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The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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Seventh Sunday of Easter 13th May 2018

(Year B, weekday cycle 1, Office week 3)

Canon Paul writes:

Today is a day of waiting and expectation. Last Thursday, we celebrated the great Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus, which is his return to the Father. When he spoke about that return, he said that we should not be downhearted because he would return so as to be very close to us. Closer to each of us than we are to ourselves or one another. That closeness is the gift of the Holy Spirit, whose coming we will celebrate next Sunday at Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit brings us gifts which enable us to grow, through grace, in holiness, in humanity and in charity. A crucial aspect of holiness and being faithful to Jesus is unity. So, Jesus prays today "Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be *one* like us". To cooperate with the gifts of the Holy Spirit is to grow in the harmony, reconciliation and unity which is the way to the fullness of life because it is the essential nature of God in whose image we are created. Being 'one' as God is one, is about balance and harmony in our personal life; it is about doing all we can to work and live in partnership and peace in our relationships and it is about working together with other Christians to show that we are 'one in Christ' in our witness to him. At the moment, that work for Christian Unity is marked by our working together in the "Love Ringwood or Love SP6" project.

Appropriately, today is Communications Sunday when we pray for the work of those involved in all communications and are invited to support those involved in communications work in the Catholic Church. Communications is all about unity and being 'one' as the Trinity is one.

The Holy Spirit brings the gift of holiness about which Pope Francis says: "To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from the ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment to with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your wife or husband, as Christ does for his Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain." (Gaudete et Exsultate 14) (PJT)

Masses and Liturgies for the Week 12th April to 19th May 2018



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



Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Philip Benizi
SP6 1EG

The Sacred Heart, Ringwood

Sun 13th 11.00am Mass
Mon 14th 9.45am Holy Rosary
10.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Wed 16th 10.00am Mass
Fri 18th 10.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Sorry no Mass on Friday but please join us for Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

Sat 12th 6.00pm Vigil Mass O'Keefe Family
Sun 13th 9.00am Mass People of the Parish
Tues 15th 10.00am Mass Michael Murphy RIP
Thurs 17th 10.00am Mass
Sat 19th 6.00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish

Sacrament of Penance or Confession - Saturday 11-11.30 Fordingbridge, 12-12.30 Ringwood

RINGWOOD MUSIC : Ent. –37 Off. –524 Comm – 346 Final - 602
PSALM My soul give thanks to the Lord, and bless his holy name

The Parish office will be open for enquiries at Ringwood on Fridays between 9am and 12pm,
Fordingbridge on Tuesdays between 9am and 12pm.
Please arrange Mass intentions with Natalie through the Parish Office

Second Collections
13th May - World Communications
20th May - St Johns Seminary

***Welcome to Worship* *THIS TUESDAY 15th May**

You are invited to join us first for a meal of **PIZZA & SALAD, DOUGHNUTS & FRUIT** in St Joseph's Parish Centre from **6.15pm**. Then we move into the church for the main event from **7.00-8.45pm**, followed by refreshments and another chance to mingle.

Welcome to Worship is our termly evening of uplifting singing, music, Scripture, short talk and choice of ways to respond quietly in prayer and reflection. Our theme this time is **"You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"** (Acts 2:38), preparing us to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost the following Sunday.

This is a great event for anyone aged 10-100 and an ideal opportunity to invite someone from another Christian church, a teenager or a friend who is struggling with their faith to come with you.

For more information contact Richard rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 07990 826934

****HELP NEEDED ON TUESDAY MORNING****

Can you help move chairs, tables and generally help Richard set up for "Welcome to Worship" this Tuesday at 11am in St Joseph's Church (even if it's just for a short time), please? If so, please let Richard know rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 07990 826934. Many thanks.



SPRING PLANT 'BRING AND BUY' SALES

This Sunday we have a plant sale after Masses at both Ringwood and at Fordingbridge, there will be a CAFOD plant sale. Seedlings, divided perennials, cuttings, all welcome. Are you ready for a change? Fill up that bare bit of bedding in your garden or pot up a window box or planter.

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on the 25th May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese in conjunction with parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.

RINGWOOD NEWS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RINGWOOD are organising a 'Love Ringwood' weekend from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th June. It is inspired by the national HOPE 18 campaign to see every church increase its members by 10%. There will be various events around the town but based outside the gateway. Help is needed to -

Give out flyers about the activities

Make cakes etc for the café (outside the gateway)

Litter clearing

Talking to people about the 'Try Praying' initiative

If you think you can help please give your name to either Dorothy Brown, Margaret Pointon or Canon Paul.

FORDINGBRIDGE NEWS

Parish Coordination Committee (PCC)

On Thursday 19th April Canon Paul confirmed in Fordingbridge the formation of a Parish Coordination Committee (PCC) This involved the combination of the Local Pastoral Council (LPC) and the Finance Committee (FC). The photos of the members of the PCC will be displayed in the Church Hall. Please speak to any of these people about joining us ,helping and supporting the parish . We look forward to hearing from you. We are delighted that recently Peter Haydon joined this team . Contact Phil Rogers (Chairman) if you want to know more. 01725 514537 or philrogers54@hotmail.com

NEAREST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

Christchurch: St. Joseph's Primary, Dorset Road, BH23 3DA, 01202 485976, www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk

Salisbury: St. Osmund's Primary, Exeter Street, SP1 2SG, 01722 322632, www.st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk

Wimborne: St. Catherine's Primary, Cutlers Place, Colehill, BH21 2HN, 01202 883763, www.stcatherinescolehill.dorset.sch.uk

Bournemouth: St. Peter's Secondary, St. Catherine's Road, BH6 4AH, 01202 421141, www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch

Liturgical Calendar for the Week

Monday: St Matthias

Tuesday: 7th Week of Easter

Wednesday: 7th Week of Easter

Thursday: 7th Week of Easter

Friday: 7th Week of Easter

Saturday: Dedication of the Cathedral of St

John Portsmouth

We acknowledge with thanks, our April Collections:

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
Non Gift Aid Cash/Chq	£2204.12	£1334.03
Gift Aid Envelopes	£358.00	£1443.81
Non Gift aid Envelopes	£48.00	£0.00
Standing Order/ Direct debits	£1002.00	£838.33
Total monthly collection	£3612.12	£3616.17
Special Collections	£557.00	£414.82

DIOCESAN NEWS

We'll be running our **Essential Training for Catechists in Bournemouth**, at the Sacred Heart, every Friday evening, from the 4th May to the 1st June, from 7.30 pm till 9 pm. These sessions, spanning 5 Fridays, will present the essential foundations for all catechesis (and children's Liturgy). The course is certified by the diocese.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR READERS - 16TH JUNE 2018

St Bede's Catholic Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire. RG24 9DX [View map](#)

The Day will start with Mass at 9.30 am, and will end at 3.00 pm. It is offered for everyone who is involved in reading at Mass, as an opportunity to meet, share, be formed, and pray together.

The day will include:

- Practical formation for reading at Mass, what we need to know and be aware of when reading in public, during Mass
- Liturgical formation, to understand the proclamation of the Word of God as a Liturgical action of the Church
- Theological formation, to better understand the texts that we are to proclaim

A buffet Lunch will be provided, thanks to the generous support of the Bible Society. You can register [here](#).

Day of Prayer & Reflection on Saturday 19th May. This will be led by Fr Tony Horan SJ in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi, on the theme of "Celebrating Pentecost!!" We will begin with teas and coffees at 10.30 for 11am and aim to finish by 4.15pm. Come for the whole day (bring packed lunch) or just the morning or afternoon sessions.: the choice is yours! Please find details on the poster.

ST JOHN'S SEMINARY

The Seminary, near Guilford has been involved in the formation of priests for England and Wales for over 125 years. It is looking for some help with the cost of redecoration and refurbishment of its 30 bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading in 40+ years.

Many rooms have threadbare carpets, and curtains, which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds, mattresses and other furniture began their life in the Junior Seminary at Mark Cross, before its closure in 1970.

They estimate the cost will be £2,000 per room however there are currently no funds available so any donation is greatly received.



Avon Stour Pastoral Area:

Other Priests in the Pastoral Area:

Fr. Darryl Jordan: 01202 485588 (Iford)

Fr. Kevin Hoiles: 01202 424960 (Southbourne)

Rev. John Cooke: 01202 483340 (Christchurch)

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS: (If you are in hospital, you will **not** be visited **unless** you **request** a visit from the chaplain or your parish priest!)

Salisbury: 01722 336262 (ask for Catholic Chaplain).

Bournemouth: & Christchurch:

non-urgent: 01202 704221 (chaplaincy office); Urgent: 01202 303626 & ask for duty RC chaplain. Holy Mass is celebrated each Wednesday at 6.00pm in the Royal Bournemouth Hospital chapel Holy Mass is celebrated and each Thursday at 6.30pm in the Poole Hospital chapel

Southampton General: non-urgent: 02381 208517 responds in 24hrs urgent: Tel: 02380 777222 and ask for the Catholic duty Chaplain