

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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Our Lady of Sorrows
& St. Philip Benizi
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The Fifth Sunday of Easter Father Paul writes....

Last Saturday evening at Fordingbridge, nearly 80 people came to the 'Music in May' evening which was held in the hall at Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Philip Benizi. People from both our parishes were there and there was also a little group from Downton, which is in the Salisbury parish of St. Osmond. I was really delighted to see so many people who were having a very enjoyable time. Lockdown and the rise of Covid 19 have meant that meeting together socially, and even at Mass, has become a challenge. The 'Music in May' evening brought people together with enjoyable food and drink and lovely live music. I have worked hard to try and bring our two parishes closer together and the evening last Saturday proved to me that many people from both Ringwood and Fordingbridge are joining together in all kinds of ways.

That collaboration between the two parishes is important because it strengthens the mission of the Church in our area as gifts and talents are brought to common and united events. Each of our parishes have become small following the experience of Covid 19 and now the time has come for us to share our gifts and resources across the two parishes.

A huge word of thanks to Larry and Stephanie Bartell who, together with their team and Larry's band of musicians, made the evening such a wonderful occasion. Many people want it to happen again.

St. John, in today's Apocalypse reading, speaks about the city where God lives among human beings. The city is the new Jerusalem, which is in fact those of us who are baptized and believe in Jesus. The new Jerusalem is the Church, and our mission is to show in our lives that God dwells among us. That mission is made more effective the more we are seen to be united and living and praying as a united group of faithful people. The Music in May evening was a fine example of what Christians can achieve when we work together.

Many people know that for over two months I have been making trips to Salisbury Hospital as part of an investigation for cancer. Happily, I received a letter from my consultant, telling me that there were no signs of cancer and that for the next twelve months I was free to go and see them if the need arises. I would like to thank you all for your prayers, good wishes and practical support as the investigation progressed. I would also like to thank publicly the team at Salisbury Hospital in the Urology Department who were always welcoming and kind and very willing to answer my questions and deal with my anxieties.

- 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	15th	11am	✘	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Wednesday	May	18th	10am	✘	<i>Wednesday of the 5th Week of Easter</i>	✘	
Friday	May	20th	10am	✘	<i>Friday of the 5th Week of Easter</i>	✘	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	May	14th	6pm	✘	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	
Sunday	May	15th	9am	✘	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	May	17th	10am	✘	<i>Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter</i>	✘	
Thursday	May	19th	10am	✘	<i>Dedication of the Cathedral of St. John Portsmouth</i>	✘	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

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



Ringwood - Wednesday May 25th following 10am Mass
Fordingbridge – Tuesday June 2nd following 10am Mass



Ringwood and Fordingbridge now live stream Mass using YouTube.

You are able to access this live stream by using this link:

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

your web browser or going to www.avonstour.co.uk, choosing your parish and clicking the link to the YouTube page.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Lectio Divina, an ancient practice of the church:

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.



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

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.

CAFOD - The paradox of abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

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

YEAR 5 INFORMATION EVENING: 6:00pm TUESDAY 14 JUNE



Scan QR Code or visit our website to book your place

Serving the community since 1936

Our Year 5 information evening is for prospective students interested in joining Year 7 for entry in September 2023. The evening will outline the admissions process for families, to inform you of the legal deadlines for applications, religious supplementary information requirements and the ranking process.

Please note this event will not include a tour of the school, it is for information only
Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start
Save the date for our full open evening on Thursday 22 September

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk
St Peter's School, St Catherine's road, Bournemouth BH6 4AH

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

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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Queen's Jubilee event - Ringwood choir welcomes your voice

To coincide with the Jubilee Beacon that's being lit at St Peter & St Paul in Ringwood on the evening of Thursday June 2nd, there will be a performance of a special song written for the event – 'A Life Lived With Grace' (you can listen to it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tML8Kx7VT8I> (A Life Lived With Grace - Two Part - Words On Screen - YouTube))

We'd love lots of people to join in with the singing so everyone is invited to join this specially assembled choir. Its open to anyone and everyone, there's no need to be a member of a choir already. There will be some rehearsals to help learn the song and you can come to as many or as few as you like, as long as you make one of them.

Rehearsals:

Thursday 19th May 7pm at St Peter & St Paul Ringwood

Thursday 26th May 7pm at St Peter & St Paul Ringwood

Thursday 2nd June 9.15pm at St Peter & St Paul Ringwood

Performance:

9.45pm outside St Peter & St Paul Ringwood



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- 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