

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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Our Lady of Sorrows
& St. Philip Benizi
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The Tenth Sunday of the Year

Father Paul writes.....

Congratulations to Blessing and Christopher Chukwura who married in Ringwood just over a week ago. It was a joyous occasion, and everyone was invited to Christopher and Blessing's home for a celebration. While we were at the celebration in the home of a newly married couple, I was reminded that marriage is a sacrament, a visible sign of the Kingdom which Jesus came to bring and is working to complete. As we celebrated the wedding, the home became the Church in miniature, which is what the Christian marital home is called to be. A place where all are welcomed, regardless of race, gender or style of life. A place and time where the presence and action of the Holy Spirit is seen, gathering people, resolving conflict and providing solace and comfort in the name and power of Jesus. And the home is the primary place where children are educated in the faith and prepared for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

In our Gospel narrative today, Jesus describes himself as the 'strong one'. Strong in the sense that he overcomes everything that damages, destroys or brings division in creation and human experience. Marriage is a gift from God in which we might recognise the 'strong one' bringing healing, welcome and reconciliation into the world.

St. Mark also makes the point that Jesus proclaimed his message at home. The 'house' or 'home' is very important for St. Mark, because in his community and time, the Eucharist was celebrated in houses every Sunday. For us, this is no longer possible or appropriate, but marriage commits the couple with their children to attend Mass each and every Sunday in their local Church. This is a very serious obligation because it is the Word of God and the Lord's Body and Blood which builds up the Church and the presence of the Church in the home.

To mark the significance of marriage as a sacrament and in gratitude for its contribution to the mission of the Church, Bishop Philip will celebrate the annual 'Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass' on Saturday 7th September in St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke. Couples who this year celebrate 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years of marriage are invited. Couples wanting to go should contact: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Gardening at Ringwood: Thanks to the team who worked on the Ringwood grounds last Wednesday. Anyone who feels able is welcome to do some gardening at either of our parishes if they see something that needs doing.

New Lectionaries: Thanks to your generosity we have now covered the costs for almost all the new lectionaries at both churches. We are seeking just one more donor for Ringwood. If you think you would like to donate please see Father Paul or contact the office.

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	9th	11am	✘	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Wednesday	June	12th	10am	✘	Feria (10th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	
Friday	June	14th	10am	✘	Feria (10th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	Funeral Mass for Brendan Kneen

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	June	8th	6pm	✘	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Roberto Stefanini RIP
Sunday	June	9th	9am	✘	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	June	11th	11am	✘	of the 10th Week in Ordinary Time	✘	Funeral Mass for Betty Overill
Thursday	June	13th	10am	✘	of the 10th Week in Ordinary Time	✘	

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
Reception of the body into the church
at Ringwood at 4.30 pm 13th June
Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart on
14th of June 2024 at 10am

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

TO BE HELD AT ST BEDE'S CHURCH,
BASINGSTOKE
ON SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 2PM



ANY COUPLE CELEBRATING 25TH, 30TH, 40TH, 50TH OR MORE CAN APPLY TO ATTEND, PLEASE SEE PARISH SECRETARY OR EMAIL ANNIVERSARIES@PORTSMOUTHDIocese.ORG.UK FOR AN APPLICATION FORM

Celebrating Father Paul's 40th Anniversary



Join us from 2-5 pm in the garden at Our Lady of Sorrows. On Sunday 23rd June. Please bring a picnic and we will provide drinks, cake and ice cream! We look forward to celebrating with people from both parishes for this happy occasion.



One third of CAFOD's funds are raised through the gifts left in wills. It is a vital part of the work of CAFOD.

On 18th June, Portsmouth CAFOD Team is running a 'Legacy Event' and has chosen the Fordingbridge Hall as the venue from 10.45 until 12.45. The guest speaker will be the Director of CAFOD. Christine Allen and there should be lots of information and advice available. People will be coming from a wide area but we have an opportunity to have it held on our doorstep. Do come along and find out more!



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.

Caritas Portsmouth - Refugee Week

There are two online events for Refugee Week where we look to make our communities more welcoming to those arriving in our country. **13th June from 6-7pm** with Caritas Plymouth and **Tuesday 18th June from 12:30-1pm** to hear from a parish project. Everyone welcome. Registration links can be found on our website <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

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 June.



Ringwood Gardening

Thank you to Peter, Catronia, Phill, Steve and Sue for helping move the soil on Wednesday! The area is looking very good and should be green with grass soon..

Marriage Preparation Courses

Course 1:

We are delivering a Preparing Together Anywhere course before the summer break, beginning in two weeks. This will be delivered via Zoom, over three consecutive Wednesdays (7:30-9:15pm). Although the website states that it is fully booked, we have reserved places for local couples. Please ask couples to phone Marriage Care on 08003893801, asking for the Bournemouth course, and explaining that they are local. (Any problems, ask them to contact us.)

Starting Wednesday 19th June (26th June; 3rd July) - please book asap

Course 2:

In addition, we also thought it would be helpful to highlight a course that we will provide at the beginning of September.

Starting Wednesday 11th September (18th&25th September)

This course is currently not on the Catholic Marriage Care website, as experience has shown us that, once launched, courses are fully booked up within 24 hours. **We would like to be able to prioritise local couples**, if you are requiring marriage preparation, please contact us directly, so that we can reserve places for you before this goes live on the website. (07948516854 or 07342818686)

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

Thank you for your financial support: please, if you can, continue to support your parishes via standing orders. May offerings to Parish bank accounts

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2295	£ 3109
Cash/online	£ 456	£ 395

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@olosfordingbridge.org.uk
 Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details 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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