

# The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

New Forest Pastoral Area  
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Parish Priest:  
Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
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## Pentecost Sunday

Father Paul writes.....

Jesus had often promised that his disciples would be clothed with power from on high. Today, as we celebrate Pentecost and the completion of Eastertide, the Lord's promise is fulfilled. Pentecost, which marks the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter and the Lord's resurrection, celebrates the gift and outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

So who is the Holy Spirit? God reveals himself as the Holy Trinity. God is, therefore, a relationship of three who are perfectly united in love and this relationship we call 'communion'. Put simply, because God is love, and because the Father and the Son are united in divine and infinite love, their love takes personal and divine form in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, being perfect love, is the source of unity and communion. In fact, the Holy Spirit is unity and communion. So, we can say in the opening greeting of Mass: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all". We also say, at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer as the Body and Blood of Jesus is offered to the Father: "Through him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours for ever and ever."

The Catechism describes the Church as the place where we know the Holy Spirit:

In the scriptures he inspired

In the 'Tradition' to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses

In the Church's Magisterium (teaching authority) which he assists

In the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ

In prayer, wherein he intercedes for us

In the Charisms and Ministries by which the Church is built up

In the signs of apostolic and missionary life

In the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church number 688)

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, which we hear today, St. Luke tells us that "There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven dwelling in Jerusalem". This multi-national group represented the whole of humanity to whom the Holy Spirit is offered as a gift. The group heard the disciples speaking in their own native language which revealed the power of the Holy Spirit as the source of all unity. The gift of communication between persons which brings understanding, unity and reconciliation is a visible sign of the Holy Spirit at work in human lives.

The 'Sequence' provided for Mass today, and which we sing before the Gospel, gives much material for reflection on the Holy Spirit.

## Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew  
On our dryness pour thy dew  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

## 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	19th	11am	✘	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Wednesday	May	22nd	10am	✘	<i>Feria (7th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	
Friday	May	24th	10am	✘	<i>Feria (7th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	Canon John Greig RIP

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	May	18th	6pm	✘	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	✘	
Sunday	May	19th	9am	✘	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	May	21st	11am	✘	<i>Feria (7th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	Funeral Mass Courtney Andrews
Thursday	May	23rd	10am	✘	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</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 †

**Courtney Andrews**  
Funeral Mass at  
Our Lady of Sorrows on  
21st May 2024 at 11 am

**Linda Buckmaster**  
Funeral Mass at  
Our Lady of Sorrows on  
22nd May 2024 at 2 pm

**Brendan Kneen**  
Funeral Mass at  
Sacred Heart on  
7th of June 2024 at 10am



**Ringwood** - Wednesday 29th of May after 10am Mass  
**Fordingbridge** – Tuesday 4th of June after 10am Mass

## Dementia Friends

Caritas Portsmouth is hosting Sue Carter from the Alzheimer's Society, to run a Dementia Friends Information Session for anyone interested in hosting a Dementia Café, looking to make their parish more Dementia Friendly or just want to know more to support people in their family or community. Everyone welcome. The session will be held online on **Tuesday 21st May at 7pm**. For more information please contact us at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

**LIS DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH on ZOOM - 7 Sessions starting on Thursday evenings, from 6th June to 18th July 2024 from 7.30pm until 9pm** Live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June starting 9.30am with Mass until 1pm. Adoration at 8.30am optional! Tea and coffee will be provided. Welcome to bring and share packed lunch afterwards. Please use this link to register – <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9123456789>  
Free to all – Crowdfunding to cover costs - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CHARISportsmouthLIFEINTHESPIRITcourse>

## Forty Days and Forty Nights....

### your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: [crisbasha@aol.com](mailto: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  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend  
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## Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: [safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk)  
Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above



## Plant Sale after Mass



**Sundays**  
**19th & 26th May**  
**Saturday 25th 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**



**Don't forget the plant sale in the parish for Cafod.**

**Bring cash.**

**Sunday 19th and 26th May after 9.00 and 11.00 masses**

**And an extra one on Saturday 25th May after 6.00pm Mass**



## 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](mailto:bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk)

## 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. April offerings to Parish bank accounts**

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2455	£ 3131
Cash/online	£ 702	£ 392

## 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](http://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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