

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

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Our Lady of Sorrows
& St. Philip Benizi
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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Father Paul writes.....

Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles this Sunday is from Chapter 10. The narrative is a shortened version of the whole chapter which is a pity. The Acts of the Apostles was written by St. Luke after he had written his Gospel. It describes the action of the Holy Spirit bringing the message of Jesus to people across the Roman Empire at the hands of apostles like St. Paul.

Chapter 10, which we hear today, is very important in the whole development of the Church and it is worth reading all of it. The crucial part, which is missing, describes how Peter had a vision at the same time that Cornelius had his, telling him to send for Peter. Because Cornelius was a gentile, Peter, as Jew was not permitted to visit him or enter his house. Such were the rules of Judaism.

Peter was staying with Simon the Tanner by the sea and he went to the roof of the house to pray. He was hungry and food was being prepared. As he prayed and waited a sheet came down full of edible creatures, that were forbidden as food. He heard a voice inviting him to kill and eat. He refused saying that he had never eaten anything unclean or profane. The reply came "What God has made clean, you must not call profane."

The experience for Peter and for the early Church was revolutionary. Now all foods could be eaten and, more importantly, human beings who were previously regarded as unclean and to be shunned, were to be loved, respected and open to receiving Baptism and the Holy Spirit. Likewise, our love has to be large enough to embrace and welcome every person as Peter welcomed Cornelius.

Next Thursday, the 9th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension. It is a Holiday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am in Fordingbridge and 7.00pm in Ringwood.

Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

Both our churches are 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	5th	11am	✘	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	Liam O'Sullivan RIP
Wednesday	May	8th	10am	✘	<i>of the 6th Week of Easter</i>	✘	Joyce Dewey RIP
Thursday	May	9th	7pm	✘	The Ascension of the Lord	✘	
Friday	May	10th	10am	✘	<i>of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension</i>	✘	Laura Hamilton RIP

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	May	4th	6pm	✘	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	Courtney Andrews RIP
Sunday	May	5th	9am	✘	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	May	7th	10am	✘	<i>of the 6th Week of Easter</i>	✘	
Thursday	May	9th	10am	✘	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	✘	

Confessions will be available on Saturdays at 5.30 in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood before and after the Wednesday Mass.

† Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed †

Canon Peter Wilkie

Reception of the Coffin on 16 May at 10am followed by Mass

Vigil Funeral Mass 16 May at 6pm

Funeral Mass 17 May at 11am

All at Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Philip Benizi



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/>



Children's Liturgy

The first and third Sunday of the month at Our Lady of Sorrows.



Fordingbridge – Tuesday 7th of May after 10am Mass
Ringwood - Wednesday 29th of May after 10am Mass



Congratulations to Blessing Akogwu and Christopher Chukwura on their upcoming Confirmation on the 12th of May in Sacred Heart and St. Therese of Lisieux during the 11am Mass.

Copies of the Churches Together in Fordingbridge and District Prayer Link for May is available in the church porch.

Newsletter announcement for CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



You can also text Text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is on Tuesdays at 7pm and it lasts about 40-50 minutes. We spend some reflective time listening to a piece of scripture and discerning what it is saying to each one of us individually. It is not 'Bible Study' but a gentle yet profound way of enabling a conversation with God.

It takes place using Zoom so is open to you literally anywhere you live. If you would like to join or just try it, do contact either Barbara at bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk or Maria at maricarmen@murraybrown.uk who will be able to give you the Zoom code.



Keyboard Player Still Needed in Ringwood

Do you play a keyboard? Might you be willing to play at 11 am Mass on Sundays in Ringwood?

Peter, our organist, is not as young as he used to be and would welcome some help to provide accompaniment to our singing. If you are willing to give it a try please tell Peter, Fr Paul, Anthony or David.

Friendship



Friendship Group Sacred Heart

We meet on Wednesdays after Mass in the house. We look forward to seeing you for coffee and a chat. Questions? Contact Barbara : bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk

Forty Days and Forty Nights....

your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: crisbasha@aol.com. The Forty Days deadline for the next edition is the 25th of May.

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: CPD Ringwood Sacred Heart or CPD 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: Fordingbridge Tues & Thurs 9-12 and Ringwood Fri 10-1

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Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: safeguarding@olofordingbridge.org.uk

Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above



Plant Sale after Mass



Sundays
19th & 26th May

Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge and Sacred Heart Ringwood

Summer bedding plants,
flowering perennials, shrubs from cuttings
and some vegetables
All grown on at home in Dorset

All donations go to CAFOD



Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: – Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Responsorial: Psalm 97(98):1-4

R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

A Day with Mary

Saturday 18 May 2024

Bournemouth Oratory, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH1 1BZ
Starting at 9.30am and continuing throughout the day. More information can be found at www adaywithmary.org

Job Openings with the Diocese

There are some exciting opportunities across the Diocese for a variety of roles. Please help us to fill these vacancies by mentioning to family and friends. Our vacancies may be found at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>



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	£ 2313	£ 2786
Cash	£ 579	£ 869
DONA/online	£ 180	£ included above

For an Urgent Matter —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)

Fr. Paul Obada: Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph (01202483340)

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

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

(Salisbury Chaplaincy Office) : 01722429271

(Southampton Chaplaincy Office): 02380777222

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