

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux
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Fifth Sunday of Lent Father Paul writes.....

This weekend, we listen to the last of the three Gospels from St. John in Cycle A. The narrative is the beautiful Gospel of the return of Lazarus to life. There is no doubt that Lazarus had died and was buried. His tomb can still be visited on the Palestinian side of the Mount of Olives, separated from Jerusalem by the wall. Jesus brought Lazarus back from death, revealing in no uncertain terms, his power as God. Yet, the religious authorities denied that Jesus was from God and they plotted therefore to have him executed.

As Bishop Philip reminds us in this weekend's Pastoral Letter, this Sunday launches us into the final two weeks of Lent. During this time, we focus on the events leading to the Lord's death and resurrection. It is that death and resurrection, and our share in it through Baptism, that we celebrate during the Easter Triduum. The three days of the Triduum include Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday culminating with the Easter Vigil. This is when Felicity Allegri and David Price will be welcomed into the Church.

There is only one Triduum this year and it will be at Fordingbridge. Since my arrival here, I have tried to give both Fordingbridge and Ringwood an experience of the Triduum. Now I have decided to make the Triduum a single liturgy in which Fordingbridge and Ringwood can combine the necessary resources. This is expected by the Church in cases like ours when parishes are small and there is only one priest. I hope having a single celebration for two parishes will ensure a good attendance and the availability of readers, singers, musicians, welcomers and the provision of hospitality.

Please do all you can to attend the Easter Triduum and to support our two candidates for reception into the Church.

Cyril Hughes – Please pray for Cyril Hughes who died on Tuesday. Cyril was well known to the people of Ringwood as an Altar Server for many years. May he rest in peace.

Copies of the Bishop's letter will be available to take home.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available at the normal times and in Fordingbridge on **Saturday 16th March between 11.00am and 12.00 noon** and in Ringwood on **Saturday 23rd March between 11.00am and 12 noon**. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on both occasions. Canon Peter Wilkie is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Allenbrook Care Home at 34, Station Road, Fordingbridge. He is available during daylight hours.



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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	March	17th	11am	⊗	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	⊗	Holy Souls/ Baptism of Jacob Ryan Kolkev
Wednesday	March	20th	10am	⊗	<i>of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	⊗	Phyllis Stearns RIP
Friday	March	22nd	11am	⊗	<i>of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	⊗	People of Ringwood Parish

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Saturday	March	16th	6pm	⊗	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	⊗	
Sunday	March	17th	9am	⊗	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	⊗	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	March	19th	10am	⊗	<i>St. Joseph</i>	⊗	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	March	21st	10am	⊗	<i>of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	⊗	Private intention

The **Easter Triduum**: The arrangements for the Easter Triduum this year for the two parishes will be as follows: **All celebrations to be at Fordingbridge.** Holy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper: **7.00pm**, Good Friday – The Lord's Passion: **at 3.00pm**, The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter – **at 7.30pm**. If you would like transport to Fordingbridge from Ringwood, please see below for more information.

✠ Don't Forget! Stations of the Cross this Friday

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 10.45am Mass.**



Welcome to Jacob Ryan Klokov who will be baptised during Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday 17 March. May God bless this child with His love and grace, today and always.



Easter Triduum Rides

If you are planning to attend any or all of the services of Easter (Thursday, Friday or Saturday) in Fordingbridge and are prepared to give a lift to one or more please let David Saunders know (01425 480052). Also, if you would like a lift to Fordingbridge please let David know. Initially, it is expected that lifts will be given from the Church in Ringwood 20 or 25 minutes before Service times. Any particular requirements/details can be discussed in advance.



Ringwood - Wednesday 24th April after 10am Mass
Fordingbridge – Tuesday 2nd April after 10am Mass

† Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed †

Ronald Tavener

Funeral Mass at
Sacred Heart on
27th March 2024 at 10:00am

St. Mary's Church Bells Date Change

You can now learn more about the bells at St. Mary's Church, Fordingbridge on **Thursday 21 March at 7.30pm**. The bells in St. Mary's Church, are rather special. Would you like to know more? If you join us you will learn about church bells and bell ringing, watch the bells being rung if you can manage the stairs to the ringing chamber, but wherever you are in the church listen to the bell ringers at work.

If you would like to attend please let John Elliott know via jelliott@btinternet.com as soon as possible as places are limited. This is a free event: there is no charge.

Second Collection—The Clergy Assistance Fund

This fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team, responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. The team organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals. It looks after the junior clergy, the overseas clergy and especially the retired clergy.

Counters Needed for Fordingbridge

We are in need of new counters at Fordingbridge. You would be needed to count about once a month. If we have enough people then possibly even less. If you are interested please contact Melissa at the office: Shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.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 March.

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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Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk
Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above



Carvers Clubhouse are hosting a couple of events for families at Easter + in the Summer and have invited us, to get involved.

The Easter one is 11am to 3pm on Fri 5th April on Carvers Field.

As churches we're looking to help with bouncy castles, squash, craft, chatting and the Inter-school STARF Cup.

It's a great opportunity to put our faith into action.

Can you volunteer for an hour or even the whole day?

Sign up at <https://poulnerbaptistchapel.churchsuite.com/forms/ff67vg4r> or contact your church leader.

We'll be meeting to pray about the event on Wed 13th Mar 6.30—7pm at Poulner Baptist Chapel building.

For more details contact: psc-office@poulnerchapel.org.uk 01425 473388

† Good Friday Stations of the Cross in Ringwood

Sacred Heart has invited all the congregations within Churches Together Ringwood to come on Good Friday 29 March to the Stations of the Cross at 11.30, particularly for those who cannot manage the 'Walk of Witness'. Please join us on that day.



Red Box Holders

Please bring your full Red Boxes to church anytime over the coming month of March and leave them with Father Paul. John Walter is aiming to return the boxes to you by the first week in April. You will be able to pick up your empty box from the church porches.

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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2258	£ awaiting
Cash/Env	£ 621	£ awaiting
DONA/online	£ 144	£ awaiting

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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