

# The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

New Forest Pastoral Area  
www.avonstour.co.uk  
Parish Priest:  
Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
15 Salisbury Road  
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The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year  
Father Paul writes.....

## A poem reflecting on today's Gospel:

Having followed him without food  
the multitude were hungry  
He took pity on them  
I was there and you too  
When he shared with us  
The two fish and the five loaves  
He gave thanks  
No one was forgotten  
Everyone received from his hand  
What they wanted  
When all were satisfied  
Twelve baskets were filled  
With the remaining bread  
So that nothing was wasted  
The remnant that is the whole Thing  
Is broken for us everyday  
We forget as soon as we have eaten our fill  
And ceasing to believe in his  
We demand signs.

## Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God,  
You who created us in Your image,  
You who never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us through every season of life,  
Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
And grant us, once again,  
The ability to discover ourselves  
and recognise that we are Your children.  
Renew our hearts with your Word  
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness  
And teach us to say:  
"I will not abandon you!"  
To those we meet on our journey.  
With the help of your beloved Son,  
may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.  
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
A day without loneliness, and a day abundant  
with the first-fruits of Your peace.  
Amen.



**Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain**  
**HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHBISHOP MIGUEL MAURY BUENDÍA**  
Will be celebrating Mass on 6th September 2024 at 12:30 pm  
**Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Portsmouth**  
*Two representatives from each church are allowed to attend. If you are  
interested in attending please speak to Father Paul.*

## 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	July	28th	11am	✘	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Gertrud Strupp
Wednesday	July	31st	11.30am	✘	St. Ignatius of Loyola	✘	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Friday	August	2nd	10am	✘	St. Eusebius of Vercelli	✘	

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	July	27th	6pm	✘	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows
Sunday	July	28th	9am	✘	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Mary Clare White RIP
Tuesday	July	30th	10am	✘	Feria (17th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	August	1st	10am	✘	St. Alphonsus Liguori	✘	Bernadette Marren RIP

*Confessions will be available on Saturdays at 5.30 in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood before and after the Wednesday Mass.*

## ✠ Please Pray for Our Dearly Departed ✠

**Catherine Barrett**

Reception 16.30 pm 13 August  
Funeral Liturgy 1 pm 14 August  
at Sacred Heart

**Welcome** to Rio Lech Miller who will be baptised during Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday 28 July. May God bless this child with His love and grace, today and always.



## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: – 2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial: Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

R. How good is the Lord to all.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6



There will be no Children's Liturgy over the summer. We will be happy to welcome the children to Liturgy again on 15th September.



**Ringwood** - Wednesday 31st July after 10am Mass  
**Fordingbridge** – Tuesday 6th August after 10am Mass



## The Bell at Fordingbridge

The church at Fordingbridge, unlike many Catholic churches, is blessed with an external bell which hangs overlooking the cemetery. Recently it was removed so that it could be cleaned and repaired. It is now ready to be returned to its original position.

I am grateful to all those who have donated some money towards the bell's restoration. We still need some more as the total cost will be about £3000. I am very keen on having the bell returned to its home because it is part of our original patrimony. Donations for the bell can be made through the Dona machine.

Bells in Catholic churches, like the one we have, are rung at the time of the Angelus, three times a day. They are also rung during the Eucharistic Prayer and as a coffin is carried from the church to the place of burial.

The bell is a reminder that each day must be marked by regular and frequent moments of prayer.



## Joint Parish Walk

The next Joint Parish Walk will be on Saturday 3rd August at 2.30pm.

We will meet at the Ashley Walk car park (187157) (Godshill). Walk for about a hour and a half with a couple of hills.

## Friendship Group Sacred Heart

The group will be taking a break for the summer holidays and will return to its regular Wednesday meeting after Mass on September 4th. Enjoy your summer!



## 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 August.



## 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/>

## 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:** Fordingbridge Tues & Thurs 9-12 and Ringwood Fri 10-1  
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Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: [safeguarding@olofordingbridge.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@olofordingbridge.org.uk)  
Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

**FREE FILM NIGHT**  
FREE SHOWING EACH MONTH  
7:30PM ARRIVAL \* SHOW STARTS 8PM  
DRINKS & SNACKS SERVED  
VENUE:  
FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
63 HIGH ST. FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 1AS

**The CHOSEN**

Friday 29 March "Shabbat" @11.45 am after Walk of Witness  
Saturday 20 April "Jesus loves the little children"  
Saturday 18 May "The Rock on which it is built"  
Saturday 8 June "The Wedding Gift"  
Saturday 13 July "Indescribable Compassion"  
Saturday 21 September "Invitations"  
Saturday 12 October "I am He"  
Saturday 16 November "Christmas Special"

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THE BRANCH: 1 HIGH STREET OR AVON AT 4 HIGH STREET, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1AS

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## SAVE the DATE 7<sup>th</sup> September

By popular demand, the CAFOD Group is holding another **Curling Evening** so enjoyed last year at Ringwood. This time it will be in the hall at Fordingbridge. Look out for the posters and tickets on sale shortly.



## 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. JUNE offerings to Parish bank accounts**

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2155	£ 3014
Cash/online	£ 662	£ 383

## 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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