

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 15th Sunday of the Year

Father Paul writes.....

In our Old Testament reading this weekend, we meet Amos the prophet. Like all prophets, he was called by God and his task was to be sent to the Northern Kingdom of Israel. He lived around 800 years before the birth of Jesus.

During Amos's day, the land we know now as Israel/Palestine was divided into two kingdoms. There was the northern one, called Israel, under King Jeroboam II and the southern one called Judah, under King Uzziah. Under King Solomon, King David's son, the two parts were united but after Solomon's death they split apart.

Amos lived in the Southern Kingdom of Judah at Tekoa, just south of Jerusalem on the border with the Judean desert. He was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees. In the time of Amos, sycamores were fig trees. Amos's job was to prick the fruit on the tree, and this made them grow fatter and sweeter.

At the Lord's command, Amos left his quiet and idyllic life and home to travel north to the shrine at Bethel, where he was to proclaim his prophetic message. There were two shrines in the Northern Kingdom, one was at Dan – now close to the border with Lebanon – and the other was at Bethel. Bethel was the one favoured by King Jeroboam II and was, therefore, the royal sanctuary. Both Bethel and Dan were shrines dedicated to images of golden calves which represented the pagan god Baal. This was clearly against the Law of Moses and the worship practice in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Amos's task was to announce to the king, his priest Amaziah and all the followers of Baal, that they were seriously mistaken in their worship, which they had acquired from surrounding and threatening nations like Assyria. The worship of Baal acted as a kind of insurance policy to keep the potential invading force at bay. Amos met opposition from Amaziah because his message would upset the king and the status quo which he wanted to maintain. At the same time, Amaziah would not have taken seriously a sycamore dresser and shepherd from somewhere south of Jerusalem on the desert border. But Amos was relentless and persevering in his message, condemning as he did, the worship of idols and the exploitation of the poor and the lavish living of the rich, which followed from the worship of Baal.

The question Amos might ask us is this: "What are the false gods which are worshipped in our own time and lead to excessive luxury for the rich and the oppression of the poor?"

Congratulations to Fr. Tom Hiney and Fr. Ambrose Chou, ordained priest for our diocese this weekend and congratulations to Ryan Browne, ordained deacon in Rome on Wednesday last. Ryan is from Bournemouth and attended St. Peter's School in Southbourne.

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)

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| Sunday | July | 14th | 11am | ⊗ | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | ⊗ | Parishioners of Sacred Heart |
| Wednesday | July | 17th | 10am | ⊗ | St. Bonaventure | ⊗ | Holy Souls |
| Friday | July | 19th | 10am | ⊗ | Feria (15th Week in Ordinary Time) | ⊗ | |

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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| Saturday | July | 13th | 6pm | ⊗ | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | ⊗ | |
| Sunday | July | 14th | 9am | ⊗ | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | ⊗ | Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Tuesday | July | 16th | 10am | ⊗ | Our Lady of Mount Carmel | ⊗ | |
| Thursday | July | 18th | 10am | ⊗ | Feria (15th 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 ✠

Bridie Paley

Funeral Mass on Wednesday 24th July
at 11.30
at Sacred Heart Church

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: – Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial: Psalm 84:9-14

R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: John 6:63, 68



Ringwood - Wednesday 31st July after 10am Mass
Fordingbridge – Tuesday 6th August after 10am Mass



Second Collections:

Sea Sunday

Sunday 14th July (mandatory):

There will be a Second Collection on the weekend of 13th and 14th July to mark Sea Sunday. Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic Church's maritime charity.

Seafarers and fishermen play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. This year Sea Sunday is Sunday 14 July, a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishermen and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives.

Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country and across the world: but they cannot do it without your support.

This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishermen get the support they need. The link to the online donation page for newsletters is Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday) Second Collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate—www.donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea-sea-sunday-second-collection-2024



FORDINGBRIDGE 'BOOKSHOP' Ready for some Summer reading?

The little book shelves in the Fordingbridge Hall have been refreshed with some novels to suit all tastes from 'Cosy Crimes' and spiffing yarns to more academic reads.

Only 50p to read one – pop in the pot on the adjacent table; proceeds to church funds.

If you have any good novels (non-fiction) in 'As New' condition, perhaps you could bring them in for others to read? Regret, no factual books as these just don't get taken up and are removed and taken to a charity shop - or worse!

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.



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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Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

FREE FILM NIGHT
FREE SHOWING EACH MONTH
7:30PM ARRIVAL * SHOW STARTS 8PM
DRINKS & SNACKS SERVED

VENUE:
FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN HALL
63 HIGH ST, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 1AS

The CHOSEN

Friday 29 March "Shabbat" @11:45 am after Walk of Witness
Saturday 20 April "Jesus loves the little children"
Saturday 18 May "The Rock on which it is built"
Saturday 8 June "The Wedding Gift"
Saturday 13 July "Indescribable Compassion"
Saturday 21 September "Invitations"
Saturday 12 October "I am He"
Saturday 18 November "Christmas Special"

BOOK FREE TICKET ONLINE
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/RENEWAL
OR POP IN AND COLLECT AT
THE BRANCH, 1 HIGH STREET OR AVMC 4TH HIGH STREET, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1AS

CHURCHES USE THEIR WISDOM TOGETHER TO TRANSFORM DISTRICTS

Catch up online at thechosen.tv

This Saturday is the next film!

MINI-RETREAT FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL
27th JULY 10.00-1.00 ON ZOOM

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Going deeper in Praise, Worship and Prayer

MAIN TALK BY ROS POWELL

Mass; Adoration; Prophecy; Praise & Worship; Prayer; Inspiring Talk
Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024
More information from www.altonrenewal.com



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 July.

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

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| SO | £ awaiting | £ 3014 |
| Cash/online | £ awaiting | £ 383 |

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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