



The Catholic Parishes of:

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28 March 2010 – PALM SUNDAY

	Fordingbridge	Ringwood	Ashurst
Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday	9.00am - Mass Children's Liturgy Stations of the Cross led by the children	11.00am – Mass	9.00am – Mass
Mon 29 Mar		12 noon – Requiem Mass for Peter Rafferty RIP	5.30pm - Mass
Tues 30 Mar	11.00am Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral		5.30pm – Mass
Wed 31 Mar		12 noon – Mass	5.30pm - Mass
Thur 01 April HOLY THURSDAY	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 7.00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper	5.30pm - Mass
Fri 02 April GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	5.30pm - Mass
Sat 03 April HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm - The Easter Vigil Mass		

Tuesday 30 March The Chrism Mass is celebrated at Portsmouth Cathedral at 11am. All welcome at this special service.

Churches Together in Fordingbridge – Silent Walk of Witness

Good Friday 2nd April 2010. Join the silent walk to leave **promptly** at **11.40** outside Church to the large curved footpath with the obelisk at the junction of Provost Street and the High Street, near the Town Hall when the Cross will be erected, for the service at **noon**.

Just a little reminder that the clocks go **forward** by one hour today, **28th March**.

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, Nicky Ings 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.

Poitiers Project

Father Des' Anniversary Collection for the Poitiers Project. The total so far for both parishes for this Special Collection is a massive:

£1,801 . 57.

This includes the tax, which we can reclaim from the Inland Revenue. Thank you to everyone who has, once more, shown their most generous love for the poorest of the poor.

Flower Rota. This years flower rota is now in the porch, please would all volunteers collect theirs and anyone who would like to join, you will be very welcome.

Easter flowers - Volunteers please! There will be a collection for Easter flowers at Masses this weekend of 27/28th March. We are very fortunate to have a few flower arrangers who always help with the larger feasts but it would be wonderful to have a few more! Any volunteers? Do ring me. Jenni NW 01425 653275

Celebration of Significant Wedding Anniversaries 12th June Bishop Crispian will be celebrating a special Mass at 11.00am on Saturday 12th June at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke for those celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Diamond plus (i.e. above 60th) wedding anniversaries in 2010. This Mass is not only for Catholics married to Catholics but also for all married couples in our diocesan community celebrating one of these anniversaries. Attendance at the Mass is by invitation only. If you are celebrating your Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or 'Diamond-plus' wedding anniversary this year, and would like to receive an invitation, please contact Katja Babei kbabei@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk tel: 01329 835583

Living our Faith – letter from Bishop Crispian

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Being a Christian today means listening to God's Word and doing his work as we practice and live our faith. Part and parcel of that, especially during this season of Lent, means living with the reality of day to day sacrifice. All that we undertake for Lent helps us to be better "ambassadors for Christ" and more effective signs of "the goodness of God"; our Lenten observance helps us to focus our priorities on the Lord and towards each other.

Living and giving for others is a predominant feature of Christian stewardship and it has been particularly prominent up and down the length and breadth of the diocese in the *Living Our Faith* campaign. This initiative has touched all our communities from Maidenhead to the Isle of Wight, from Bournemouth to Liphook and from the outskirts of Oxford and Wantage to Jersey.

There have been amazingly – and humbling – acts of generous and sacrificial giving from over 3000 families, all of whom have been eager and willing to play their part in building and sustaining the life and future of our diocese. They have readily given new money for the new work that faces us.

Last month in Rome, I was able to share something of all this when I spoke with the Holy Father about the Pastoral Plan and the way in which you were all playing such a major part in its implementation. He raised an eyebrow of delighted surprise when I told him of how generously you had all supported *Living Our Faith* to the tune of nearly £8 million.

We were able to celebrate success so far in a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral in January. Now that a further 37 parishes are taking up the challenge of the campaign, I look forward to similar celebrations around the diocese in the coming months.

I will invite you all to join me in those celebrations but for now, please join me in prayer for the continuing success of *Living Our Faith* as we seek to complete the campaign throughout the diocese.

With blessings and prayers,



Bishop of Portsmouth

8th March 2010

Safeguarding Roadshow 2010 - Our local event is on Saturday 3rd July 2010 in Parish Centre Corpus Christi Boscombe at 10 – 12.30pm – Child Protection & 1.30pm – 4pm – Vulnerable Adults. Both sessions with Angela McGrory.

Other local event is at Annunciation & St Edmund Campion, Bournemouth Saturday 12th June @ 3pm.

To reserve please email **Soraya Ciccarone** (PA to Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator) at: **soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk** or call **023 92 816396**

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.

Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the porch. This year we expect to receive refunds of over £5000 from your contributions. A £3 weekly contribution brings £156 plus an extra £43.68 to the Parish. £10 a week brings £520 plus an extra £145.60 tax refund. Payment can be made by using envelopes or by setting up a Standing Order through your bank. Any taxpayer who would like to join the scheme is asked to contact Richard Carson on 01425 652440 or any member of the Finance Committee

Collection for week ending 14 March 2010

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 246 Cash £ 1376.78 Standing Orders £117.00

Thank You

The newsletter is printed each week on the Parish Website – 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 or leave a message on 01425 654838 (deadline Wednesday 9.00pm) – thank you