

# 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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## The Fifth Sunday of the Year

Father Paul writes.....



Last weekend, I received several comments about my article in 'Forty Days and Forty Nights' about the Bishop's ten-year plan. The plan is called "You will be my witnesses" and it completes in 2033. In the light of those comments, I will attempt a little clarification.

Bishop Philip is quite clear in his introduction that he sees the plan as an opportunity for spiritual renewal. It will require each 'worshipping community', or present parish, to continue in the work of building community with initiatives to promote welcome and hospitality.

There will be a need for the continuing development of 'faith formation' which means collaborative processes to deepen our appreciation and understanding of the faith. It will also mean that we must be diligent in supporting those who wish to join us and be generous in becoming an active Christian presence in our area.

Bishop Philip and his advisors have committed themselves to developing a process for the formation of new and large parishes. In our case, eventually, the parish status as we know it will be dissolved. Ringwood and Fordingbridge will become worshipping communities within the single Parish of the New Forest. The finances will be centralised so that all the communities can be supported adequately. There will be a New Forest Finance Council and a New Forest Pastoral Council with representatives from each community. Resources and initiatives will be shared for the benefit of all. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that we work together to proclaim the Gospel in word and action.

As long as there is a sufficient number of priests in our diocese, which is presently the case, the present priestly provision will continue. Every effort will be made to ensure that Sunday Mass will continue to be celebrated for all the worshipping communities like Ringwood and Fordingbridge. If there is a challenge it is that some of us priests are getting a bit long in the tooth!

The final version of 'You will be my witnesses' can be found on our website.

**Please keep in your prayer Felicity Allegri and David Price who are preparing to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil**

## 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	February	4th	11am	⊗ <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	⊗ Claire Law RIP
Wednesday	February	7th	10am	⊗ <i>Feria (5th Week Ordinary Time)</i>	⊗ Colin Geatrell RIP
Friday	February	9th	10am	⊗ <i>Feria (5th Week Ordinary Time)</i>	⊗

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	February	3rd	6pm	⊗ <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	⊗ Adrian Redmond RIP
Sunday	February	4th	9am	⊗ <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	⊗
Tuesday	February	6th	10am	⊗ <i>of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	⊗ Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	February	8th	10am	⊗ <i>St. Jerome Emiliani</i>	⊗ Roy Thomson RIP

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



**Fordingbridge** – Tuesday 6th February after 10am Mass  
**Ringwood** - Wednesday 28th February after 10am Mass

### Key silences during Mass:

- Before the Opening Prayer to prepare ourselves to listen to the Word of God
- Before the readings
- After each reading
- After the homily
- After each bidding prayer to allow us to pray for the intention.
- After Holy Communion.

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** – Job 7:1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial:** Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

**R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

**Second Reading:** First Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39



### 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/>



**CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday**  
23rd February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.



**Walk 200K in 40 days to help fight global poverty.**

[cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk](http://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk)



**Friendship Group Sacred Heart**

Meetings on Wednesdays after 10am Mass. We look forward to seeing you for a coffee and a chat.  
.- Barbara

**Unwanted Christmas Gifts**

Both Church communities are collecting unwanted gifts. They can be placed on special table in the Hall in Fordingbridge or in the House in Ringwood. Those items already received will be on display for purchase by donation in the money basket or jar. Funds raise in Ringwood will be shared between CAFOD and church funds. Funds raised in Fordingbridge will be put towards church funds. Thank you!

**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 for the next edition is the 25th of February.

**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:** Tues (OLS) 9-12 Friday 10-1(SH)  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend  
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Tel: 01425 653131 Email: [shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:shandolos@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**  
Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: [safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk)  
Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

**Churches Together Ringwood**  
**Prayer and Fasting Day**  
**Monday 5 February**

We are taking time today to fast and pray ... Let's use the time to pray for ourselves, families, churches, community and the wider world and also to listen to what God might be saying to us. Further details attached to the newsletter.

**'THE CHOSEN'**

If you haven't heard of The Chosen, it is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel.

It is based on the true stories of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. All the bible and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures.

'Come and See', a charity which has started working with The Chosen, aims to reach 95% of the world by helping translate The Chosen into 600 languages.

It is an ambitious project to bring an experience with Jesus to the ends of the earth. Pat Bloomfield said 'wouldn't it be wonderful to show The Chosen in Fordingbridge Town Hall, so that the people of FB would have a chance to see it?' The Churches Together group are invited to support this project in the planning, physically and/or financially. Pat says, 'The idea will not get off the ground without help! If you feel you could offer something, or would like to find out more, please contact Pat who will happily discuss it all with you.'

**Pat Bloomfield**  
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**Job Openings with the Diocese**

There are some exciting opportunities across the Diocese for a variety of roles. Please help us to fill these vacancies by mentioning to family and friends. Our vacancies may be found at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>



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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2068	£ 2846
Cash/Env	£ 762	£ 550
DONA	£ 186	£ 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](http://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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