

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux
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The 28th Sunday of the Year

Father Paul writes.....

Close attention to the Gospel narrative for this Sunday will reveal an interesting addition that Jesus makes to the Ten Commandments. In response to the wealthy man who came to Jesus with his request about inheriting eternal life, Jesus reminded him about keeping the Ten Commandments and inserts a commandment that was not one of the original ten. Why did Jesus do that?

The additional commandment was "You must not defraud". The man, we are told, was wealthy which meant that he was a landowner with people, and possible slaves, under his command. The implication was that the wealthy man was not always scrupulously fair about how he rewarded those who worked for him. The idea that he should use his wealth for the good of others, especially the poor, was too much for him, and he went away sad from Jesus.

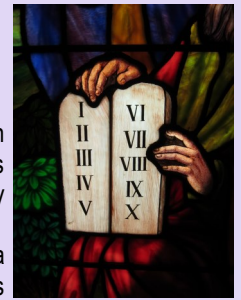
For Jesus to make an addition to the Ten Commandments indicates that the addition for Jesus pointed to a serious issue. In our own time and our own situations, Jesus's commandment not to defraud, confronts us with a question which runs like a thread through the scriptures: Do we use our wealth and the many gifts we receive from God guided by love for others? Perhaps that is a question we might continually be asking ourselves in prayer and in the daily 'examen' of our lives. The danger, as our readings point out, is that our possessions and financial resources can become an obstacle to our growth as human beings, and the effectiveness of our Christian mission.

The disciples were astounded by Jesus's words perhaps we might be as well: "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?" In fact, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. Since it is impossible for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, the clarity of Jesus's words and image encourages us to be careful about whether or not we put the gifts and resources we have to good use.

Today's Gospel narrative provides a clear example of how the word of God is alive and active and cuts like a double-edged sword but more finely as our reading from Hebrews tells us today. The word of God, which is proclaimed by the reader and priest at Mass, cuts deeply into those areas of our lives which need to change and to be shaped by love and compassion.

Mention of readers, reminds me of the day of formation for readers to be run by Fr. Anthony Fyk: Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy Formation, is running a formation day for readers on Saturday 19th October from 10.30 am to 2 pm. This will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke.

Thanks for all those who are planning to attend from Ringwood and Fordingbridge. I know that several people are going. Anyone who wishes to go and would like a lift should contact me: ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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	October	13th	11am	✘	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Sheila Atha RIP
Wednesday	October	16th	10am	✘	Feria (28 th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Friday	October	18th	10am	✘	St. Luke	✘	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	October	12th	6pm	✘	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Dominic Thorp RIP
Sunday	October	15th	9am	✘	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Mary Nelson RIP
Tuesday	October	17th	10am	✘	St. Teresa of Avila	✘	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	October	10th	10am	✘	St. Ignatius of Antioch	✘	Liturgy of the Word

Confessions will be available on Saturdays at 5.30 in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood before and after the Wednesday Mass. If there is no Mass there will be no confession.

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers, Sheila Atha. Sheila died this week at home in Leeds. Sheila was the secretary in and, more recently, the sacristan at Sacred Heart and St. Therese of . Sheila was a generous supporter of the parish and of the parish priest. May she rest in peace.

OCTOBER ROSARY for PEACE

20 Minutes before Mass or liturgy every Thursday during October, the month of Mary, please join us for a Rosary for Peace. There is always a friendly gathering after Thursday Masses too with a cup of coffee and a biscuit to which you are welcome.



URGENT NOTICE

Barn Dance – 12th October

Please be advised that the barn dance scheduled for Saturday 12th October has been cancelled. Two members of the ceilidh band due to play at the event have contracted Covid 19, leaving us with no alternative but to cancel.

I am very sorry, especially given so many people had purchased tickets for this event, contributed prize draw items and made donations to the Bell Appeal.

I will be available after all Masses this weekend to reimburse those who have purchased tickets. If I miss you at Mass please contact Melissa at the Parish Office during her working hours (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and she will refund your money.

With sincere apologies, Larry Bartel



'Go and invite everyone to the banquet!' cf. Matthew 22:9
Sunday 13 October – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible. For those of you with red Missio boxes please bring them next week to leave in the church for collection.



Friendship Group Sacred Heart

Meeting regularly on Wednesdays after Mass in the House. We would love to see you there.

Help for Ukraine Saturday 12 October 2024

Volunteers and members of Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club will be travelling down to the warehouse of New Forest For Ukraine (NFFU) in Lymington on the morning of Saturday 12 October to help package boxes of aid destined for war torn Ukraine. If you, or someone you know, can spare a few hours that morning and would like to help out or alternatively if you would like to donate items to send to Ukraine then please contact Steve on 07341275176 or by email at steve.sherring@randflions.org.uk. Limited transport is available from the Ringwood area on the Saturday Morning and any items you wish to donate can be collected.

As winter is fast approaching families will be in need of warm clothing, clean blankets, duvets, pillows, footwear, hot water bottles, sleeping bags, portable gas cookers, toiletries, food, medical equipment, and supplies. A comprehensive list can be found on the NFFU website at www.newforestforukraine.co.uk and there are collection points available throughout the New Forest area.

The Maronite Christians in the Holy Land,

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

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!

CAFOD Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at cafod.org.uk/harvest

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 October.



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/>

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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Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

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

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	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2244	£ awaiting
Cash/online	£ 990	£ 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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