

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

Avon Stour Pastoral Area
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The 28th Sunday of the Year Father Paul writes....



The man in today's Gospel went away sad. St. Mark tells us that he refused Jesus's invitation to follow him and "went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth". He appeared as a good person because he was clearly religious and one who kept the commandments. Yet his wealth and associated life style and his religious observance did not bring him the happiness for which he yearned. Mark tells us that the man ran to Jesus and knelt before him, both signs that the man had heard about Jesus and wondered whether Jesus was the person to bring him the gift for which he yearned; the gift he described as eternal life. The question in his heart was this: would a relationship with Jesus bring him the fulfilment and happiness that he had not found so far in his life?

Jesus knew what the man wanted and invited him to become one of his followers if he would "Go sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven". The man is the only person in Mark's Gospel who fails to accept a personal invitation from Jesus to become his disciple. The cost appeared too much.

Once the man had gone, Jesus spoke to his disciples to offer a deeper reflection on riches and how they are an obstacle to discipleship and to entering the Kingdom of God. Jesus told them that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus used that image to emphasise the importance of seeing our relationship with him as our priority. It is not wealth and possessions that bring us life, nor is it just keeping the law. The vital ingredient is a living and continual relationship with Jesus, which we nourish with generous prayer. And that prayer must be accompanied by complete trust and confidence in his love for us. A trust and confidence which gives us the courage to open our lives to Jesus's healing and life-giving power.

Public, Zoomed and Youtube Celebrations of Mass

Sacred Heart, Ringwood

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88397744328?pwd=RitLbjRTQjhhdDhrSEtDWjlxQUYyZz09>

(All masses zoomed at this link unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	Oct 10th	11am	✘	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	People of Sacred Heart Parish
Wednesday	Oct 13th	10am	✘	<i>Feria 28th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	
Friday	Oct 15th	10am	✘	<i>Memorial St. Teresa of Avila</i>	✘	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFTmHlkg-4M7rTwOB-Wxysw> or search on Youtube for Catholic Parishes of Ringwood and Fordingbridge

Saturday	Oct 9th	6pm	✘	<i>Memorial St. John Henry Newman</i>	✘	People of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
Sunday	Oct 10th	9am	✘	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	Kate Shepard RIP
Tuesday	Oct 12th	10am	✘	<i>Feria 28th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	Janet Lock RIP
Thursday	Oct 14th	10am	✘	<i>Memorial St. Callistus I</i>	✘	

Both our churches are now open daily for prayer

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The Bishop is coming!

He will visit Fordingbridge for the 6pm Mass on Saturday 9th October to congratulate Fr Paul on his appointment as Monsignor. Ringwood Parishioners are welcome and there will be a party afterwards at 7pm, in the Hall. There will be an American style supper (as we did for Fr Anthony Fyk). Could Parishioners kindly bring savouries (surnames A-M) or desserts (surnames N-Z).



Saturday 16th October: **Ignatian day of prayer and reflection on Zoom** - : 11-12:45 am and/or 13:45-15:30 pm. Further information and Zoom link (if not on mailing list) - Dcn Roger @ deaconrogercarrjones@gmail.com / 07342818686.

Fordingbridge will live stream using YouTube

Starting Saturday October 9th at 6pm we will live stream Mass using YouTube rather than Zoom. You are able to access this live stream by using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFTmHlkg-4M7rTwOB-Wxysw>

in your web browser or going to www.avonstour.co.uk/fordingbridge. Ringwood is still using the usual Zoom details for now, but we hope to have them on YouTube by the end of October.



**Second Collection for
World mission Sunday
will be on Sunday
October 24th.**



Thank you for the donations received so far. If you haven't yet, there is still time to donate to the Harvest Fast Day. Pick up an envelope in the porch.

Your Help is Needed

Extended Ringwood family (grandparents, parents, teenage children) urgently require 4/5 bedroom house to rent locally. Please contact Paul if you can help. 07340804467

Ringwood – Counters

Ringwood parish are looking for people willing to count the collections after 11.00 a.m Mass on Sundays. Please talk to Canon Paul or Bridie Gray if you feel able to offer your help.

Ringwood Coffee/Tea Rota



We are looking forward to restarting "Coffee in the House" regularly after Sunday Masses but we are in need of volunteers to make up a rota. Please speak to Jane Saunders or Maggie Spiers if you are able to help.

Greeting Cards

Cards for sale are now available again in Church. Please ask if you don't see what you are looking for. You may see a small selection of cards on <https://www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/ringwood/piety-stall/>

Thank you for your support - it all helps our Church finances
Barbara and Maria .

Forty Days and Forty Nights....

your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to:
crisbasha@aol.com . All contributions greatly appreciated.
Please have your submissions to Chris by the **25th of October**

Standing Order information:

Please continue to support your parishes through your donations. The best way, is to set up a Standing Order via your bank. The parish bank details are:

Account Name: PRCDTR Ringwood Sacred Heart or PRCDTR Fordingbridge St. Mary and St. Philip

Ringwood: Sort Code: 30 93 04 Account Number: 00886336
Fordingbridge: Sort Code: 30 93 04 Account Number: 00878309

Fordingbridge and Ringwood Contact Details

Office hours: Tues - 10-12 OLS, Fri- 10:30-12:30 SH
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading: *Wisdom 7:7-11*
Responsorial Psalm: *90:12-13,14-15,16-17*
R/ The Lord fills us with love and joy.
Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-13*
Gospel: *Mark 10:17-30*

Fordingbridge Coffee Morning hosts needed



October 24th needs someone to volunteer to serve coffees and teas. Please sign up on the rota in the porch if you are interested. Funds will go towards World Mission Sunday.

Fordingbridge Hearing Induction Loop Upgrade

We have had the loop up graded in the church. You should have noticed a difference. I hope for the better! Please let me know if you feel the system could use some adjustment. Comments from last Sunday have lead us to increase the volume. Let me know what you think either in church or by email at :

shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Churches Together Fordingbridge District

**FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER**

at Avonway – 11am – 3 pm

Face Painting/ Disco/ Cart Rides/ Food.

Should be fun so do come.

More info from Jan Brian 656726.



Thank you for your financial support: please, if you can, continue to support your parishes during these difficult times via standing orders. August offerings to Parish bank accounts.

Ringwood Fordingbridge

SO	£ 1986	£ 2939
Cash/Env	£ 753	£ 375

Avon Stour Pastoral Area—For an urgent call to a priest if

Fr. Paul cannot be contacted, please call a priest on one of the numbers below:

Fr. Darryl Jordan: Iford St Thomas More

Fr. Kevin Hoiles: Southbourne Our Lady Queen of Peace (01202424960)

Rev. John Chadwick: Christchurch St Joseph's (01202483340)

Rev. John Chadwick: Highcliffe Holy Redeemer

More details on the website: www.avonstour.co.uk

Hospital Chaplain (B'mouth & C'Church): Fr. Darryl Jordan contact at: 03000194221 (Chaplaincy Office)

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