



The Catholic Parishes of:

The Sacred Heart and St Theresa of Lisieux – Ringwood

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Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi - Fordingbridge

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18 April – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Fordingbridge	Ringwood	Ashurst
Sunday 18 April	9.00am – Easter Mass Children’s Liturgy	11.00am – Mass	9.00am – Mass
Mon 18 April		10.00am – Mass	5.30pm - Mass
Tues 20 April	10.00am - Mass		5.30pm – Mass
Wed 21 April St Anselm		10.00am - Mass	5.30pm - Mass
Thur 22 April	9.30am – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10.00am - Mass		5.30pm - Mass
Fri 23 April St George		10.00am - Mass	5.30pm - Mass
Sat 24 April SS Fidelis & Adalbert	6.00pm - Vigil Mass		

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I HAVE PRAISED YOU, LORD
YOU HAVE RESCUED ME.**

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 also remember in your prayers this week Father Des, and his family, on the anniversary of his Mother Helen Connolly.

First Holy Communion 2010

First Holy Communion will take place within our Parishes on Sunday 13th June 2010 at 9.00am Fordingbridge and 11.00am Ringwood. Parents may choose which Mass they would like to attend.

The dates of the classes are:

Saturday 24th April: 9am - 11am
Saturday 1st May: 9am - 11am
Saturday 8th May: 9am - 11am
Saturday 15th May: 9am - 11am
Saturday 22nd May: 9am - 11am
Saturday 29th May: 9am - 11.00am
Saturday 5th June: 9am - 11.00am First Confession
Saturday 12th June: 9.am - 11.00am Rehearsal
Sunday 13th June: **First Holy Communion Day**

The classes will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows and Saint Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Fordingbridge down in the parish rooms.

If you would like your child to make First Holy Communion this year they must have celebrated their eighth birthday before the 13th June 2010. **It is expected that the adults responsible for the child will ensure that their child is able to attend all the preparation classes and attend Mass each Sunday.** If this is not possible we suggest you wait until next year.

Please phone Sue on 01489573405: 7.30 – 9.00 Monday to Friday to put your child's name on the list as soon as possible.

Fr Des

Poitiers Project

Timothys shop in Fordingbridge has a charity tin for proceeds from gift-wrapping and the present charity being supported is the Poitier Project. If you are passing and have those loose pennies in your pocket please call in and help fill the tin!

Divine Mercy Devotions at St Dominic's Priory – Come and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by some reflections on the Catholic Faith and Compline – on the following dates at 7:30 pm – 29th April, 28th May, 10th June, 22nd July, 26th August, 23rd September, 21st October and 25th November. Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions on Sunday 11th April, commencing at 2:45pm, with Chaplet, Adoration and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms, Lymington, Hants, SO41 8NH, 01590 681 874, www.dominciansrs.co.uk

Visit to Chiselhurst



A small group of old friends visited Hanka Palusinska in Chiselhurst after her 97th Birthday to wish her well. As you can see Hanka is still going strong.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Would you like to make up a Group of 10 Pilgrims to the Holy Land for 8 Days, from October 19 - 26, "fairly leisurely" with Maranatha Pilgrimages. Basic price £1050. Please contact **Father Clement Marshall** a.s.a.p. Phone 01794 518118.

Pastoral area newsletter – “The Link” This newsletter aims to link up the six communities in our Pastoral Area. As you will know it is a new venture: for it to succeed it requires input from all Church's, schools and hospitals in the Avon Stour Pastoral Area. If you can suggest a topic, or send a paragraph, it would be much appreciated. Please send any articles to Sheilahughes448@btinternet.com. The deadline for the next issue, which is due out in June, is 24th May.

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

Logs Available! Following a little tree felling by some parishioners in the parish garden, there are now logs chopped and available for you to take away for your open fires and wood burners. **All that is asked is that you give a suitable donation to the Church Funds.**



Were you kind enough to take a 'GIVE-IT-UP' box at the beginning of Lent? We hope you were able to stay the course till Easter! If you did you are amazing! If not, it is still well done, just work out what you did manage to do. Really, every little helps. Now is the time to turn that money into Water, Food, Shelter & a whole lot more. You can give on line at cafod.org.uk/giveitup or by phone between 9.30am and 5.30pm call 0500 85 88 85.

Don't forget to use 'giftaid' options if you are a tax payer

(Alternatively, if not a tax payer, inside each box is a 'Send It In' form. Tear it off – fill in the details - write a cheque to cover the amount you saved – and pop it in the post. Simple!)

You will make such a difference too, eg:

£4 = Clean drinking water for a family £10 = Vegetable garden to feed a family

£40 = Help for a family hit by disaster £50 = A bicycle for a volunteer carer

Thank you for giving - and helping to change someone's life.

Holy Spirit Novena 14th - 23rd May at 7.30pm every weekday evening at St Joseph's, Christchurch.

Leaflet with further details available shortly.

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 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