

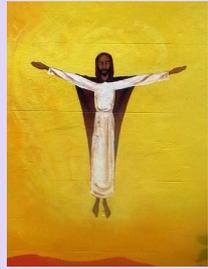
The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

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The Sixth Sunday of the Year
Fr. Paul writes....



Next Thursday, the 26th May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord when we celebrate the return of the risen Jesus to his Father and the life of the Trinity. There will be Mass in Fordingbridge at 10.00am and in Ringwood at 6.00pm. Just over a week later, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, when we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Bishops of England and Wales, at their meeting two weeks ago, decided that Pentecost Sunday would be the day when the obligation to attend Sunday Mass each week will be restored. It was at the beginning of lockdown that the decision was taken to remove the Sunday obligation because, while many could join Mass online, not everyone could attend. The bishops have made clear that 'online' Masses do not fulfil the Sunday obligation. The obligation to come together for Mass on a Sunday is a serious one. So, why is it so serious and why are we bound by the law of the Church to attend? There are number of reasons.

Sunday is the day of Resurrection, and each Sunday is a 'mini-Easter'. We gather on a Sunday for Mass to celebrate the Resurrection and the presence in our lives of the risen Lord. As the day of Resurrection, it is a special day which is marked by the celebration of Mass for everyone and by making it a time of rest and recreation while abstaining from ordinary work.

In our tradition Sunday is the first day of the week, which gives another dimension to our Sunday obligation. It is the day that we come together to give thanks for the gifts and experiences of the previous week. And we give thanks in the Mass perfectly because we join Jesus in his thanksgiving to his Father. As we give thanks for gifts received, we listen to Jesus speaking to us in the Liturgy of the Word, while allowing the message to shape our living during the coming week. As we eat and drink the Lord's body and blood, we are drawn more and more deeply into the Body of Christ so that we might bring his love and presence into our world. We are invited to become what we eat. To eat and drink the Lord's body and blood in Holy Communion is to be made one in Christ. As we come together for Sunday Mass, we become the visible presence of the communion which the Church is. That is why everyone needs to be there.

For those who are unable to come because of sickness they are united with us as we take them Holy Communion in their homes. The Sunday obligation applies to us all except for those for whom it is impossible. I will quote from the bishops' document which describes well the teaching about those who may find coming to Mass difficult: "We understand there will still be some members of our congregations, who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday obligation". (From the resolution of the Bishops of England and Wales at the meeting in April 2022)

- 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/UCFTmHlkg-4M7rTwOB-Wxysw> or search on YouTube for Catholic Parishes of Ringwood and Fordingbridge
(All masses livestreamed at this link unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	May	22nd	11am	✘	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	Norman Wilson RIP
Wednesday	May	25th	10am	✘	<i>Wednesday of the 6th Week of Easter</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Thursday	May	26th	6pm	✘	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	✘	
Friday	May	27th	10am	✘	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	✘	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	May	21st	6pm	✘	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	
Sunday	May	22nd	9am	✘	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	May	24th	10am	✘	<i>Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter</i>	✘	
Thursday	May	26th	10am	✘	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	✘	

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/UCFTmHlkg-4M7rTwOB-Wxysw> in your web browser or going to www.avonstour.co.uk, choosing your parish and clicking the link to the YouTube page.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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.



Loaves and Fishes

Our Facebook group is a great way of keeping in touch with other parishioners. Ask to join here: <https://www.facebook.com/1397210003927764/>

Forty Days and Forty Nights....

your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: crisbasha@aol.com. The Forty Days deadline 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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Fordingbridge: Donna Kerrigan 01425 656895
donna.kerrigan@btinternet.com
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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Synod Report



It was a joy that at the Chrism Mass, the Final Report of the Synod was presented. This has now been submitted to the Bishops' Conference for their work of assimilating the reports from all 22 Dioceses of England and Wales. The resulting document will in turn be submitted to the European Bishops' Committee for their discussions. You can read our diocesan submission here on the diocesan website: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/synod>. I would like to thank everyone, clergy and laity, for their engagement with the process and for all the conversations and discussions generated. We had nearly 7,000 responses. Our sincere thanks to Fr. John Chandler and his teams for all their hard work organising us, and to Heather Hauschild, Professor Tim Cain, Dr. Elizabeth Slinn and others for their work at the end in the final edit. I hope and pray that the ideas raised, the hopes and aspirations expressed, the lessons learnt and the prayerful sharing and listening to one another will bear much fruit in the weeks and months ahead and in the day to life of the Church in our Diocese.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

2nd July 2022



Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 2nd July** at 11 am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please register on Eventbrite below:

<https://significantweddinganniversary.eventbrite.co.uk>

or contact your Parish Secretary/Administrator who will have a form for you to complete, or email the following address which is

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.

MUSIC IN MAY



Thanks to parishioners Nicola, Debbie, Felicity, Anne, David, Norman, Julian, Dom, Phil, Helen, Teresa and Stephanie for all their efforts in making Saturday's music event at Our Lady of Sorrows in aid of Ukraine a wonderful parish evening.

Teresa's beautiful original painting, used for poster and ticket design for the event, was won by a thrilled Anne Roberts. Tony, guest of Peter Hayden - having won a handsome limited edition print kindly donated by Collier and Dobson - offered it for auction, adding an impressive £150 to the fund. Other valuable prizes were generously donated by the Regal Cinema and La Lambretta, while a fine white wine was donated by the band providing the entertainment, all of whom were relieved that their musical set "went down ok"! It was lovely, too, to see Maria and Susan turn their considerable musical talents to a credible impersonation of Bony M.

£1270 was raised for the Ukraine relief fund. It was lovely that the fine warm evening enabled Father Paul, who is shielding, to share in the event from the vantage point of an outdoor table. Final sincere thanks to everyone who turned out and gave their support.

Best wishes. Larry

