

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

Avon Stour Pastoral Area
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Our Lady of Sorrows
& St. Philip Benizi
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The 17th Sunday of the Year

Fr Paul writes.....

Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches his disciples to pray. He gives the prayer, which we know to be the Lord's prayer, and he puts our prayer into a new and exciting context. In our relationship with Jesus, we are drawn into the 'household of God'. The God to whom we pray is one with whom we may be bold in placing our petitions and requests before him because of his immense love for us. We can dare to come into his divine presence as a child finds peace in the love of a parent – but far more so. That is why Jesus says that the one who asks always receives. Growing deeper into that relationship with God in Christ is crucial in our journey of conversion which is a journey we make supported by the faith and love of other Christians.

Our priority is to be people of prayer and the pattern we are to follow is given by the Lord in the Our Father. Many people want to pray and find it challenging but it is quite simple. Jesus gives us a structure. Jesus begins by praising his Father in heaven and our prayer must have an element of praise. The beauty and immensity of creation moves us to praise God. The celebration of Mass is the perfect act of praise and thanksgiving and thanksgiving itself is an act of praise.

Jesus prays that his Father's kingdom will come. That must be part of our prayer as well because the Kingdom is all about the presence and action of the Holy Spirit, which is God's infinite love, at work in the world of humanity. To promote that Kingdom is the mission of the baptized. "Give us this day our daily bread" is all about realising in prayer that God is the giver of all gifts and of everything we need for life to be sustained. Then Jesus mentions forgiveness which is for ourselves and for us to be forgiving. Repentance always must be part of our prayer because none of us is perfect.

Jesus finishes by requesting that we be kept free from trial and temptation and all those things which would harm us. Naturally, that is something for which we continually pray. The important thing is that we pray and that we persevere in the effort each day. It does not matter which form our prayer takes, what matters is that we see it as time given to God in and through our brother and God Jesus Christ. It is about joining Jesus in his eternal act of praise and thanksgiving to his Father.

Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

Both our churches are now 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	July	24th	11am	✘	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	Intention of the Thomas Family
Wednesday	July	27th	10am	✘	<i>Feria 17th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Friday	July	29th	No Mass	✘	<i>Friday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	No Mass
Sunday	July	31st	11am	✘	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	In Thanksgiving Horst and Patricia
Wednesday	Aug	3rd	10am	✘	<i>Feria 18th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Friday	Aug	5th	10am	✘	<i>Feria 18th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	July	23rd	6pm	✘	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Sunday	July	24th	9am	✘	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	Mary Clare White RIP
Tuesday	July	26th	10am	✘	<i>Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	
Thursday	July	28th	10am	✘	<i>Feria 17th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	Mary Clare White RIP
Saturday	July	30th	6pm	✘	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Sunday	July	31st	9am	✘	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	Mary Clare White RIP
Tuesday	Aug	2nd	10am	✘	<i>Feria 18th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	
Thursday	Aug	4th	10am	✘	<i>Thursday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	✘	



Ringwood - Wednesday July 27th following 10am Mass
Fordingbridge – Tuesday August 2nd following 10am Mass

**Come and celebrate being together
as Parish communities!**



Contactless Donations Now Available

You will notice at the back of both churches a terminal on a stand. This will allow you to make donations to the church, second collections, to pay for candles and the piety stalls. There are set amounts or you may choose to enter an amount. We hope to have someone at each Mass to help out. Please be patient as we find the right areas for the unit to have internet access.

We are having a **Summer BBQ** on **Sunday 31st July, at Sacred Heart, Ringwood, After 11.00 Mass.**

Get your ticket to obtain your burger, salad, coleslaw and trimmings . Plus CAKE! (Tickets are free, but donations are welcome!) Tickets are available in both parishes, just so that we can work out catering. Contact: Maggie Spiers - maggie@spiers.net, Helen Rawlins or Barbara Geatrell.

Plant Sale after Mass Sunday 14th August

Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge
and Sacred Heart Ringwood

Biennials for next spring, perennials for planting out this autumn, seeds gathered from our gardens and herb plants by popular request. All grown on at home in Dorset.



All profits go to
CAFOD/Caritas Ukraine appeal



Providing support for the most vulnerable in
our communitiesof any faith or no faith

We are working with Ukrainian refugees in the diocese as well as all our other work

See our web site for more information: www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk

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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 Tues 10-12 and SH Fri 10-12

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Fordingbridge: Donna Kerrigan 01425 656895

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Ringwood: please contact Donna Kerrigan, details above



Joint Parish Walk

The next Joint Parish Walk will be on Saturday 6th August starting at 2 pm. Details will follow.

Greeting Cards

We are low on stock at the moment but will be ordering for August. If there is something you looking for please let me know.

Barbara : bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk

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

Forty Days and Forty Nights....

your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: crisbasha@aol.com. The Forty Days deadline is the 25th of the month. All contributions are welcome.



Save the Date !

The Pre-Raphaelites

A talk by Dr. John Elliot in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall Wednesday 19 October 7pm All Welcome



Food Donations

Food bank stocks in the Ringwood warehouse are very depleted at present due to high demands from the needy recently. They are asking if church members could renew or continue our contributions. These can be made via bin at Sacred Heart church or using the bins in the supermarkets. Thank you

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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 1983	£ 2722
Cash/Env	£ 930	£ 324

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)

Deacon Hugh Parry :07971 071571

More details on the website: www.avonstour.co.uk

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

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