



Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. charity no.: 246871)  
Avon Stour Pastoral Area



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**The Ascension of the Lord (Year A)**

Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

**Mass Times, The Ascension of the Lord, Year A, Weekdays Cycle 1, Psalter week 3**

Sat 27th May	6.00pm	Fordingbridge	Vigil Mass (fulfils Sunday obligation)
Sun 28th May	9.00am	Fordingbridge	People of the parishes
	11.00am	Ringwood	Mass
Mon 29th May	9.45am	Ringwood	Holy Rosary
	10.00am		Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues 30th May	10.00am	Fordingbridge	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Wed 31st May	10.00am	Ringwood	Mass Thomas Perry RIP
Thurs 1st June	9.30am	Fordingbridge	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	10.00am		Mass Doreen Drake RIP
<b>Fri 2nd June</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>	<b>Funeral Mass Olive Mary Waldeck RIP</b>
Sat 3rd June	6.00pm	Fordingbridge	Vigil Mass (fulfils Sunday obligation) Harry Roffey RIP

**RECONCILIATION (Confessions):** R'wood: Wednesdays after 10am mass & F'bridge: 5pm Saturdays; or on request

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS:** *(If you are in hospital, you will **not** be visited **unless** you **request** a visit from the chaplain or your parish priest!)*

**Salisbury:** 01722 336262 (ask for Catholic Chaplain).

**Bournemouth & Christchurch:**

non-urgent: 01202 704221 (chaplaincy office); Urgent: 01202 303626 & ask for duty RC chaplain. Holy Mass is celebrated each Wednesday at 6.00pm in the Royal Bournemouth Hospital chapel Holy Mass is celebrated and each Thursday at 6.30pm in the Poole Hospital chapel

**Southampton General:** non-urgent: 02381 208517 responds in 24hrs urgent: Tel: 02380 777222 and ask for the Catholic duty Chaplain

**RINGWOOD MUSIC : Ent.-289 Off. -377 Comm - 542 End- 240,**  
**PSALM God goes up with shouts of joy, Alleluia**

### RINGWOOD NEWS

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Olive Waldeck, who died last Monday (15th). She was very faithful at mass, even on our finance committee. Please remember her, husband John and family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

**REFRESHMENTS** served in the presbytery after every Sunday Mass.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the CAFOD Plant Sale last week by bringing plants or buying them. It proved a very popular event. There are a few plants left over which are keeping cool under the hedge. If you regret not buying something, or were not able to be there, do have a look. Donations, please, to Jane Saunders or Betty Baxter after Mass.

Next Sunday, 4th June there will be a **cake sale in aid of CAFOD**. All contributions will be gratefully received.

### FORDINGBRIDGE NEWS

**THANK YOU** for all the lovely plants that came for the Plant Sale. And to all those who browsed and bought too. There are a few interesting specimens left over for those people who missed Sunday morning or who want a second look. They are on the table on the patio. Please leave donations in the collection pot on the CAFOD table in the hall.

**COFFEE MORNING** Sunday June 4th in aid of CAFOD. There will be cakes! Thank you.

### COMMON NEWS FOR BOTH PARISHES

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you would like to request a mass intention Father Paul has asked that they be arranged through the Natalie (Parish Administrator). He will no longer be taking requests himself.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** 28th May World Communications

#### POITIERS CARE NEWS.

Poitiers Care are in need of stocks of vegetables e.g. tins of potatoes, peas or carrots . There is a large box under the Poitiers table in the Fordingbridge hall . Thank you.

#### WALK OUT FOR THE FEAST OF ASCENSION SUNDAY

Ascension Celebration Walk: Hengistbury Head Sunday 28 May 2017 if you would like to join this celebratory walk for Ascension Day, you do not have to walk all the way from St Joseph's! The 'main event' takes place at Hengistbury Head: please arrive between 13.00 and 13.15 on the grassed area opposite the land train & The Hungry Hiker Café. We aim to start the Walk at 13.20; we will then make our way to the top of Hengistbury Head, pausing for a time of prayer on the way. Singers/guitarists very welcome! At the 'summit' we will have a short prayer service. After that, for those who have brought packed lunches (if the weather is clement!), we can enjoy a picnic! [Around 13.45.] Children (& pets) welcome! NB Fr Tom will be setting off from St Joseph's Church at 12.00pm, (please see previous newsletters for details) arriving at Hengistbury Head Café by 13.15, in time to start the main event. (The main Walk won't start without him!) Please note: all those walking, do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. Parent/Guardians are responsible for the safety of their own children (& pets!) at all times. Peter Thomson (01202 418032)

#### POSITION OF PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's Christchurch.

Following Maureen's retirement after 21 dedicated years as our Parish Secretary the Parish wishes to appoint a paid Administrator/Secretary based at the Presbytery office in Purewell with effect from 31st July. The main purpose of the role will be to provide administrative and secretarial support to Fr. Tom and, where appropriate, Parish leadership. The successful candidate must be able to engage at all levels in a pleasant and positive manner. A working knowledge of Microsoft Office incl. Excel will be needed. An understanding of internet based Social Networks would be useful. The post is offered at 8hrs a week with the days & times to be agreed. The Application form, Job Description and Equal Ops Monitoring form are available from Fr. Tom. Closing date for Applications: Friday 12 noon 16th June with Interviews to be held on: Wednesday 21st June

#### OTHER CHURCHES in the Avon-Stour Pastoral Area with SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

St. Joseph's, 67, Purewell, **Christchurch**, BH23 1EH (Fr. Tom Grufferty) 01202 483340. 6.30pm (vigil), 9.00am & 10.45am.  
St. Thomas More, 42, Exton Rd., **Iford**, Bournemouth, BH6 5QG (Fr Darryl Jordan )01202 485588, 6pm (vigil), 9.30am  
Holy Redeemer, 15, Kilmington Way, **Highcliffe**, BH23 5BL (Fr. Paul Obada) 01425 274838, 8am, 10am  
Our Lady Queen of Peace, 18, Douglas Rd., **Southbourne**, BH6 3ER (Fr. Kevin Hoiles) 01202 424960, 8am, 11am, 6pm

#### **Administrator for Ringwood and Fordingbridge - Natalie Littlefair**

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**Fordingbridge** Thurs 1st 9am -11am  
**Fordingbridge** Holiday Returning 22nd June

**Ringwood** Tues 30th 10am-12pm  
**Ringwood** Holiday Returning 20th June

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER RINGWOOD

Family Fun Day on 10th June is fast approaching and it would be appreciated if anyone willing to provide cakes for this Event could give their names to Dorothy Brown at church. Donations can be taken to the Event on Carvers Field between 1 and 6 pm on the day or leave in the church porch before midday for collection. Thank you.

#### Your Offerings Last Week

	<b>Ringwood</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>Loose</b>	£137.80	£183.30
<b>Envelopes</b>	£43.00	£137.95
<b>St'ng Order</b>	£235.00	£272.40
<b>2nd Collection</b>	£	£
<b>Total</b>	<b>£415.80</b>	<b>£593.65</b>

#### Helping Refugees

The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We would especially welcome people with particular skills - such as administration experience, knowledge of the Middle East, refugee issues, familiarity with benefits and into-work programmes and / or project management skills- to join the core working group. Specific knowledge of Syrian refugee issues is not required for all members, but enthusiasm and desire to learn and help are essential. We are also looking for people who would like to gather in different locations around the diocese to listen to informed speakers and to discuss possible and current action for refugees. Anyone interested should see our website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rwg](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rwg) email me on PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call me on 01730 262 290. Fr Peter Hollins

#### Diocese Forthcoming Events

##### **23rd - 29th July**

Don Bosco Summer Camp  
St Cassian's Kintbury

##### **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

##### **Monday 21st - Friday 25th August**

Fanning the Flame - Hampshire Camp



**WALKING PILGRIMAGE:** Fr. Tom Grufferty is organising a walking pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from **28th September - 6th October**. Cost £1,195. For more information contact Fr. Tom at [tomgrufferty1@gmail.com](mailto:tomgrufferty1@gmail.com)

#### **Maryfield Convent – Catholic Residential Care Home London Rd., Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA** **Tel: 01256 762394**

Maryfield is a residential care home that provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. Mass is celebrated daily in the convent chapel and the sisters and staff provide continuous, quality care, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394 and speak to Trish Davies

#### **NEAREST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:**

**Christchurch:** St. Joseph's Primary, Dorset Road, BH23 3DA, 01202 485976, [www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk)

**Salisbury:** St. Osmund's Primary, Exeter Street, SP1 2SG, 01722 322632, [www.st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk)

**Wimborne:** St. Catherine's Primary, Cutlers Place, Colehill, BH21 2HN, 01202 883763, [www.stcatherinescolehill.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.stcatherinescolehill.dorset.sch.uk)

**Bournemouth:** St. Peter's Secondary, St. Catherine's Road, BH6 4AH, 01202 421141, [www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch](http://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch)