

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux
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The 6th Sunday of the Year Father Paul writes.....

This coming Wednesday, the 14th of February, is not only Valentine's Day, it is also Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Mass will be celebrated in Ringwood at 10.00am and in Fordingbridge at 6.00pm. Ashes will be distributed. The words which accompany the imposition of ashes on our foreheads, set the pattern for our Lenten practice. "Remember you are dust and to dust you will return". The ash comes as a reminder that it is the gift of God which makes us what we are. Without God's love and Spirit, we would be dust and ashes. Because God is love, life brings an invitation to grow towards the fullness of life and humanity which God offers.

Lent is a gift. A time in which to review the way we live under the guidance of the Gospel. This means entering the experience of each day with a love, gratitude and humility which copies the example of Jesus.

Matthew's Gospel narrative for Ash Wednesday gives us three areas to help us on the Lenten journey. Jesus speaks first of almsgiving. I understand this to be about how we use our gifts, and it is also about works of charity. It is about relationships, and how we live them. Do we pour love into our dealings with others or are there less admirable motives? Jesus asks us to consider our prayer. Is prayer a priority for us each day? Do we see prayer as about time spent in our relationship with God? Are there ways in which I can change or develop my way of praying?

Jesus seems to take it for granted that there will be an element of fasting or self-denial in the lives of his disciples. There will be questions emerging for all of us from this. Is self-denial part of my life as a Christian? Do I see self-denial as something I do out of love for Jesus and for others? Are there things I do which would be better stopped or reduced in number? Are there things I consume which do not promote my well being or that of others? Are there things or experiences on which I have become too dependent?

New Catholics – For those becoming Catholics, Lent is an important time. As for all of us, it is a time to reflect on the meaning of Baptism in preparation for the renewal of our baptismal commitment at Easter. Please pray for David Price and Felicity Allegri who will attend the Rite of Election next Saturday in Portsmouth. Bishop Philip will call and choose them for reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church and give me permission to welcome them and confirm them at the Easter Vigil.

40 years ago, on the 11th February 1984 in Windsor, I was ordained by Bishop Anthony Emery. Six parishes later, here I am in Ringwood and Fordingbridge. Thanks for everyone's good wishes and prayers.

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

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	February	11th	11am	⊗	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	William Adams
Wednesday	February	14th	10am	⊗	Ash Wednesday	⊗	Holy Souls
Friday	February	16th	11am	⊗	after Ash Wednesday	⊗	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	February	10th	6pm	⊗	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	
Sunday	February	11th	9am	⊗	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	Mike Kerrigan RIP
Tuesday	February	13th	10am	⊗	Feria (6th Week in Ordinary Time)	⊗	
Wednesday	February	14th	6pm	⊗	Ash Wednesday	⊗	
Thursday	February	15th	10am	⊗	after Ash Wednesday	⊗	

Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Confession times: Confession will be available at 5.30pm on Saturdays in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood confession is available after Mass or by appointment.

Save the date!
Suggested donation - £8
A Little Trite Music
Saturday 16th March from 7.30pm
Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall, Fordingbridge, featuring
Phatt Larry's Big Roll Band
An evening of fun music in aid of the Poitiers Project,
supporting local families in need
Licensed bar

Would you like to help with this event? Contact Larry Bartel at:
lawrencebartel@yahoo.co.uk

Stations of the Cross:

On each Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 11.30am followed by a Lenten Lunch. This will happen in both Ringwood and Fordingbridge. In Ringwood, the Stations will begin immediately after the 11.00am Mass.




Ringwood - Wednesday 28th February after 10am Mass
Fordingbridge - Tuesday 5th March after 10am Mass



Children's Liturgy

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

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

 There will be homemade marmalade for sale in aid of CAFOD from this weekend in the hall at Fordingbridge..



Walk 200K in 40 days to help fight global poverty.

cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk

Friendship Group Sacred Heart

Meetings on Wednesdays after 10am Mass. We look forward to seeing you for a coffee and a chat.

.- Barbara



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: – Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial: Psalms 31:1-2, 5,11

R. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: First Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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 February.

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

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Our daily Lent emails of prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Easter.

Join us as we journey through the Lent with our global family. Sign up to receive daily email reflections <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

'THE CHOSEN'

If you haven't heard of The Chosen, it is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel.

It is based on the true stories of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. All the bible and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures.

'Come and See', a charity which has started working with The Chosen, aims to reach 95% of the world by helping translate The Chosen into 600 languages.

It is an ambitious project to bring an experience with Jesus to the ends of the earth. Pat Bloomfield said 'wouldn't it be wonderful to show The Chosen in Fordingbridge Town Hall, so that the people of FB would have a chance to see it?' The Churches Together group are invited to support this project in the planning, physically and/or financially. Pat says, 'The idea will not get off the ground without help!

If you feel you could offer something, or would like to find out more, please contact Pat who will happily discuss it all with you.

Pat Bloomfield

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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. December offerings to Parish bank accounts

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2068	£ 2846
Cash/Env	£ 762	£ 550
DONA	£ 186	£ 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