TIMES OF WEEKEND MASSES in other Parishes in the
AVON STOUR PASTORAL AREA

The Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch	01202 483340	Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 9.00am, 10.45am
Holy Redeemer Kilmington Way, Highcliffe	01425 274838	Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am
The Sacred Heart and St Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood	01425 653131	Sunday 11.00am
Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge	01425 653131	Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne	01202 424960	Sunday 8.00am,11.00am 6.00 pm

Hospital Visit, ***Urgent requests*** (usually for poorly patients who have not been visited in the last 48 hours) please call the chaplain or his substitute ***directly,*** using, ***in order,*** these numbers: Fr John: Lee 01202 483340 Emergency Mobile: 07850 365897 If these fail, ring St Thomas More's 01202 485588 or the Annunciation Church 01202 513369

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH: A candlelit Advent Taizé Service will take place **this Monday, 23rd December**, at 7.30pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace church, Douglas Road, Southbourne, with refreshments served afterwards in the church hall (mulled wine and mince pies). Everyone is welcome.

'HOMECOMING' RETREAT: 'Homecoming' Retreat for 16-30 year olds! 29th December to 1st January (Maria Fidelis Lower School, North Gower Street, London, NW1 2HR) Following on from our youth retreat, Swell@Bournemouth, you are invited to the next Youth 2000 retreat, Homecoming! For more information, contact Will Hince on 07810827606 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or check out

THANK YOU for your weekly offerings; 14th / 15th Dec.

Envelopes : £ 209.82 Cash : £ 76.44

Standing Orders : £ 155.31 **Total : £ 441.57**



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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

21st/22nd December 2013

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Week beginning 21st December :		Mass Intention
Saturday 21st Dec. 6.00pm	First Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent	Repose of the soul of George Hackwell
Sunday 22nd Dec. 9.30am 2.00 - 3.00pm	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** SyroMalabar Mass	Repose of the soul of Martin Macdonald
Monday 23rd Dec.	—	—
Tuesday 24th Dec. 6.30pm	**The Nativity of the Lord** ***(Christmas carols in the church from 6.00pm)***	People of the Parish
Wed. 25th Dec. 9.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY	People of the Parish
Thurs. 26th Dec. 10.30am	St Stephen, *feast*	Special Intention for Altar Servers
Friday 27th Dec.	No Mass	—
Saturday: 5.15 – 5.45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Masses Sat. 6pm & Sun. 9.30am The Holy Family		

Father Darryl's 'Question and Answer Session' will be after each Mass this weekend.
Questions about him and his journey to the Catholic Church ….. What is the Ordinariate? ….. ??? Your chance to pick the Priest's brains!

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Isaiah 7: 10 - 14.

The wonderful prophecy about "Emmanuel - God with us" is clearer for us than it was for king Ahaz, seven centuries before Christ. For us, it applies to Jesus, born of the virgin Mary.

Romans 1: 1 - 7.

In a densely-packed introduction to his greatest epistle, Paul gives the earliest Christian beliefs about Jesus.

Matthew 1: 18 - 24.

The virginal conception of the Son of God is revealed to the quiet, just man, Joseph. He comes to believe in the miracle that Jesus is God's presence among us, "Emmanu-El."

We pay special honour at Christmas to Mary, who she gave birth to our Saviour. Faith accepts the mysterious virgin birth, as part of the totality of God's mysterious ways.

www.biblical.ie/lections



Christmas Eve Mass

The family Mass will be at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve,
with Carols in the church 6.00 to 6.30pm.

As in previous years, the children will be invited to come along dressed as a character from the Christmas Story .... Mary, Joseph, a Shepherd, a King, an Angel ..... If you don't have an outfit, don't worry - we have costumes which the children can dress up in! These will be available in the church hall from 6.00pm onwards - you'll need to allow a bit of time for changing.

CHRISTMAS TREE & CRIB

The tree will be decorated ands the crib put up ***this Sunday*** after the 9.30am Mass. So, Mums, Dads and Grandparents come along with your children to help with this!

Christmas Crib Collection : Our crib offerings will go to support Christians in the Holy Land. The collection will be sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. The money raised will be used by the KHS in their assistance to needy children in the Holy Land.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Douglas Road, Southbourne.
Friday 20th December at 7.00pm.

*Copies of the Bishop's Pastoral Message to welcome **'Evangelii Gaudium'** (- the Joy of the Gospel) are on our new website.*
The website address is on the first page.
There are a few paper copies on the 'free table' for those who do not have access to a computer.

*Have you taken your **St Thomas More Christmas card ?***
This has details of the Christmas services. If not, please take one - they are on the table at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION MEETING at St Joseph's, Christchurch
Change of date - to **Thursday 9th January**, 7.30pm

Sign-up list for Christmas (- on Parish notices board) We still need welcomers and people for the offertory on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. *Please could you help?*

LIFT REQUIRED. Is there anyone who could offer a lift to Mass for a gentleman who lives in Amesbury Road? He usually attends Mass on a Saturday evening but would be equally happy to attend on a Sunday morning. Please contact the parish office if you could help. Many thanks!