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**28 February 2010 – 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C**

<b>Sunday 28 Feb</b>	<b>9.00am - Mass</b> Children's Liturgy <b>5.00pm- Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>11.00am – Mass</b>	<b>9.00am – Mass</b>
<b>Mon 1 March</b> St David		<b>10.00am – Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm - Mass</b>
<b>Tues 2 March</b>	<b>10.00am - Mass</b>		<b>5.30pm - Mass</b>
<b>Wed 3 March</b>		<b>10.00am – Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm - Mass</b>
<b>Thur 4 March</b>	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour <b>10.00am– Mass</b>		<b>5.30pm - Mass</b>
<b>Fri 5 March</b>	<b>2.00pm – Women's World Day of Prayer Service</b>	<b>12 noon – Mass</b> followed by soup lunch for Lent	<b>5.30pm - Mass</b>
<b>Sat 6 March</b>	<b>6.00pm - Vigil Mass</b> <b>Father Des</b>		

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY HELP**

**Your COFFEE MORNING TODAY:** It will include a Bring & Buy Cake Sale. Come and see what others have brought along and have a cup of tea or coffee with friends too. All proceeds will be going straight to Poitiers. Thank you for your support.

**CAFOD**

**This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lent Fast Day – Lenten Fast Day Envelope Collection today**

**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, 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.

**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.**

**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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 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**

## 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. There is a yellow box in the Porch where such items can be left – thank you.

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

## 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.

I have just heard that the food stocks are frighteningly low because the number of people they are helping has grown considerably and more and more agencies are referring emergency situations, as they know they will always do something and do it immediately. **Father Des would love to be able to provide the makings of a special Easter meal for each family – what a great idea for us to aim to help with this at our special collection day.** Many thanks Anne H



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

For this year's Fairtrade Fortnight, starting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Message from CAFOD (Portsmouth):** “We wanted to thank you for all the work you have been doing for the Haiti emergency, for your generosity and the generosity of your parishes/schools/communities - we have now collected over £4 million nationally, of which over £233,000 came from our Diocese - which is overwhelming!”

**Collection for week ending 21 February 2010**

Gift Aid      £ 217.10                      Cash   £ 164.73      Standing Orders   £106.00 **Thank You**

**07 March there will be a non-obligatory collection for SPUC  
14 March is an obligatory collection for Clergy Assistance Fund.**

**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.

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**