

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

Avon Stour Pastoral Area

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

A Warm Welcome

to the Catholic community of our little church
built in 1950s and renovated in 2010s

*Please join us for refreshments
in the house after Sunday Mass*



Who We Are

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. charity no. 246871)

“Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church”

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Who We Are

This parish operates in partnership with the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge.

The two share a priest (co-pastor), a weekly newsletter, and a Parishes Administrator

Both are part of the **Avon Stour Pastoral Area**

Other churches in our pastoral area

Immaculate Conception & St Joseph, Christchurch

St Thomas More, Iford, Bournemouth

Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe

Our Lady, Queen of Peace & Bl Margaret Pole, Southbourne

The Co-ordinating Pastor is Fr John Chadwick

Please take a Newsletter from the porch where you will find:

- Mass times and venues for the week.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation times.
- Priest's and Parish officers' contact details.
- Other churches in our Pastoral Area and their services.
- Events and activities in our Church and in our community.

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The 23rd Sunday in the Year of St Luke
Canon Paul writes:



With only three weeks left of the Church's year, the readings at Mass begin to focus our mind and prayer on endings and completion. Because of the resurrection of Christ, which endings may seem to be final, they mark a new beginning towards fulfillment and the completion of resurrection and new life. Consider how the end of a meeting with a close friend looks forward to the next meeting sometime in the future. Human experience has breaks of resurrection coming through loss and loss.

Our Old Testament reading is from the Second Book of Maccabees. The Maccabees were a Jewish guerrilla movement that fought against the Seleucid Empire and the influence of Greek culture and authority. The smart soldiers we hear about today, probably lived in the 2nd Century before Christ. Non-observant tradition has that their names are Heliodorus, Eleazar, Eleazar, Eleazar, Heliodorus, Heliodorus and their mother was Sotirachia. They were punished because they were Jews and were required to eat pig's flesh which was against the Jewish Law. The soldiers, their, the severity and the loss of resurrection were denied to, through identity and the relationship with God, and so they were prepared to become martyrs.

The Maccabean martyrs suffered a cruel death at the hands of the Greeks. As martyrs they died in the belief and hope that God, who is love, would bring them to resurrection and new life.

In the story of the Maccabean martyrs we see the beginnings of belief in resurrection. That belief was not in vain because Jesus, who died as a martyr himself, was raised from the dead and that is why the ending of death for each of us is a change bringing us to fulfillment and new life. It is there, in fact, in the life and joy of God. It shows which is essential about living in the perfect communion of God in the communion of all the saints.

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Useful Websites

Diocese of Portsmouth: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Avon Stour Pastoral Area: www.avonstour.co.uk



Some Other Useful Information

Ringwood and local amenities:

Local Information, Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong,
Ringwood BH24 1AT Tel: 01425 473883

Marriage and Relationship Counselling:

Marriage Care - 0800 389 3801 (appointments available in Christchurch)

Pregnancy and pro-life issues:

Life Group – 0800 802 5433 (Bournemouth)

Parish Safeguarding Coordinator:

Margaret Pointon - 01425 480726
pointonfamily@btinternet.com

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Please, take a good look through the whole 'Welcome Pack' to find out lots more about what goes on in our parish community; and how we can help you and how you can help us.



And finally.....

Do let us know you are here!

You will find a registration form in the porch (or in this pack) to complete and hand to the parish priest after Mass.

If you prefer, there is an e-form on the website: www.avonstour.co.uk

Which you can send to the Parish Administrator:

Email: shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Thank you



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