

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux
The Close
Ringwood BH24 1LA

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Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

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

Father Paul writes.....

Our Old Testament reading this Sunday is from the Prophet Ezekiel who was born in about 623 before Christ. He was a priest as well and was in exile along with the people from Israel who had been deported to Babylon. The reading describes the call of Ezekiel by the Lord, and his task was to proclaim the Word of God. In other words, he was to tell the people how God saw things because the work of a prophet was to see the world and events in the same way.

His people, to whom he had to announce a message of change and repentance, were 'defiant and obstinate'; they were 'hard-hearted'. He was unlikely to receive a sympathetic hearing as the Lord indicated when he said, "Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them".

Ezekiel and all the prophets often proclaimed a message that people did not want to hear because it invited them to change and to conversion. The minds of their hearers were closed, or they somehow did not catch the significance of the message for them. How often is that true of us? How often do we resist truths that prompt us to change our ways? How often are we afraid of 'prophetic messages' that uncover aspects of ourselves with which we are uncomfortable, and which we need to change?

Ezekiel experienced resistance to his message as did Jesus. We see and hear Jesus today in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. The people knew him and had known him since childhood. They knew he was a carpenter and knew his brothers and sisters, which was a way of describing his cousins and close relatives. They knew his reputation as one who taught, worked miracles and yet they would not accept him. They knew him too well and he was too familiar. Like Ezekiel, they could not accept him or his prophetic, in fact divine, message.

The challenge to change or the invitation to hear God's invitation speaking in our hearts, more often than not, comes in the familiar and day to day, in the ordinariness of life. We are invited to treasure the ordinary and familiar and the immediacy of relationships because God became human in Jesus, and it is our humanity in its ordinariness which connects us with God and all that is holy. As St. Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is women and men fully alive".

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	July	7th	11am	✘	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Alfred and Dorothy Squire RIP
Wednesday	July	10th	10am	✘	Feria (14th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	Holy Souls
Friday	July	12th	10am	✘	Feria (14th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	Holy Souls

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	July	6th	6pm	✘	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Stella and Michael Pierce
Sunday	July	7th	9am	✘	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	People of OLS Parish/Baptism Melisandra Oleghe
Tuesday	July	9th	10am	✘	Feria (14th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	July	11th	10am	✘	St. Benedict	✘	Liturgy of the Word

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



Welcome to Melisandra Imhitseme Eshiofune Oleghe who will be baptised during Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows on Sunday 7 July. May God bless this child with His love and grace, today and always.

† Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed †

Bridie Paley

Funeral Mass on Wednesday 24th July

at 11.30

at Sacred Heart Church



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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: – Ezekiel 2:2-5

Responsorial: Psalm 122(123)

R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6



Public Speaking in Church. Join our online training, learn tips and build your confidence

CAFOD are offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation. To register use the QR code to the left with your mobile phone camera. Date and time: Saturday 13 July, 11am-12pm and Tuesday 16 July, 7pm-8pm.



Joint Parish Walk

The next Joint Parish Walk will be on Saturday 6 July. It will be a stroll, not a route march and take a little over an hour. We will meet at the Rockford Common car park (map ref 163083) at 2.30. Lifts from Ringwood Church at 2.20. Dogs welcome with well-behaved owners. Questions to David 01425 480052.

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.



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.

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

Tel: 01425 653131 Email: ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: safeguarding@olofordingbridge.org.uk

Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

JOB VACANCY - Finance Officer

(Part-time, 6 hours per week)

Trinity United Church, Ringwood runs two busy Centres which are much in demand for community group hiring. We need a well organised Finance Officer to help with the smooth running of the finances and administration of our Centres and all aspects of church financial activity. Applicants must be sympathetic towards the aims, objectives and ethos of a Christian work environment.

We need someone who can use all our software solutions, and in particular Quickbooks, to prepare accounts and invoices and payroll.

A friendly, welcoming, personality will be essential in our busy reception office. Plus options to work from home. Part time, 6 hours a week.

Application forms and further details available from:

Kevin May

Email: kevinmay4@aol.com

Closing date for applications: end of working day, Thursday 11th July 2024

JOB VACANCY - COOK

MONDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

Trinity United Church requires a cook to provide lunches for approximately 40 people attending our Monday Community Lunch Club.

We provide a simple two-course lunch to a group of mainly retired people who come along for the friendly atmosphere, and who pay a moderate price for simple, wholesome, traditional fare. We are open almost every week of the year.

The Cook will be employed on a contract basis as a self-employed person providing a defined number of services.

I am unable to publish all the details due to space. Please contact shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for all the details

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. May offerings to Parish bank accounts

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
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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