

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Fr. Paul writes....

It would have come as a surprise to many of Jesus's contemporaries that he should liken himself to a shepherd and to a good one at that. Our Gospel reading this Sunday is from Chapter 10 in St. John's Gospel and it is worth reading the whole chapter. This Sunday we hear the final few verses in which Jesus reflects upon those (sheep) who belong to him. We are blessed by being included in that number.

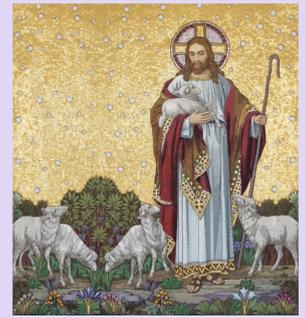
So, why the surprise? In the Old Testament, of which Jesus would have been very conscious, there were many references to God coming into the world as a Good Shepherd. Ezekiel 34.15 is one such reference. Jesus was being true to the Old Testament understanding that the Christ, the Messiah, the one who came from God, would be like a good shepherd caring for his sheep and leading them to good pasture. In John Chapter 10, verse 10, Jesus puts it like this: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly". The surprise of many who met Jesus was in the fact that they expected the Messiah to be a strong military leader who would defeat the Roman occupying leaders and military presence. That kind of Messiah Jesus was not.

Jesus's mission is to gather the human race into the love and life of God and those who belong to him, namely us, are invited to join him in the task. In last week's Gospel narrative, we heard Jesus say to Peter "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep", now he is saying the same to us. As the baptized, our task is to live and work so as to "gather into one, the scattered children of God". (John 11.52)

St. Luke, in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us that "it made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message: all who were destined for eternal life became believers". The pagans were the crowds who came to listen to St. Paul and who were moved by his message. We are called by Jesus to stir the hearts of those who search for the meaning and truth that Jesus offers, so that they may come to believe in him.

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock".

I would like to thank Larry Bartell for arranging the 'Music in May' evening in Fordingbridge. Thanks to all who supported it.



- Please wear a mask at all times in church.
- Please respect people who are not in your bubble by leaving a vacant seat next to them.
- Please sanitise your hands on arrival.
- Please leave a space between yourself and the person in front as you approach for Holy Communion.
- Please observe social distancing at all times.
- Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell and if you can take a lateral flow test before you come, please do so. Do not come if your test is positive.

Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

Both our churches are now open daily for prayer

Sacred Heart, Ringwood

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFTmHlkq-4M7rTwOB-Wxysw> or search on YouTube for Catholic Parishes of Ringwood and Fordingbridge
(All masses livestreamed at this link unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	May	8th	11am	✘	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	Francisco Jesus De La Mora Lopez RIP
Wednesday	May	11th	10am	✘	<i>Wednesday of the 4th Week of Easter</i>	✘	Liam O'Sullivan RIP
Friday	May	13th	10am	✘	<i>Memorial Our Lady of Fatima</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	May	7th	6pm	✘	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Sunday	May	8th	9am	✘	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	Marguerite-Marie Dicquemere RIP
Tuesday	May	10th	10am	✘	<i>Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter</i>	✘	Holy Souls
Thursday	May	12th	10am	✘	<i>Thursday of the 4th Week of Easter</i>	✘	Kenneth Torba RIP

Confessions: Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in Ringwood at 12 noon each Saturday or 5.30 in Fordingbridge.



Fordingbridge – Tuesday May 3rd following 10am Mass
Ringwood - Wednesday May 25th following 10am Mass

Our Second Collection today is for the Clergy Training Fund, in support of our ten seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six- or seven-year journey to ordination. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way your generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/support-our-seminarians> or with cash, cheque or special collection envelope in the collection plate.

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5

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Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14B-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Lectio Divina, an ancient practice of the church: Restarting after Easter break on 26th April

We are a small group who meet via Zoom every Tuesday at 7.10pm. We read a short passage from Scripture, a Psalm or a Prayer and reflect on it either silently or aloud. It is not Bible Study so there is no right or wrong interpretation of the reading. We pray beforehand and ask the Holy Spirit to guide each of us so that the reading ultimately says something different to each of us. This can be interesting and can open up our minds to seeing a well-known passage of Scripture in a new way. If you would like to join us, just try it out or find out more, please get in touch by email with Maria maricarmen@murraybrown.uk or Barbara bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk

And please - do not worry if you are new to Lectio Divina. We as a group only started last year initially under the guidance of Father Paul.

Special Collection Envelopes

If you would like to pick up your Special Collection envelopes and have not done so already, you may pick them up at the Fordingbridge office on Tuesdays' after Mass or at Ringwood on Friday after Mass from the Presbytery.

Forty Days and Forty Nights....

your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: crisbasha@aol.com. The Forty Days deadline this month is the 25th of the month. All contributions are welcome.

WHAT'S THE BEST FUTURE YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE?
HOPE?

Poulner Baptist Chapel
Ringwood
BH24 3HZ
6:45-9pm
9th May 2022
16th May 2022
23rd May 2022

MEAL PROVIDED

More Info

Here's the direct link for anyone wanting to book onto the course:
<https://poulnerbaptistchapel.churchsuite.com/events/fiw97qoc>

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

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Ringwood: please contact Donna Kerrigan, details above

Sr. Hyacinth of Diocesan faith formation has new courses on offer.

Restored Lives at Home: the end of a marriage can be overwhelming and there is now an online version of our course that helps people recover from relationship breakdown. The course takes place across 8 consecutive Monday evenings starting on the 9th May 2022. When booking ask for the Bournemouth course led by :

Roger and Jackie Carr-Jones. https://www.restoredlives.org/online_course_relationship_breakdown

Plant Sale after Mass Sunday 22nd May

Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge
and Sacred Heart Ringwood

Summer bedding and herb plants
grown on at home in Dorset

All profits go to Ukraine appeal



Providing support for the most vulnerable in our communities
....of any faith or no faith

We are preparing for work with Ukrainian refugees as well as all our other work
See our web site for more information: www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk



The next **Joint Parish** walk will be on Saturday 14th May, starting at the Rockford Common car park at about 2 pm. 3 or 4 miles, 1 or 2 hills. The gorse is spectacular just at present. Ringwood contingent meet at 1.45pm

Greeting Cards

Barbara has added Confirmation cards to the display and within the next two weeks will add the First Holy Communion cards. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on June 19 in both Fordingbridge and Ringwood as we have candidates from both churches. If there is a card you particularly want please ask me, Barbara : bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk Cards and First Communion gifts also available in the hall at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

<https://www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/ringwood/piety-stall/>

Thank you for your financial support: please, if you can, continue to support your parishes via standing orders. March offerings to Parish bank accounts

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 1658	£ 2966
Cash/Env	£ 587	£ 537

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)

Deacon Hugh Parry :07971 071571

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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Called & Gifted Administrator

- Part time - 5 hours per week
- Reporting to the Leader of Called & Gifted Team
- Salary – £12 per hour
- Remote working from home with occasional attendance at meetings/training

Overall job purpose

- To undertake the day to day administration for the Called & Gifted Team.
- Monitor and respond to department emails
- Database upkeep
- Finance
- Circulate newsletter via Mailchimp

About you

An Intentional disciple of Jesus in full communion with the Church.

An understanding & passion for "The Called & Gifted 3 stage Discernment process" aimed at enabling others to discover their charisms & mission; an understanding of their own personal charisms.

Ideally manifesting a Helps/Admin Charism mix or a Service charism with a good range of administrative and communication abilities.

The ability to serve & flourish in a small Team environment whilst being able to work independently & remotely.

If you would like a confidential discussion about this role, please contact:

Gerry Penfold

E-mail: gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Tel: 07802 608549

For job description and details of how to apply please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing Date: Monday 16 May 2022

Interview Date: Monday 23 May 2022