

CAFOD NEWS

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day 5th October
On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.



ALPHA – PRAYERS, PLEASE!

Over 70 people have signed up for our Alpha Course! Please pray for them as they make this journey over the next 11 weeks. Please pray also for our large team of volunteers supporting and encouraging them.

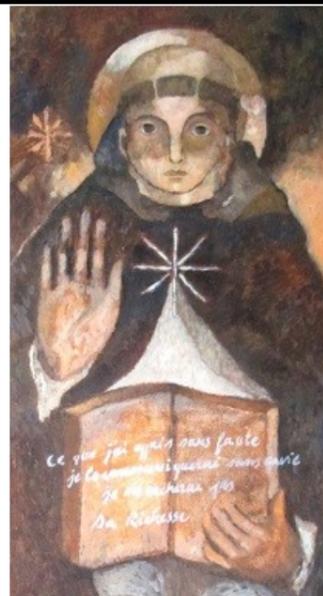
Meal Sponsorship (red envelopes at back of church): please consider helping towards the meal costs. Many thanks to those who have already made contributions.



DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, RCIA, etc

Saturday 20th October, 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the *Formation for Mission Team* (mainly Dominican Sisters from Sway).

Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists and Children's Liturgy teams. The day will be spent reflecting on the mission, charisms and role of the catechist, and sharing insights in workshops about 'making our teaching session great'. Lunch will be provided. Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome. **Book here:** <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters: 01590681874. Please also let Richard Martin know if you are going (rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07990 826934)



Formation Weekends

for young women

5th -7th Oct : Newman Weekend

25th-27th Jan : Aquinas Weekend

Please get in touch to find out more

Email: srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com
Or call us on 01428 289 481

St Joseph's Convent
Harvey House, Headley Road,
Grayshott, Hampshire. GU26 6DP
www.mariastellamatutina.com

Sisters of
Mary Morning Star



Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 12.15pm in St John's Catholic Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG. Bishop Philip Egan will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk
www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. charity no.: 246871)

Avon Stour Pastoral Area

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The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd September 2018

(Year B, weekday cycle 2, Office week 1)

On Saturday we celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Here is an extract from "Companion to the Calendar"; This great day is the triple celebration of the glory of God. The feast days of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, who used to be remembered separately, have been combined into one joyful feast. It is called Michaelmas in some places.

Although angels are mentioned in the Bible many times, only these three are specifically named. They are the messengers of God, which is the meaning of the word "angel" St. Michael's role was to defend Christians from the powers of evil. This day, which comes as the nights grow longer and longer, is the church's fearless welcome to the dark and cold.

Michael's name means, "Who is like God?" The 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation tells of Michael casting out of heaven those angels who presumed that they were like God. Michael is considered the special protector of Israel and also the protector of the Church. The Book of Daniel tells us that Michael will lead the dead to God on the day of resurrection.

Gabriel was the archangel who brought the news that John the Baptist would be born to Zechariah and Elizabeth. It was Gabriel who appeared to Mary to ask her to become the mother of God. His name means "hero of God." The Book of Daniel says that Gabriel announced the end of the Jews' exile in Babylon. According to tradition, Gabriel will sound the trumpet to awaken the dead on the day of judgement.

Raphael's name means "God has healed." Raphael plays an important part in the Book of Tobit, where he guards a young man on a journey and restores sight to the man's elderly father. He describes himself as one of the seven angels who stand in the presence of God. In the Gospel of John, the healing pool where Jesus cured a paralyzed man was said to be the place where Raphael stirred the waters.

For centuries, this day has been an occasion for a holiday feast. Perhaps the cooler weather stirs the appetite. In many countries, goose is the traditional dish to serve, because geese are migrating at this time. In Poland, it is served with sour cream and apples, in England with onions and sage. However, in Germany roast pig is served. The Scots keep the feast of the angels with oatmeal cakes.

We would kindly ask for volunteers to be fire wardens for both churches. This is not an onerous task but just to be available during mass should the fire alarm sound to help direct people to the fire exit and to the fire assembly point. Full training will be provided. Please contact Canon Paul or Natalie in the Parish Office.

Masses and Liturgies for the 22nd September to 29th September 2018



The Sacred Heart & St. Thérèse of Lisieux
BH24 1LA



Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Philip Benizi
SP6 1EG

The Sacred Heart, Ringwood

Sun 23rd	11.00am	Mass Edna Culley
Mon 24th	9.45am	Holy Rosary
	10.00am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Wed 26th	10.00am	Mass
Fri 28th	10.00am	Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

Sat 22nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 23rd	9.00am	Mass People of the Parish
Tues 25th	10.00	Mass
Thurs 27th	10.00am	Mass
Sat 29th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Penance or Confession - Saturday 11-11.30 Fordingbridge, 12-12.30 Ringwood

**RINGWOOD MUSIC : Ent. –258 Off. –325 Comm – 81 Final - 227(subject to alteration)
PSALM A willing heart I will offer you, and praise your name O Lord**

**The Parish office will be open for enquiries at Ringwood on Fridays between 9am and 12pm,
Fordingbridge on Tuesdays between 9am and 12pm.
Please arrange Mass intentions with Natalie through the Parish Office**

**Our brand new Pastoral Area website is being developed we will be taking photos for possible use on website.
We kindly invite you to let Natalie Littlefair know if you object to being in one of these photos.**

Second Collection — 7th October CAFOD Harvest

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries fall in September;

ERIC HALL, DR HAMBER, LUCY LANGFORD, RIVETT CARMAC, WILLIAM CARROD, GORDON GRAY, MARGARET MARSHAM, WININFRED DRAKE, VERONICA JEWELL, EDDIE BASHAM, ROY BENNETT, ANDREW FOGARTY, MARY WINTER, JAQUELINE BLAKELY, FRANCES DAVIS, JOAN THORNE, THOMAS BERNARD HUNT, BILL JACKSON, JOHN COKE, FRANCES ZOLLO, JOHN DUNN, ANNIE BARRIE, DONALD CURTIS, FILIPPO VICINANZA, ALICE HAMMERSLEY, MARIA MAJOR, JOAN DEGROOT,

Please find copies in the porch of Bishop Philip's interview for the *National Catholic Register*, the *American Catholic Weekly*, on the topic of the current crisis in the Church.

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land.

During the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land Canon Paul will be writing an occasional piece for our parish Facebook page and, hopefully, sharing some photos. This is a lovely way that those of us at home can be in close touch with those who are going on this very special journey. Prayer requests could also be posted and, in that way, we will all stay connected to each other. The link for both our parishes is <http://tinyurl.com/shandolos>

RINGWOOD NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration in Ringwood: I am hoping for us to begin Eucharistic Adoration in Ringwood from 10.30am – 11.30am on Fridays, beginning after the 10.00am Mass when it is celebrated. It would be good to begin in late September. Please let me have your name if you would like to take part and be on a rota for one Friday per month. Thank you to all the volunteers so far (PJT)

A Message from Sheila; I was overwhelmed by the kindness, friendship and generosity of you all. I am only leaving due to the insistence of family pressure and Leeds is a long way away. Your generosity and friendship could never be better. Many great thanks. Sheila

FORDINGBRIDGE NEWS

Coffee After Mass

Please could we have some more volunteers to run coffee after Sunday mass. You only need to bring some milk and a few biscuits!! It is a great way to meet our fellow parishioners. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch. We would like to continue to have coffee after Sunday mass each week.

CTIF plan an event on Remembrance Sunday 11 November quite different from that in previous years. Full details will be known soon but the parade, this year, will end at the Park. Just to let you know that the Museum holds a Roll of Honour so anyone who thinks there was a family member /old friend in the Great War (from not just Fordingbridge but also the surrounding villages) should go and look at the Roll. (free admission). Jan Brian. Tel: 656726

TRANSPORT needed: to take people from Fordingbridge, 1st Thursday in month, to and from the Link Lunch at Hyde Memorial Hall, to get there 12.15pm and collect at 2pm. If you could help occasionally, please speak to, or phone, Pat Bloomfield 837735.

Liturgical Calendar for the Week

Monday: Our Lady of Walsingham

Tuesday: Feria

Wednesday: Ss Cosmas & Damian or Feria

Thursday: St Vincent de Paul

Friday: St Wenceslaus or St Laurence Ruiz & Companions or Feria

Saturday: The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael.

We acknowledge with thanks, our August Collections:

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
Non Gift Aid Cash/Chq	£883.57	£1063.74
Gift Aid Envelopes	£277.00	£631.00
Non Gift aid Envelopes	£35.00	£0.00
Standing Order/ Direct debits	£922.00	£838.33
Total monthly collection	£2117.57	£2533.07
Special Collections	£16.28	£2.44

SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM.

A big diocesan Symposium is taking place on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Saturday 6th October 2018 - National Mass for Altar Servers – Notice for Newsletters

The national Mass for Altar Servers will be held on Saturday 6th October 2018 in Westminster Cathedral at 2:30pm. Please see the flyer at the Church entrance for more information about this event.

Would you also mind putting this notice in your newsletters too? I attach a flyer for your use too.

Diocesan Day for Readers - Saturday 6th October

Following the success of our first **Diocesan Day for Readers** back in June, a further day has been organised at St Patrick's Church, Manor Road, Hayling Island PO11 0QU from 10am-3pm on **Saturday 6th October**. The day will again be led by the Dominican Sisters. This day is for anyone who reads at Mass or for anyone who would like to read at Mass To secure your place please contact Hayling Parish Office on: 023 9246 3854 or email haylingisland@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Why not spend A Day with Mary at the Cathedral?

A Day with Mary is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic church or shrine. It emphasizes worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Theological Instructions, Hymns, a programme on the story of Fatima and periods of rest with refreshments. The Sacrament of Penance is readily available. There is a bookstall and the opportunity to enrol in the Brown Scapular (consecration to Our Lady) and Miraculous Medal if so wished.

A Day with Mary at the Cathedral has become an annual event since 2015 and this year's event is on **Saturday 13th October** from 9.30am - 5pm.

Diocesan Day for Catechists

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Avon Stour Pastoral Area:

Other Priests in the Pastoral Area with Weekend Mass Times (subject to change)

Fr. Darryl Jordan: 01202 485588 (Iford)

St Thomas More Sat eve 6pm, Sun 9.30 am

Fr. Kevin Hoiles: 01202 424960 (Southbourne)

Our Lady Queen of Peace Sat 11am, Sun 8.00am, Sun eve 6pm,

Rev. John Chadwick: 01202 483340 (Christchurch)

St Joseph's Sat eve 6.30pm, Sun 9.00am