

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux
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New Forest Pastoral Area
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Our Lady of Sorrows
& St. Philip Benizi
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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Father Paul writes.....

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The origins of today's celebration are to be found in the twelfth century. During that time, there emerged a deep awareness that the bread and wine at Mass became the real presence of the risen Jesus. It looked like bread and wine, but its essence and substance had been transformed into the risen Lord, whole and entire. That is our belief today. It is why we are very careful about the language we use to refer to the Lord's Body and Blood. It is not bread and not wine but the 'Body of Christ' or the 'Blood of Christ'. The term 'Blessed Sacrament' is often used.

Our Old Testament reading takes us to Mount Sinai in Egypt where God initiated a covenant with Moses and the people of Israel. The covenant was sealed in blood - the practice in those days. The blood, which is a sign of life, (and the people of Israel believed that life resided in blood) proclaimed to the people that they were to enter the covenant with the whole of their lives. Their commitment to the God of the Covenant impacted the whole of their lived experience: the political, the social, the religious and the relational. It was to be an intimate and binding relationship with God. The burnt offering was a festive meal which signified peace and was eaten as a sign of the people's relationship with God and with one another.

At Mass, Jesus gives us his body and blood which was poured out at Calvary. To receive Holy Communion is to be filled with his life and to be drawn into his risen life and body which is the Church. As St. Mark indicates in the Gospel, Jesus gave himself to us at a Passover Meal, which commemorated the Exodus and the escape from slavery in Egypt into freedom for the people of Israel. For us the gift of the Lord's Body and Blood in Holy Communion is about being given the freedom of God's children; a freedom which brings the fullness of human life; a freedom which promises a present and eternal experience of the life of God. The covenant of Sinai is perfected and completed in the new covenant which we celebrate each time we come to Mass.

The Plant Sale: Thanks to Sue Broadbent and Sheila Wade for making this possible and thanks for all your support of the event, which raised £644.50 for Cafod at this moment. There is still more coming in.

The New Lectionary: Our bishops have decided that we are to have a new translation of the readings at Mass. The new lectionary will begin to be used on the First Sunday of Advent. Each church needs four volumes. I am looking for donors who are willing to give £174 to buy a volume. Each volume comes with a 'book plate' on which can be inscribed either the name of the donor or a person who is deceased, or another dedication. Thanks to those who have already donated for a volume. There are still 3 left in Fordingbridge and two in Ringwood. Missals for use at Mass can be purchased from the Catholic Truth Society website and the details are on their website: www.ctsbooks.org

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	June	2nd	11am	✘	<i>Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ)</i>	✘	Jock Hughes RIP
Wednesday	June	5th	10am	✘	<i>of the 9th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Friday	June	7th	10am	✘	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	✘	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	June	1st	6pm	✘	<i>Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ)</i>	✘	
Sunday	June	2nd	9am	✘	<i>Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ)</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	June	4th	10am	✘	<i>Feria (9th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	Canon Peter Wilkie RIP
Thursday	June	6th	10am	✘	<i>St. Norbert</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 †

Margaret (Betty) Overill
Funeral Mass at
Our Lady of Sorrows on
11th of June 2024 at 11am

Brendan Kneen
Funeral Mass at
Sacred Heart on
14th of June 2024 at 10am



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



Thank you for your generosity during our CAFOD Plant Sale. We have raised £644.500 and still counting.
-Sue & Sheila



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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/911111111111>

Free to all – Crowdfunding to cover costs - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CHARISPortsmouthLIFEINTHESPIRITcourse>

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Churches Together in Ringwood Day of Prayer and Fasting

We will be holding another **prayer and fasting day on Monday 1st July**, feel free to join us in this, especially with elections taking place etc.

There will also be a meeting at 12.30pm on the day at PBC to pray over many things for our community, ourselves, our leaders and our nation – do join us if you are able you would be most welcome.

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 : bgea-



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 June.

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
 Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above



Ringwood

We will be getting some top soil in to put over the area where the hedging was. We could use your help pushing soil around. If you have the tools and the time we will be working on the afternoon of Wednesday 5 June. Please let Melissa know you would like to help at shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Join STARF Week 10 –17 of June

Please see the notice boards at the backs of the churches to see what STARF is all about.



Year 5 Information Evening: Thursday 6th June 2024 at 6.00pm

For prospective students interested in joining year 7 for entry in September 2025

The evening will outline the admission process for families, inform you of the legal deadline for applications and explain the ranking process. There will also be a short site tour in which you will be able to view some of our outstanding facilities.

Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start To book your place please email: admissions@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk St Peter's School, St Catherine's Road, Bournemouth BH6 4AH Please save the date for our full Secondary Open Evening on Thursday 19th September 2024

Parishioner Seeking a Room

We have a parishioner who is a care worker seeking a room to rent in the Ringwood area. If you can help please contact Father Paul.

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

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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