

# The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

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Parish Priest:  
Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
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## The Solemnity of Christ the King

### Father Paul writes....

This is the final Sunday of the liturgical year because next Sunday our new liturgical year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. Next week we say goodbye to St. Mark, whose Gospel we have been hearing for the past year and welcome our new evangelist St. Luke. Having said that, our Gospel this week is from St. John and is taken from his Passion narrative. It describes how Pontius Pilate takes Jesus aside and questions him privately on the claim, that others have made, that he is a king. "Are you the king of the Jews?" is the question that Pilate asks, knowing that according to Roman Law, such a claim was a capital offence because it was treason. Characteristically, Jesus responds with another question "Do you ask this of your own accord or have others spoken to you about me?" Jesus knew that his opponents had brought this charge to Pilate and takes the opportunity to explain that his mission is not about personal kingship but about making the reign of God his Father a reality for human beings.

The reign – or kingdom of God – respects the created dignity of persons. It is for all people and is therefore universal. It belongs to God and not to an earthly monarch and is about bringing the love, justice, peace and power of God into the world. It is accepted by human beings in faith, trust, and the continuing life of the Spirit. The reign of God opens us to the hope of the future reign of God in heaven, which will be the perfection and fulfilment of creation and humanity. It also points to the second coming of Christ which we will reflect upon next Sunday.

Today's feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in the face of many forces which were destructive of human life, justice, and hope in God. Pope Pius was conscious in his time of the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, the First World War, the growing threat of fascism, the loss of the Church's political power and the decadence of the 1920s. The beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was a time of turmoil as the 1920s were followed by the Great Depression or the 1930s and the horrific and inhuman events of the Second World War.

Our own troubles at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century are different but just as challenging as those which faced our predecessors in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Today's feast and the present state of the world must give us a renewed focus on the truth that the reign of God is about the good of creation and humanity made possible in Christ and that we are here to bear witness to the truth and listen to the voice of Jesus. The reign of God is about the fulfilment of each person. Pontius Pilate would never understand that.

One of the prayers for today sums up the meaning of the feast: "Father all powerful, God of love, you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life, respondent in glory as King of creation. Open our hearts, free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love. Bring all humanity together in Jesus your son..."

## Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

*Both our churches are now open daily for prayer*

### Sacred Heart, Ringwood

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFTmHlkq-4M7rTwOB-Wxysw> or search on YouTube for Catholic Parishes of Ringwood and Fordingbridge

(All masses zoomed at this link unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	Nov 21st	11am	✘	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	✘	Private
Wednesday	Nov 24th	10am	✘	<i>Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	People of Sacred Heart Parish
Friday	Nov 26th	10am	✘	<i>Feria 34th Week of Ordinary Time</i>	✘	John Ross RIP

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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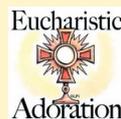
Saturday	Nov 20th	6pm	✘	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	✘	
Sunday	Nov 21st	9am	✘	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	✘	People of Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Tuesday	Nov 23rd	10am	✘	<i>Memorial of St. Clement I</i>	✘	
Thursday	Nov 25th	10am	✘	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	✘	

**The Blessing of Graves at Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Philip in Fordingbridge:** This will take place at 3.30pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. There will be a short liturgy in the cemetery followed by the blessing of individual graves as requested by family or friends.

The Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation is available in Ringwood at 12 noon every Saturday and at 5.30 pm at Fordingbridge or by appointment.

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)

First Reading: *Daniel 7:13-14*  
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 93:1, 1-2, 5*  
R/ *The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*  
Second Reading: *Revelation 1:5-8*  
Gospel: *John 18:33B-37*

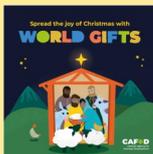


Ringwood - Wednesday Nov 24th following 10am Mass  
Fordingbridge – Tuesday Dec 7th following 10am Mass

## Sunday Coffee Moring Rota in Ringwood



In order for us to be able to offer tea and coffee regularly after Sunday masses there is now a rota at the back of the church in the porch. It is a great job to do with a friend or family member. All that is involved is setting out the cups before Mass, bringing milk and biscuits (expenses refundable), making the drinks and washing up afterwards. Please put your name on the list for whenever suits you, even very occasionally will help! Getting together after Mass for a catch up is very valuable - lets make it happen.



## CAFOD World Gifts

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

**RINGWOOD:** We have donated gifts, all new and suitable as Christmas presents, in the house. All proceeds from their sale will go to church funds. Please donate the amount you think appropriate for the gift you purchase. Thank you!"

## Greeting Cards

Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy and Intentions cards for sale in Church. New Christmas cards available. There is a selection of cards and gifts, now including Christmas, on :

<https://www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/ringwood/piety-stall/>

Thank you for your support - it all helps our Church finances

Queries contact Barbara at [bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk)

## Forty Days and Forty Nights....

### your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: [crisbasha@aol.com](mailto:crisbasha@aol.com) . All contributions greatly appreciated. Any Christmas themed ideas happily received. Please have your submissions to Chris by the **25th of November**.

## 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: PRCDTR Ringwood Sacred Heart or PRCDTR 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:** OLS Tue 9am-12pm, SH Fri 10am-1pm

**Parish Priest:** Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

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**Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

Fordingbridge: Donna Kerrigan 01425 656895  
[donna.kerrigan@btinternet.com](mailto:donna.kerrigan@btinternet.com)

## Passing on love for the Eucharist to our Children

In this Year of the Eucharist our Formation for Mission Team is offering an opportunity to share advice and ideas on how to foster love for the Eucharist in our families. We are offering 4 online sessions for parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers and everyone passionate about passing on love for the Eucharist to our children, led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood, with practical advice, discussions, testimonies and prayer, finishing each session with a Adoration.

The sessions will run on **Mondays, from the 22nd November to the 13th December at 7.00pm.**

The sessions will be:

1. Why the Eucharist is Important and how to pass on love of the Eucharist
2. Going to Mass as a Family
3. Making the Home a Place of Communion
4. Taking and Making Opportunities to foster love for the Eucharist

Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucOmsgDgoGN1pyBB7YAfHGv4\\_u8kemJ8e](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucOmsgDgoGN1pyBB7YAfHGv4_u8kemJ8e)



## CAFOD RECYCLING Ringwood

Many thanks to those who filled the last sack. We are now starting a new one to include old mobile phones, laptops, coins etc. We shall be collecting on Sunday 12th December. For more information ring Jane on 480052. We can do our bit to help CAFOD and the Planet !!

## JOINT PARISH WALK

The next Joint Parish Walk will be on Saturday 4th December. Details coming soon.



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**Thank you for your financial support: please, if you can, continue to support your parishes during these difficult times via standing orders. October offerings to Parish bank accounts.**

**Ringwood Fordingbridge**

<b>SO</b>	<b>£ 1973</b>	<b>£ 2770</b>
<b>Cash/Env</b>	<b>£ 939</b>	<b>£ 402</b>

## Avon Stour Pastoral Area—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)

More details on the website: [www.avonstour.co.uk](http://www.avonstour.co.uk)

**Hospital Chaplain** (B'mouth & C'Church): Fr. Darryl Jordan contact at: 03000194221 (Chaplaincy Office)

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

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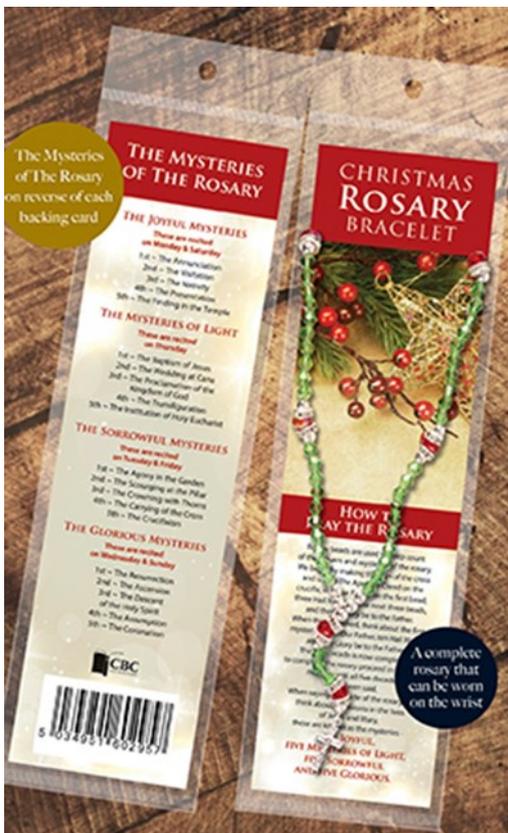
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# Christmas Gifts

Glass and Resin Nativity Water ball

2 1/2 inch

£3.75

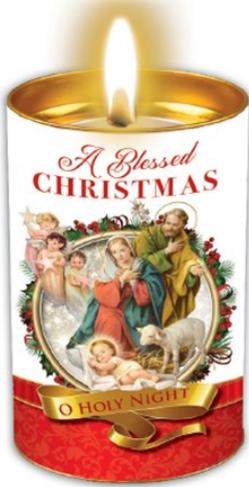


Complete Glass Rosary  
Converts to a Bracelet, Supplied with a  
Bracelet Catch  
4 mm Glass Beads

Card can be used as a Book marker

£2.65

## Christmas Gifts



Candle - Nativity

Size: 4 inch  
Singly Gift Boxed  
32 hours burning time

**£1.90 each**



Candle - votive light

Size: 2 inch x 2 1/2 inch

4 Designs

Burning Time

Approx 24 Hours.

**65p each**



Wood Christmas tree ornaments

Size: 2 3/4 inch

With Hang String

Gold foil Highlights

Pack of 3

**£2.99 a pack**



Wood Nativity triptych folding plaque  
with gold foil highlights

3 1/2 x 5 inch

**£3.99**