lent you are giving something up and feel able to start putting a little aside until then it would be lovely to make a great donation to this special project on this special day.

Many thanks Anne H

Bible Study Meetings – There will not be a meeting over half term but it will be back as normal on Monday 22 February at 7.30pm un the presbytery.

Poitiers News

A Date for your Diary

To raise some much-needed funds for the Poitiers Project we are intending to have a Spring Fair Stall on **May 1st.**

We would be grateful to have contributions of good quality goods to sell.

This is an early notice for your diary so there will be more detailed information shortly.

Poitiers Project Raffle

We have been given a beautiful drawing by the renowned Ringwood artist Jo Kennedy-Wall to raffle for much needed funds for our lovely charity.

The chalk drawing, entitled 'Mother and Child' is a wonderful and moving animal study.

Tickets are £1 each and will be on sale after Holy Mass for the next two weekends. Thank you in advance for your support.

“From what we get we make a living. From what we give we make a life”

Church Cleaning – More Volunteers really needed!!

A new list for volunteers for the year 2010 is now on display on the notice board in the porch.

Unfortunately last year, as in the year before, too few people were prepared to help with this essential task. As a result we have to rely on “a very few” who consequently commit to repeat several times in the course of the year. The task itself only takes approximately 1 hour and involves hoovering the church and porch plus dusting.

Timing: Friday or Saturday – your choice

Equipment: Hoover in the cupboard under the stairs, please bring your own dusters and polish.

It really would help if we could increase the number of volunteers. If you have any queries or would be willing to volunteer please contact Erna Ostler on 01425 652831.

Thank you in anticipation

Lost and Found

A navy blue coat was left in Church a week ago. The owner will find it in the porch.

Missing - several Novena Prayer Books.

Piety Stall News

Take a look at the lovely new cards on sale in the porch and new titles in the C.T. S stand. Please put money in the wall slot labelled C.T.S. and Piety Stall if there is no one to accept your payment. Novena Prayer Books are also on sale for those who like to keep a copy at home.

St Dominic's Priory: Lent reflections and prayer on Monday evenings

From 7.15 pm to 9 pm on Mondays 22nd February; 1st March; 8th March; 15th March; 22nd March -donation: £2.50

Day of Recollection 13th March: "The Season of Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation" – 10.00am-4.00pm - bring your packed lunch - donation: £6

The day will include a couple of talks, opportunity for confession, Holy Mass and prayer.

See Posters on Notice Board

PS – The furniture is now in place after all the painting and the first guest has stayed – so again a **huge** thank you to all who helped with the painting!

Women's World Day of Prayer.

It is the turn of our Catholic Church this year to host the Service, which will be held on Friday, 5th March at 2pm. This years Service has been compiled by Christian women of the Cameroons. We will need three readers please representing our Church, and if you would like to do this, please write your name and tel. no. on the poster in the church porch, or ring Sue Witt Tel. 01425 652732. Refreshments will be served after the Service

Friday 26 February is Lenten Fast Day – Collection for CAFOD
Lenten Fast Day – 26th February. Envelopes are available now and will be collected on 27th/28th February.

This year is the 50th anniversary of Lent Fast Day and we're asking you to **“give it up!”** Most of us usually give up something for Lent like biscuits, wine, a big dinner on a Friday. This year why not create some amazing changes for people who live in the developing world by giving the money saved to CAFOD?

“give it up!” is the Ringwood and Fordingbridge project for Lent this year. The money you save by missing out on your favourite biscuits each day, for example, could go towards a bicycle to help a health volunteer take food to orphaned children.

Special **“give it up!”** boxes are available for you collect the proceeds throughout Lent at home.

And if you'd like to know more about the history of Fast Day, pick up one of the leaflets - **“50 years of giving at Lent”**.

Cake Sale and Coffee Morning at Fordingbridge on 7th Feb: raised £138 for CAFOD. Thank you to all the people who made and bought cakes, cards and other produce and helped out on the day.

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 07 February 2010

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

This Weekend the Annual Collection for Cabrini Children's Society will take place.

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