

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
15 Salisbury Road
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The 5th Sunday of Easter

Father Paul writes....

Our Gospel this weekend reminds us of Jesus's words that he is the vine, and we are the branches. As the Gospel narrative unfolds Jesus makes clear that this vine depends on us to bear fruit. In fact, Jesus speaks of "much fruit".

The mention of fruit and our part in bringing about a harvest leads us directly into our mission and work. Each of us has an indispensable part to play in the work of Jesus and of the Church which is to proclaim the message that God loves every person. For each person with whom we engage, we are enabled by virtue of our Baptism, to reveal the presence and action of the risen Jesus. We do this through the depth and quality of our love, our attentiveness, our readiness to listen, our generosity, our forgiveness and our welcome and respect. It is also for us to be conscious of the fact that it is for us to fan the flame of faith in each person who shares our lives.

Faith and hope in God, which comes from an awareness that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, is a gift which we share with others. In fact, each of us will draw strength and encouragement in the living out of our faith from the example of the prayer and trusting commitment of the people of faith around us. While faith in God is immensely personal, that same faith is supported by seeing the faith of others. After all we are all branches of the same vine.

Coming together at Mass, Sunday by Sunday, is a precious moment when we can share faith and the events of our daily lives with others. Coming together to praise God and to give thanks will always involve communication and conversation. That is why the gathering before Mass and perhaps during coffee after Mass is so important. The communication may be a simple greeting or perhaps the more extended sharing of a faith experience, a prayer, or a significant life event. All of this is about being part of a Christian faith community.

Much of the communication and sharing may well happen before Mass in the church, or perhaps, afterwards. At the same time, it is important to remember the tradition and practice which is to have some moments of silent prayer before Mass begins. Our conversations with others in church should really conclude five minutes before Mass begins in order to provide some time for silence and recollection. Such a time of silence proclaims the importance and solemn significance of the celebration of Mass for each of us.

It is in those moments of silence before and during Mass that God speaks to our hearts.

Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

Both our churches are open daily for prayer

Sacred Heart, Ringwood

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/JCFTmHlkg-4M7rTwOB-Wxysw> or search on YouTube for Catholic Parishes of Ringwood and Fordingbridge

(All masses livestreamed at this link unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	April	28th	11am	✘	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Wednesday	May	1st	10am	✘	<i>of the 5th Week of Easter</i>	✘	
Friday	May	3rd	10am	✘	<i>Ss Philip and James</i>	✘	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	April	27th	6pm	✘	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	
Sunday	April	28th	9am	✘	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	April	30th	10am	✘	<i>of the 5th Week of Easter</i>	✘	
Thursday	May	2nd	10am	✘	<i>of the 5th Week of Easter</i>	✘	

Confessions will be available on Saturdays at 5.30 in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood before and after the Wednesday Mass.



Quiz Night for Bee Against Poverty Zambia

This year the quiz night proceeds will be for an orphanage project in Kitwe Zambia. Quiz will be held at the United Reformed Church in Fordingbridge on 10 May from 8 to 10.30. Our Lady of Sorrows has been invited to gather a team. It would be £12 for a team of 6. If you are interested in going please email Melissa at shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Keyboard Player Need in Ringwood

Do you play a keyboard? Might you be willing to play at 11 am Mass on Sundays in Ringwood?

Peter, our organist, is not as young as he used to be and would welcome some help to provide accompaniment to our singing. If you are willing to give it a try please tell Peter, Fr Paul, Anthony or David.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is on Tuesdays at 7pm and it lasts about 40-50 minutes. We spend some reflective time listening to a piece of scripture and discerning what it is saying to each one of us individually. It is not 'Bible Study' but a gentle yet profound way of enabling a conversation with God.

It takes place using Zoom so is open to you literally anywhere you live. If you would like to join or just try it, do contact either Barbara at bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk or Maria at maricarmen@murraybrown.uk who will be able to give you the Zoom code.



Loaves and Fishes

Our Facebook group is a great way of keeping in touch with other parishioners. Ask to join here:

<https://www.facebook.com/1397210003927764/>



Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed

The Reception of the Coffin of Canon Peter Wilkie will be on Thursday 16 May at 10am followed by Mass.

The Vigil funeral Mass on Thursday 16 May at 6pm.

Canon Peter Wilkie's funeral will be on **Friday 17 May at 11am** in Our Lady of Sorrows and St, Philip Benizi.

A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session Saturday 4th May to learn more.

Poulner Baptist Church have been contacted by a 52 year old Pastor in Ukraine who, due to the military actions in Ukraine is looking for a place to move to with his wife and their 10 year old daughter and a Christian friend with their 14 year old son. They want to use the Home for Ukrainians program <https://homesforukraine.org.uk/find-a-sponsor/> but want to find a Christian sponsor. All they require is two rooms for 6-8 months, in which they hope that this time will be enough for them to learn spoken English and find a job.

Could you help them in this need? or know of anyone who might be able to? If so, please do get in contact with Owen Griffith on loveukraine.ringwood@gmail.com for more information on how the scheme and process works.

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 May.

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
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Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

WHO I AM
New Life CHOIR
Live on Tour
Abaana is bringing hope to children in Africa!
20 CHILDREN have travelled from Uganda to share their stories through song and dance
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
67 PUREWELL
BH23 1EH
MONDAY 29 APRIL AT 7PM
Come along and hear their **AMAZING STORY!**
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Twitter: www.twitter.com/Abaana
Instagram: www.instagram.com/AbaanaMission
Date: 29 April 2019

Plant Sale after Mass
Sundays 19th & 26th May
Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge and Sacred Heart Ringwood
Summer bedding plants, flowering perennials, shrubs from cuttings and some vegetables
All grown on at home in Dorset
All donations go to CAFOD

Mission Mass : Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries invite everyone to celebrate a special Mass for Mission at St Theresa's Church Beaumont Road, Totton SO40 3AL .On **Wednesday 8 May at 7pm**. Come and hear how the Red Box is supporting our global Catholic community through donations and prayerful support. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Newsletter announcement for CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



You can also text Text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

Modern Slavery Talk

Caritas Plymouth has invited people in our diocese interested in learning more about **modern slavery**, particularly in the care sector to an event they are holding in Poole on **30th April**. There are some great speakers from the Medaille Trust and Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority. Event runs from 10:30-12:30 in the church hall of St Marys Catholic Church, 211A Wimborne Road, Poole, BH15 2EG. Please register beforehand at <https://forms.office.com/e/zUCKyENMNH>

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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2313	£ 2786
Cash	£ 579	£ 869
DONA/online	£ 180	£ 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

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