



The Catholic Parishes of:

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21 February 2010 – 1st Sunday of Lent - Year C

	Fordingbridge	Ringwood	Ashurst
Sunday 21 Feb	9.00am - Mass Children's Liturgy 5.00pm- Stations of the Cross	11.00am – Mass	9.00am – Mass Father Kevin
Mon 22 Feb The Chair of St Peter		9.00am – Mass	5.30pm - Mass
Tues 23 Feb	10.00am - Mass		5.30pm - Mass
Wed 24 Feb		10.00am– Service of Word & Holy Communion	5.30pm - Mass
Thursday 25 Feb	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10.00am– Service of Word & Holy Communion		5.30pm - Mass
Fri 26 Feb Lenten Fast Day for Cafod		12 noon – Stations of the Cross followed by soup lunch for Lent	5.30pm - Mass
Sat 27 Feb	6.00pm - Vigil Mass Father Des		

Father Des is finally in Darlington this week!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: BE WITH ME, O LORD, IN MY DISTRESS

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 is available in the porch. They are both **free** so please take copies 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, Pat Baker, May Rogers, Thomas Bernard, Gus Kiamtia, Margaret Scotchmer and anybody else in the parish who is experiencing health problems or has been made redundant.

Joan Ward is in a rest home now and has become a little frail – but is still aware of what is going on! Joan was 90 on 10 February and some relatives and friends, including two from our Church, visited her and stayed for an hour so as not to overtire her.

Please keep praying each day during Lent for:

Maureen Jean Moir

Dennis Rowland, Sherlyn Swee Leun Rowland, Bethany Rose Rowland and Jocelyn Carmen Rowland.

At the Easter Vigil they will be entering into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

Poitiers Project

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.

Poitier Coffee Morning **Sunday 28th February**

Any home made cakes or other produce to sell would be much appreciated to help those supported by Fr Des' Poitiers project. Also items such as books, toys, ornaments and bric-a-brac would be gratefully received for the forthcoming Spring Fair. There is a yellow box in the Porch where such items can be left – thank you.

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

Children's liturgy

Children aged between four and nine years old are invited to their own Liturgy of the Word, which takes place during the 9 a.m. Mass each Sunday. If any adult would like to join the rota of leaders please phone 01425 652440.

Handmade Valentines Hearts

Thank you to everyone who bought a handmade heart. I took £19.50 for the Poitiers Project. **Jo Kear**

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

CAFOD

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? 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"**.



Fairtrade Fortnight: *Swap your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff*

For this year's Fairtrade Fortnight, starting on Monday 22nd February, the nation is asked to join **The Big Swap**. For two whole weeks we'll be asked to swap our usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff; your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas, your usual cotton t-shirt for a Fairtrade t-shirt, your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa and so on. Whenever you pop to the shops, you can use your wallet to make a stand. Changing the world one swap at a time is a brilliantly small step to making the world a fairer place. It means you get to show your support for developing world producers through what you buy. **Consumer power!**

Two billion people – a third of humanity – survive on less than \$2 a day. Unfair trade rules keep them in this poverty while they face global challenges of food shortages and climate change too.

Fairtrade believes that developing world producers should be in control of their own lives by getting a better deal for the work that they do. This is a different way of doing business. It's a way that puts the poorest of the world first. Fairtrade is changing the lives of farming communities worldwide. Find out more on:

www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebigswap

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. Christian women of the Cameroons have compiled this year's service. 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

Collection for week ending 07 February 2010

Gift Aid £208 Cash £129.51 Standing Orders £106.00
Catholic Education Society £ 13

Collection for week ending 14 February 2010

Gift Aid £167.35 Cash £131.30 Standing Orders £106.00
Cabrini Children's Society Gift Aid £ 59.50 Cash £ 36.85

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**

Should you wish to have the newsletter by email please let me have the address and I will add you to the list.

**All 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**