

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

New Forest Pastoral Area
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Parish Priest:
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Our Lady of Sorrows
& St. Philip Benizi
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Easter Sunday

Father Paul writes.....

"The day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad."

These words from today's psalm proclaim our rejoicing and gladness that Jesus is risen. We can rejoice because we can share his life and his promise of rising into the life of God. We are glad because the resurrection of Jesus means that he is with us in all the details of daily life.

We rejoice with all those throughout the world who have become Catholics this Easter, especially Felicity Allegeri and David Price.

Happy Easter to everyone!



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	March	31st	11am	✕	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	✕	People of Ringwood Parish
Sunday	April	7th	11am	✕	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	✕	People of Ringwood Parish
Wednesday	April	10th	10am	✕	<i>of the 2nd Week of Easter</i>	✕	
Friday	April	12th	11am	✕	<i>of the 2nd Week of Easter</i>	✕	Funeral Mass for Cyril Hughes
Sunday	April	14th	11am	✕	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	✕	People of Ringwood Parish
Wednesday	April	17th	10am	✕	<i>of the 3rd Week of Easter</i>	✕	Therese Kneen RIP
Friday	April	19th	10am	✕	<i>of the 3rd Week of Easter</i>	✕	

There is no Mass on Wed the 3rd and Fri the 5th of April

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	March	30th	7.30pm	✕	<i>The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter</i>	✕	
Sunday	March	31st	9am	✕	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	✕	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Saturday	April	6th	6pm	✕	<i>Saturday Within Octave of Easter</i>	✕	
Sunday	April	7th	9am	✕	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	✕	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	April	9th	10am	✕	<i>of the 2nd Week of Easter</i>	✕	
Thursday	April	11th	10am	✕	<i>St. Stanislaus</i>	✕	Marguerite-Marie Dicquemere RIP
Saturday	April	13th	6pm	✕	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	✕	
Sunday	April	14th	9am	✕	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	✕	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	April	16th	10am	✕	<i>of the 3rd Week of Easter</i>	✕	Daphne Paterson RIP
Thursday	April	18th	10am	✕	<i>of the 3rd Week of Easter</i>	✕	

There is no Mass on Tues the 2nd and Thurs the 4th of April

On Maudy Thursday after Mass will be a 'watching' and adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9.15pm ending in Night Prayer.

✠ Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed ✠

Cyril Peter Hughes

Funeral Mass at
Sacred Heart on
12th April 2024 at 11:00am



Easter Offering

The Easter Day Collection supports our parish priest directly, in grateful thanks for his dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Father Paul in his mission and ministry this Easter, please give using the DONA machine or by cash or cheque on the donation plate.

✠ Good Friday Stations of the Cross in Ringwood

Sacred Heart has invited all the congregations within Churches Together Ringwood to come on Good Friday 29 March to the Stations of the Cross at 11.30, particularly for those who cannot manage the 'Walk of Witness'. Please join us on that day.

Walks of Witness for Ringwood and Fordingbridge

On Good Friday Ringwood Churches Together Walk of Witness will start at 11am at the Salvation Army. You will continue to various Churches to do the Stations of the Cross.

Fordingbridge Churches Together Walk of Witness meeting points are at St. Mary's or Our Lady of Sorrows at 10.30. Prayers followed by the putting of the cross by the Town Hall and a short service.

Copies of the Churches Together in Fordingbridge Monthly Prayer Link for April are available in the porch. Prayers prepared by Our Lady of Sorrows.

Don't forget to set your clocks forward by one hour on 31 March at 1am!

Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land - 29 March 2024

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East.

This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances.

Here is the link to the Give As You Live page for this Good Friday:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>.



Red Box Holders

Please bring your full Red Boxes to church anytime over the coming month of March and leave them with Father Paul. John Walter is aiming to return the boxes to you by the first week in April. You will be able to pick up your empty box from the church porches.



Keyboard Player Need in Ringwood

Do you play a keyboard? Might you be willing to play at 11 am Mass on Sundays in Ringwood?

Peter, our organist, is not as young as he used to be and would welcome some help to provide accompaniment to our singing. If you are willing to give it a try please tell Peter, Fr Paul, Anthony or David.



Quiz Night for Bee Against Poverty Zambia

This year the quiz night proceeds will be for an orphanage project in Kitwe Zambia. Quiz will be held at the United Reformed Church in Fordingbridge on 10 May from 8 to 10.30. Our Lady of Sorrows has been invited to gather a team. It would be £12 for a team of 6. If you are interested in going please email Melissa at shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 April.

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: Both offices will be closed from Mon 1 APR and will open again Tues 9 APR

Parish Priest: Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

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Tel: 01425 653131 Email: shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk

Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

Refugees at Home - looking for hosts

The Refugees at Home network is in desperate need of new hosts within commutable distance of Bournemouth to join their short-term hosting scheme. Refugees at Home connects people with a spare room to refugees and asylum seekers in need of somewhere to stay.

We recruit and support volunteer hosts who are willing to offer a temporary home and a helping hand. Our role is to carefully match each guest and host, to assess and prepare them ready for hosting, to advise on hosting arrangements and accommodation, and to provide ongoing support to hosts throughout each stay.

Each placement is different, and the length of hosting can vary from a few nights to several months and anything in between.

Hosting is entirely altruistic, and we do not pay hosts for giving up their spare rooms.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth Refugee and Migration Project Lead, Alex Miranda, would be happy to discuss further how this scheme works. Contact her at: alexandra.miranda@prcdtr.org.uk



HAPPY EASTER !

From Father Paul, the members of the Joint Parishes Finance Committee, Fordingbridge PCC and Ringwood PCC



You are warmly invited to Stay Awake an inspiring and faith filled day in Weymouth on 13 April. This annual event is run by an amazing local family and will leave you full of joy and the Holy Spirit. It is a day-event with filled with inspiring talks, praise, worship, workshops, community, kids groups, Mass, refreshments and pizza in the evening, all making for a wonderful day!

Tickets can be booked online from their website:

stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024

Thank you for your financial support: please, if you can, continue to support your parishes via standing orders. February offerings to Parish bank accounts

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2258	£ 3081
Cash	£ 621	£ 439
DONA/online	£ 144	£ included above

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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