

# 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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Parish Priest:  
Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
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## The Nineteenth Sunday of the Year Father Paul writes...

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells us to be “dressed for action” and tells us to be ready for his coming. The context for his words is the well-known and comforting passage which is omitted from this Sunday’s scripture: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither store house nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?”

Jesus impresses upon his disciples, and that of course means us, that each person is valued by God and that he loves us as only God can love. The love and respect that God has for us means that he is permanently and constantly present in our lives. Two things follow: the first is that we should not be afraid; the second is that we should always be ready to recognise the opportunities he gives us and to hear his communications to us.

To be ready, we need constantly to be alert and attentive to the times when we can love more generously and allow the Kingdom to come close and to be recognised in our world. It is the depth and quality of our love which is crucial in extending the presence and action of Jesus. When Jesus speaks of the ‘Kingdom’, he is referring to the reign of God bringing the fullness of life and joy to all human beings. Being ready, as Jesus puts it, is about seizing every moment and opportunity when we can continue his work. The opportunity often takes the form of another person waiting for our hand of friendship, forgiveness, acceptance, or respect.

We must also be alert and attentive to the Word of God which is proclaimed each Sunday at Mass, and which will speak to our hearts and minds inviting us to change for the better. The Sunday scriptures are offered to each of us a gift to be imbibed and digested. They are intended to be a source of nourishment, shaping our thoughts and decisions during the coming week. In prayer the Lord will speak to our hearts and even change the way we see things, helping us to recognise his message to us.

**The Ringwood Barbecue:** A big thank you to the members of the team who made last Sunday’s barbecue such a success. Over 50 people came from both Fordingbridge and Ringwood and a generous £553.70 was collected. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet people from the different parishes and to get to know people from our own churches. I hope we have many more similar occasions in both parishes.

**Finance:** Thanks to all those who have raised their standing orders and those who continue to give generously to support the parishes. I am also grateful to those who are beginning to use the ‘Contactless Giving’ facility in both our churches.

*Both our churches are now open daily for prayer*

## Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass REVISED SCHEDULE FOR ALL OF AUGUST

### 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)

#### Mass

Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am  
Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 10am  
Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
Liturgy of the Word August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am

#### Intentions

Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> People of Ringwood Parish  
Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> People of Ringwood Parish  
Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> People of Ringwood Parish  
Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> People of Ringwood Parish

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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

#### Mass

Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm  
Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9am  
Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10am  
Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10am  
Liturgy of the Word August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
No Mass August 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Intentions

Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> Miguel Monroig  
Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> Richard Henry Paterson RIP  
Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> People of Fordingbridge Parish  
Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> People of Fordingbridge Parish  
Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> Victor Henry Quirk RIP

**Confession times:** Confession will continue to be available at 5.30pm on Saturdays in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood confession is available after Mass or by appointment

## † Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed †

**Ethane Hopgood**

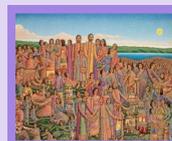
Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows  
16 August at 11 am

**Raffaella Vitagliano**

Vigil & Reception at Our Lady of Sorrows  
18 August at 5:30pm

**Jock Hughes**

Interment At Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery  
20 August 11am



## Loaves and Fishes

Our Facebook group is a great way of keeping in touch with other parishioners. Ask to join here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/1397210003927764/>



**Ringwood** - Wednesday Aug 31st following 10am Mass  
**Fordingbridge** – Tuesday Sept 6th at 10am no Mass

## 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 communities .....of 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](http://www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk)

## BIKE FOR LEPROSY IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE LIVING AT MUTEMWA LEPROSY CARE CENTRE IN ZIMBABWE

A charity bicycle ride will take place this August in support of the people living with leprosy at Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre where John Bradburne (the next potential English Saint) cared for them. Alex Macpherson and John Paynter, teachers based in Surrey and Bristol who are supporters of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, are embarking on a sponsored 600 mile bike ride from Bristol to Liverpool along the Welsh Coast in August. They will be raising awareness about leprosy and support of the people living at Mutemwa. The John Bradburne Memorial Society was founded as a charity in 1995 in honour of it's late warden, John Bradburne who spent the last 10 years of his life caring for those living with leprosy in Zimbabwe. The society continues to support the Mutemwa Care Centre, whilst also spreading information about Bradburne's Sainly life and prolific poetry writing. The donations JBMS receives goes towards the centre's running expenses, salaries of workers, food, water and medicine

The Ride for Leprosy will start in Bristol on the 12th August, cycling along the Welsh Coast and finally finishing in Liverpool on the 19th August.

For more details about Bradburne's remarkable life, visit [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com)

To donate to Alex and John's ride for leprosy please visit:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rideforleprosy>

### 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:** Office Closed Aug 9th to Aug 24th  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend  
Tel: 01425 653131 Email: [ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ptownsend@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
**Administrator:** Melissa Hildreth  
Tel: 01425 653131 Email: [shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Fordingbridge: Donna Kerrigan 01425 656895  
[donna.kerrigan@btinternet.com](mailto:donna.kerrigan@btinternet.com)  
Ringwood: please contact Donna Kerrigan, details above

### Joint Parish Walk



Saturday 6th August starting at 2 pm. We will start from the Milkham car park, at the T junction on the road East of the Red Shoot (216103) at 2 pm. Please tell anyone you see who might be interested. The Ringwood crew will meet at 1.40.

### Forty Days and Forty Nights....

#### your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: [crisbasha@aol.com](mailto: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

### Friendship Group



This got off to a very good start and is popular. We decided to have a break for August until the schools go back (no more grandchildren to care for or visitors)

Once we know the dates of the 'start of year' INSET days I will put the date on the newsletter. In the meantime please let me know if you would prefer to meet on a Wednesday or a Friday following Mass. Barbara : [bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bgeatrell@yahoo.co.uk)

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow us on:

**Facebook:** @PortsmouthRC

**LinkedIn:** Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

**Twitter:** @PortsmouthRC

The Diocese website: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2553	£ 2789
Cash/Env	£ 1125	£ 457

### 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](http://www.avonstour.co.uk)

**Hospital Chaplain** (B'mouth & C'Church): Fr. Darryl Jordan contact at: 03000194221 (Chaplaincy Office)  
(Salisbury Chaplaincy Office) : 02380777222  
(Southampton Chaplaincy Office): 01722429271

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**Park Gate Parish, Middle Road, Park Gate, SO31 7GH**  
**Part time Parish Administrator**  
**20 hours per week**



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A vacancy has arisen for a part time Parish Administrator to support the parish priest in the administration of the parish.

**Hours of work:**

Part time 20 hours per week (Monday to Thursday)

**Experience and Qualifications required for role:**

An experienced administrator with excellent secretarial, interpersonal, time management and prioritisation skills. Computer literature, skilled in word-processing, spreadsheets and data management as well as excellent internet and all-round office skills.

Excellent communication skills to promote effective interaction between clergy, area administrators and parishioners as well as managing the day-to-day management of the Parish halls.

Experience of finance administration.

Knowledge of parish and diocesan organisation structure (desirable).

**Personal Attributes:**

Self-motivated with the ability to work without supervision: taking initiative and using judgement; able to work under pressure, cope with change and deal with conflicting demands and differing personalities.

Diplomatic, discreet with a sympathetic nature and emotional resilience

Sympathetic to the Ministry and Mission of the Catholic Church.

**Closing date for applications:** 12 noon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**Application forms and Job Description are available from:** [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PASTORAL COORDINATOR FOR EVANGELISATION**

**Required to work part time (14 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work.**

**Based at: Pastoral Centre, St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester, Hants SO23 8RY.**

**Salary £12-13 per hour depending on experience.**

**We are seeking a Pastoral** Coordinator for Evangelisation to support the Director of Evangelisation and Leadership in delivering and developing the parish Evangelisation Ministry and its programmes and initiatives, with a particular focus on our primary tool for evangelisation, Alpha.

**Values:** The post holder will be required to work within and represent the principles, ethos and values of the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs in all aspects of their work.

**Policies and procedures:** The post-holder will work in line with the Policies & Procedures of the Diocese of Portsmouth. They will also be required to ensure that service users/clients, staff and volunteers are treated in accordance with the Equal Opportunities policy of the Diocese of Portsmouth with particular emphasis on anti-discriminatory practice and the promotion of the rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

**Safeguarding:** The post-holder will be required to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are safeguarded, and must be aware that everyone has a safeguarding responsibility and a duty to refer any safeguarding concerns they may have to their line manager.

Closing date: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 12 noon

For Job Description, Person Specification and details of how to apply, please contact [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

If you would like a confidential discussion about the role please contact:

Father Mark Hogan – Parish Priest

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