

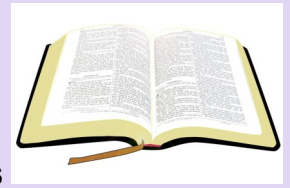
The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux
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The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Paul writes.....



The 'Ministry of Reader' at Mass is a crucial one. The Church teaches that when the scripture is proclaimed at Mass, either in the readings or in the psalm, Jesus himself is present and is speaking to us. The readers make available to us the 'real' presence of Jesus's word to us.

A monk I once knew, Dom Romuald Simpson OSB, who has sadly died, once offered a beautiful image of the reader's task. He suggested that the scripture proclaimed during Mass is like a precious Ming vase, that is priceless. The work of the Ministry of Lector (Reader) is to throw the Ming vase in such a way that the person to whom it is thrown is able to catch it.

Dom Romuald's image describes the task of proclamation. Proclamation requires a number of elements in preparation. The first has to be prayer using the scripture to be proclaimed as a basis. Then some work on each passage so that its context, historical background and spiritual significance can be appreciated.

By way of supporting Lectors in their work, Fr. Anthony Fyk, the diocesan Director of Liturgy, will run a training day for all involved in the Ministry of Reader and those who would like to be readers.

The day will be held at St. Bede's Basingstoke on Saturday 19th October between 10.30am and 2.00pm. Anyone wishing to attend should email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

A big 'thank you' to all our readers.

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	September 15th	11am	✘	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Daphne Bennett RIP
Wednesday	September 18th	10am	✘	Feria (24th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	John Travers RIP
Friday	September 20th	10am	✘	of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time	✘	Holy Souls

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	September 14th	6pm	✘	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Cynthia McCarthy RIP
Sunday	September 15th	9am	✘	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Helen & Bill Eales 55th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday	September 17th	10am	✘	St. Hildegard of Bingen	✘	Basham Family Deceased
Thursday	September 19th	10am	✘	Feria (24th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	Liturgy of the Word

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



Ringwood - Wednesday 25th September after 10am Mass
Fordingbridge – Tuesday 8th October after 10am Mass



Children's Liturgy starts again at Fordingbridge on this Sunday the 15th September.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: – Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial: Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: John 14:6

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**Barn Dance - Our Lady of Sorrows,
Saturday 16th October**
Supporting Father Paul's Bell Appeal

Please join us on 16th October for an evening of music and dancing (purely discretionary!) in the company of the fabulous Foyle Quartet. Jackie and Jonny Foyle generously presented the music for Father Paul's recent 40th anniversary celebrations. They also form half of a highly accomplished Ceiligh band and are specialists at gently introducing people - experienced and absolute beginners—to the wacky world of barn dancing.

Tickets are £8 - or whatever you wish to donate. As ever, there will be a reasonable bar serving drinks and light snacks. All the proceeds from this event will contribute to the current church bell restoration appeal.

We will also run a raffle (if you're feeling especially generous we would absolutely welcome donations for it).

As Father Paul always emphasises, the main purpose of all our events is to bring our parish communities together. We will be delighted to see you and promise a very fun evening in return for your support.

Tickets will shortly be on sale after Masses. As it's a barn dance the capacity will be lower than usual. To secure your tickets in advance please email lawrencebartel@yahoo.co.uk.

Parish Pastoral Committee

THE CHOSEN—Free Film Night

Fordingbridge Town Hall doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Next showing Saturday 21 September "Invitations"

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 September.

CAFOD CURLING EVENING

The CAFOD group would like to thank everyone who came to the Curling at Fordingbridge Hall and helped to make it such a fun evening for everyone last Saturday. Final accounting is yet to be completed but it will be over £500 that was raised for which CAFOD will be very grateful.

The Maronite Christians in the Holy Land,

Sun 20 Oct 3pm-5pm, St Thomas More RC lford.

Tickets: £7 per person/£10 per family; booking (required): ticketsource.co.uk

Organised by the Bournemouth Ordinariate Mission in collaboration with the Guildford & District Knights of St Columba and Maronites in the Holy Land, this event offers a rare opportunity to explore the rich history of Maronite Christianity and its ancient liturgies in Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ. Expert speakers, appearing both in person and via live video link from the Holy Land, will provide valuable insights into the Maronites' current status and practices in the region. A special highlight will be a presentation on the Aramaic Centre in the Galilee. Please don't miss this insightful afternoon of history, faith, and cultural exploration!



STARF (Stronger Together Across Ringwood & Fordingbridge) www.starf.uk Update

A Debt counsellor has been hired and in 6 months has helped source £34k in Government Grants for families in need. Your support has also provided 3 mental health counsellors in schools for children struggling with mental issues, they are much needed. **Please pray for them in their work**



Friendship Group Sacred Heart

The group is back to its regular Wednesday meeting in the House after Mass. We would love to see you there.

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

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	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2473	£ 2778
Cash/online	£ 643	£ 355

Fordingbridge and Ringwood Contact Details

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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: lford 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

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