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The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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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.

MONDAY 2.30PM - 4.00pm Fordingbridge		MONDAY 7.30PM Ringwood	
DATE	VENUE	DATE	VENUE
19 th Feb	United Reformed Church	19 th Feb	Crowe Hill Methodist Church
26 th Feb	United Reformed Church	26 th Feb	Kings Church, Wesley Centre
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
21 st February	Catholic Church
28 th February	Kings Church @ Poulner Baptist Chapel
7 th March	All Saints, St Leonards
14 th March	Poulner Baptist Chapel
21 st March	Trinity United Church

For further information contact: Revd Mike Shrubsole. Email: mshrubsole@gmail.com

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th February 2018

(Year B, weekday cycle 1, Office week 2)

Canon Paul writes: Today, Jesus cleanses a leper and, as he does, he confronts all that is unclean and damaging in the human condition. In Jesus’ time, lepers were excluded from society because it was considered that they were being punished by God. Leviticus 13.45-46 says: ‘The person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head be dishevelled; and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, ‘unclean, unclean’. He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp’. Jesus disregards the Law and cures the man, displaying, not punishment from God, but a divine love and power that heals and overcomes evil. Jesus tells the healed leper to tell nobody about his healing. The man readily disobeys Jesus and spreads the news around widely. News of this healing and others like it stirred up hatred among Jesus’s opponents who wanted him out of the way.



That is why Jesus could not go openly into the towns. Jesus makes clear his will to reach out to us all and bring us healing and wholeness and the cost to him is what happens at Gethsemane and Calvary.

Mention of Gethsemane and Calvary is timely as Lent begins and, with it, our journey to Easter and our celebration of the Lord’s death and resurrection. This coming Wednesday is ‘Ash Wednesday’ and so begins our Lenten observance. That observance begins with our being signed with ashes combined with fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a time of renewal. It brings an opportunity to review our relationship with Jesus and the way we live our lives in response to his love. The Gospel on Wednesday offers us three areas of living which are very useful as we build our personal Lenten plan. Jesus says that we must consider our prayer, self-denial and works of charity. Now is the time to consider how we can do better in each of these areas.

It will follow that our shortcomings will become only too clear during Lent. That is why the Sacrament of Penance or Confession is a vital part of Lent. The time for this Sacrament and the Liturgies of Penance or Confession are all given in this newsletter and in all the newsletters for Lent.

On Sunday 18th February, the First Sunday of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 5.00pm in Fordingbridge. (PJT)

Masses and Liturgies for the Week 10th February to 17th February 2018



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



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

The Sacred Heart, Ringwood

Sun 10th 11.00am Mass
 Mon 12th 9.45am Holy Rosary
 10.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Wed 14th 10.00am Mass with distribution of ashes
 Fri 16th 10.00am Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

Sat 10th 6.00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish
 Sun 11th 9.00am Mass
 Tues 13th 10.00am Mass Margaret Kershaw RIP

Wed 14th 7.00pm Mass with distribution of ashes
 Thurs 15th 9.30am Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour

9.00am Mass
 Sat 17th 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

RINGWOOD MUSIC : Ent. –21 Off. –90 Comm - 398 End - 544

PSALM Forgive, O Lord, the guilt of my sin

**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**

RINGWOOD NEWS

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

Car Parking on Sundays: I am very grateful to David Saunders who has negotiated with “Ringwood Auctions” for us to park in their car park between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Sundays. I am in the process of negotiating with British Telecom for the same permission in their premises. Meanwhile, the Finance Committee is investigating ways of making our car park adjacent to the house usable in wet weather. (PJT)

Lenten Hunger Lunches

As in previous years, we will be having hunger lunches during Lent. This consists of homemade soup and a roll and a cup of tea or coffee. During this period Mass will be at 11 o'clock followed by Stations of the Cross after which we will have lunch. Unfortunately Canon Paul is away on the 16th February so on this day we will have Stations at 11.30 followed by lunch.

FORDINGBRIDGE NEWS

FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES at 12.15pm preceded by **STATIONS of the CROSS at 11.45am** every Friday during Lent. except Good Friday.

All voluntary donations for the lunch in aid of CAFOD and will be UK Aid Matched by the government.

Do come along and share the prayer, simple lunch and good company as we support the poor of the world.

[Please Note the slight change in starting times.](#)

GOOD FRIDAY - CHURCHES TOGETHER

Instead of a outdoor service, Churches Together are putting on a live theatre passion play. It will start at the Park at 11am and end at the Parish Church about 12 noon. Actors(including for the crowd) and costume/set makers and stewards are still required whether children or adults.

Please contact Jan Brian on 656726 if you can help make this a truly church community play.

Women's World Day - Fordingbridge United Reformed Church Friday 2nd March 2018 @ 2pm. Refreshments afterwards. Please see notice in Porch for further details.

Avon Stour Pastoral Area:

Other Priests in the Pastoral Area:

Fr. Darryl Jordan: 01202 485588

Fr. Kevin Hoiles: 01202 424960

Rev. John Cooke: 01202 483340

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

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 Chaplin

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: Feria

Tuesday: Feria

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday: after Ash Wednesday

Friday: after Ash Wednesday

Saturday: after Ash Wednesday

We acknowledge with thanks, our January Collections:

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
Non Gift Aid Cash/Chq	£694.08	£713.59
Gift Aid Envelopes	£408.25	£490.02
Non Gift aid Envelopes	£106.00	£0.00
Standing Order/ Direct debits	£1147.00	£838.33
Total monthly collection	£2355.33	£2041.94

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

Newforest nightstop is a service run by Community First New Forest. It provides emergency accommodation to people who have nowhere to stay. If you have nowhere to sleep tonight or know of someone please call 01425 482773. You can also volunteer please email nightstop@cnf.org.uk

The Holy Land: I shall be leading a pilgrimage to Israel between 11th and 19th October 2018. The details and application forms are available in both of our churches and on our website. I hope to take about 20 pilgrims. (PJT)

Urgent appeal from the Apostleship of the Sea.

The A o S are supporting seafarers who are cold and ill used. They have sent us an urgent appeal for warm jumpers, socks, fleeces, gloves and shirts. If you can help please message me and I will arrange for them to be collected, or leave in either of our churches and let me know. Thank you. Jenny C 01425 656483.

JUSTICE PEACE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

SOCIAL JUSTICE ASSEMBLY FOR LENT 2018: CHRISTIAN CHOICES IN OUR COMMON HOME

Everyday responses to the cry of the poor and the earth, highlighting Fairtrade. During Lent this year, the Justice Peace and Social Responsibility team and Caritas invite people to gather for a Social Justice Assembly – we have two interesting speakers from the **Columban Missionaries** and the **Fairtrade Foundation** who will highlight practical action we can chose as Christians to care for all God's Creation. Plus, there will be opportunities to network and share updates on JPSR from around the diocese.

Saturday 3rd March, 10am to 3pm St Bede's Church Basingstoke RG24 9DX

Please come, book via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or contact Maureen jpsr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk If you are a Catholic charity or organisation and you would like to have a table to share information about your work for social justice, please contact us.

Marriage and Family Life invite you to discover Natural Family Planning

Our Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Team are running a number of workshops at St Michael's & All Angels Leigh Park, to introduce Natural Fertility Planning. Each session runs from 6.30-9.00pm

Wednesday 28th February 2018

Wednesday 28th March 2018

Wednesday 25th April 2018

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

These workshops offer an opportunity to learn how to complement your Fertility App, understand and work with your body. NFP – a Practical way of life, either for achieving pregnancy, the menopausal years, or the time in between.

Fertility Care uses the Creighton Model. This model is also about monitoring your gynaecological health. The Creighton chart is a diagnostic tool. Ideally, all women should chart from about aged 16. Some gynaecological problems can be detected, whilst they get to know their bodies & appreciate their natural physiology early.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF CANON TERENCE HEALY

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Terence Healy who died last week aged 80, a Priest of our Diocese for 55 years. There will be more on Canon Healey next time, once details of the funeral have been finalised. Meanwhile, do remember his family and friends in your prayers, and especially the parishioners of Hordean, his last parish, who will remember him with affection. Requiescat in pace.