

'BORN FOR THIS'

A MOVING PORTRAYAL OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through drama and music the people of Avon Stour pastoral area bring the Easter story to life, detailing the final hours of Jesus Christ. Please join us this Lent for a poignant and moving liturgy during Palm Sunday weekend. 3.00pm either Saturday 24th or Sunday 25th March
St Joseph's Church, 67, Purewell, Christchurch BH23 1EH FREE ADMISSION - ALL ARE WELCOME!



LENT STUDY COURSE in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

Churches Together in Ringwood and District are organising a Lent Bible study course. Either an afternoon or an evening course, take your pick. The venue and the leaders move round to give some variety. On-line study resources are at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/len/> (They are almost exactly the same as those in the book.) The course is free. The books cost £2.00 each. Available from session leaders.

Book: '40 Stories of Hope' - testimonies from prisoners and ex-offenders. Together with five weekly study sessions in Mark's gospel.

The stories within the course and book give a unique insight into prison life and point to the hope we can find as followers of Jesus. The group studies provide the whole Church – inside and outside prison – with the opportunity to walk with Jesus through Lent, learning from Mark's Gospel and from the lessons prisoners, ex-prisoners and chaplains have learned. This spiritual journey through Lent will offer much to draw on to refresh and encourage our faith. For further information contact: [Revd Mike Shrubsole](mailto:mshrubsole@gmail.com). Email: mshrubsole@gmail.com

MONDAY 2.30PM - 4.00pm Fordingbridge		MONDAY 7.30PM Ringwood	
DATE	VENUE	DATE	VENUE
5 th March	United Reformed Church	5 th March	All Saints, St Leonards
12 th March	United Reformed Church	12 th March	Poulner Baptist Chapel
19 th March	United Reformed Church	19 th March	Trinity United Church

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30PM Ringwood	
DATE	VENUE
7 th March	All Saints, St Leonards
14 th March	Poulner Baptist Chapel
21 st March	Trinity United Church

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

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. charity no.: 246871)
Avon Stour Pastoral Area

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The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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The Third Sunday of Lent 4th March 2018

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

Canon Paul writes: Our Gospel this Sunday takes us to Jerusalem at Passover time when people from all over the land would gather there to recall and celebrate their ancestors' liberation from slavery in Egypt and the beginning of the 40 year journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. In his Gospel, St. John tells us of three occasions when the 'Passover' was particularly significant for Jesus. One is today when Jesus shows his anger in the Temple; another is when Jesus presents himself as the bread of life at the synagogue at Capernaum and the final occasion is when Jesus dies just as the Passover Lambs are being sacrificed in the Temple.

Today's Passover experience sees Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. For the people of Jesus's time, the Temple, which had been built for them by Herod the Great, was a sacred place. At its heart was a building called the 'Holy of Holies' where the presence of God dwelt. This was the place where people offered animal sacrifice for the forgiveness of their sins and this was the place where they came to pray, just as the Jewish people pray today at the western wall of the Temple complex.

In a very radical and prophetic action Jesus expelled the money changers and the animals from the Temple. The Jewish people asked Jesus to justify his action because it was so significant. Its significance was in the fact that by driving out the money changers and the animals, crucial for the religious system that operated, he was putting an end to the Temple and everything for which it stood. The time was approaching when the presence of God was to be found in human lives and relationships. At another Passover, Jesus would say "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me". (John 6. 56-57)

Jesus's action in the Temple and the gift of his Body and Blood define what we are as members of the Church. We are those who "worship in spirit and truth" (John 4.24) and, in a sense, we are here to replace the Temple in Jerusalem. Our lives both personally and as a community, which eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Jesus, exist to become and make visible the presence of Jesus who is the Word and Son of God. That is why our love, our unity and our respect for one another is central to our lives and work as disciples.

At the heart of all this is our abiding in Christ whose love is in us. And this is why our weekly celebration of the Sunday Mass is a most serious obligation. As Jesus said "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh". (John 6. 51)

Confession during Lent: Please make a date to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. The times of the Penitential liturgies in our district are given in this Newsletter. (PJT)

Masses and Liturgies for the Week 3rd March to 10th March 2018



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



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

The Sacred Heart, Ringwood

Sun 4th 11.00am Mass People of the Parish
Mon 5th 9.45am Holy Rosary
10.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Wed 7th 10.00am Mass
Fri 9th 11.00am Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Lunch in aid of CAFOD

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

Sat 3rd 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 4th 9.00am Mass People of the Parish
Tues 6th 9.00am Mass Holy Soulsj

Thurs 8th 10.00am Mass
2.00pm Funeral of Natalie Penny
Fri 9th 11.45am Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Lunch in aid of CAFOD
Sat 10th 6.00pm Vigil Mass Marie O'Keefe RIP

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

RINGWOOD MUSIC : Ent. –380 Off. –495 Comm - 81 End - 568
PSALM O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not

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

ALPHA – CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE?

We aim to get Alpha Courses going regularly across our Pastoral Area and we need your help, please!
If you might be willing to help in any way in your local area (or elsewhere) – organising, planning, publicity, admin, cooking, serving refreshments, moving chairs and tables, technology, facilitating a group, welcoming, music – please come to a meeting on **TUESDAY 24th APRIL, 7.30-9.00pm** at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Christchurch. You are not committing yourself to anything at this stage! We will be discussing potential dates and venues then too.
Please contact Richard Martin if you're interested or if you would like more information:
martin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone/text 07990 826934

RINGWOOD NEWS

Please come and join us for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass each week in the presbytery.

FORDINGBRIDGE NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY - CHURCHES TOGETHER Friday 30th March at 10.30am

Please see the large yellow poster in the Porch re the outdoor Passion Play. Some small yellow flyers are also being given out at Mass. We are asked to congregate at the Park from 10.30 am and in biblical style dress if possible. Our own **Cathy Guy** is one of the actors so please come and support her. Jan Brian 656726.

St Mary's Church in Fordingbridge are holding a Good Friday Evening Service at 6.30pm Please see the posters in the hall and porch for full details

CHURCHES TOGETHER in Fordingbridge and District have launched 'We ♥ SP6' "Loving God, Loving People" The aim is to let people know the local Christians love the local community. After Easter there will be freely available leaflet posing the question 'What Hurts the Most?' when anyone can let us know what is not good for them in their lives. Later in the year the answers will be collated and Churches Together will see what skills and talents we have to improve things. There are bookmarks available in the porch with a prayer for this initiative.
We will soon be **landscaping the gardens** at Fordingbridge. If you would like a rose, tree or even a bench in memory of a family member please contact Natalie shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

In just under three weeks time, on Sunday 25th March, I am lining up for a new London Half Marathon – the London Landmarks Half – and although my time is likely to be slow, as I'm certainly not built for running, I'm determined to finish! By running, I'd like to raise some money for two very good causes. One is a very newly opened nursery, Little Foresters, which is at my daughter's school - Western Downland CofE Primary School in Rockbourne and Damerham and which would benefit hugely from some additional start up funding, and the other is CAFOD – the Catholic international development charity which does a tremendous amount helping to tackle poverty and injustice in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.
As I wish to support two causes, it is not possible to have a Just Giving page, but if you do want to sponsor me, there is a form at the back of the Church. Remember that everything raised for CAFOD during Lent will be doubled by the government, so the effect of your giving will be all the more.
However, any amount, no matter how small, will make a big difference and will encourage me to keep running – thank you!" Alix Downing

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: 3rd Week of Lent
Tuesday: 3rd Week of Lent
Wednesday: 3rd Week of Lent
Thursday: 3rd Week of Lent
Friday: 3rd Week of Lent
Saturday: 3rd Week of Lent

We acknowledge with thanks, our February Collections:

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
Non Gift Aid Cash/Chq	£739.80	£807.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£355.00	£532.00
Non Gift aid Envelopes	£70.00	£0.00
Standing Order/ Direct debits	£1242.00	£838.33
Total monthly collection	£2406.80	£2177.33

COMMON NEWS FOR BOTH PARISHES

Lenten Penitential Services

Friday 2nd March at 7.00 pm in Iford
Saturday 17th March at 3.00 pm in Ringwood
Tuesday 27th March at 6.00pm in West Moors
Wed 28th March at 7.00pm in Fordingbridge

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)

Second Collection 11th March Clergy Assistance Fund

I would like to put together teams for Adoration in both our churches. If you are interested in helping please email me at: ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (PJT)

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: The time is approaching when I must close the list for this. I look forward to meeting everyone this coming Wednesday in the hall at Fordingbridge at 6.30pm. This will provide an opportunity for me to talk about the difference between a pilgrimage and a holiday and look at some of the practical questions. (PJT)

The Science and Religion symposium in Winchester: Thanks for the enquiries about this. The details are given at: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/issue164.php> (PJT)

CALLING ALL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS!

The **Formation for Mission** team is offering 2 training days for anyone interested in the new First Holy Communion programme, 'I want to make my Home in you' which I commend to you and recently now published by Redemptorist Publications. This programme integrates evangelisation and catechesis through the use of Scripture and beautiful silhouettes. Come and join us to discover the programme and receive training:
Saturday 17th March, in Holy Family Church, Redbridge Hill, Southampton SO16 4PL, from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm for a morning session. **Saturday 12th May**, in St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX, from 9.30 am (beginning with Mass) to 3.00 pm. The material for the programme (see next item) will be available for purchase at both these days. E-mail Sr Hyacinthe: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to attend either of these days.



Welcome to our new Director of Communications

I am delighted to announce that the diocese has appointed Christopher Smith as our new Director of Communications. Husband and father of two, he is a senior television, communications and media executive with over 20 years experience in the field. For the past fifteen years, Christopher has been working for the Catholic Church in the area of communications and promotion, locally and also internationally as a consultant for various projects within the Vatican. He will be based in Portsmouth but he will spend much of his time working across the various parts of our diocese. Christopher is in the process of moving down from Birmingham Archdiocese and very much looks forward to joining Portsmouth Diocese at the end of the month.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE FOR ADOREMUS CONGRESS YET?

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE FOR ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE AND CONGRESS YET? **ADOREMUS** WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 7TH – 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018 IN LIVERPOOL WITH SOME 10,000 CATHOLICS EXPECTED TO ATTEND. **ADOREMUS** WILL CONSIST OF:

- A one-day Theological Symposium on Friday 7th September. Admission will be by ticket only at a cost of £40. Canon Mervyn Tower, Canon David Oakley, and Sr Margaret Atkins will all give Key note speeches.
- A stage led conference on Saturday 8th September, at the Echo Arena, Liverpool for which admission will also be by ticket only at a cost of £40. The Key note speaker will be Bishop Robert Barron an American prelate of the Catholic Church, author, theologian and evangelist, known for his Word on Fire ministry.
- A Eucharistic Procession in the city of Liverpool on Sunday 9th September. Our Diocese has a limited ticket allocation. It is essential that you **book your tickets NOW** by emailing congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phoning 07780 221686.