

# The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

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

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Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
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## The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Paul writes.....

Jesus ends his instruction to his disciples in this Sunday's Gospel narrative by speaking of the importance of welcome. Jesus speaks of welcoming children which the people of his time would not have appreciated. Children were not regarded as important in Jesus's time, except by their parents. Children were without honour and status in Jesus's society so they would never be welcomed.

For Jesus the children stood for those who were disregarded and rejected and his word about welcome is to be applied to every person that has a part in our lives. Both those we would disregard as unimportant or difficult and those with whom we find it easy to communicate and relate.

Coming from Jesus himself, this word about welcome is of fundamental importance for us as Christians. Everything we do must be shot through with welcome and warmth. That goes for all our relationship and our interactions with those who have contact with us. Our homes, our greetings and our Sunday Mass communities must be noted for the quality of their welcome.

I would like to say a word of thanks to our welcoming ministers in each of our parishes. Their work is crucial because a welcomer offers the first contact with those who come into our churches. And a special word of thanks to Martien de Groot in Ringwood. Martien has been a welcomer and helper for many years. He has decided to retire, and I would like to express my appreciation to him for his generosity and commitment over the years.

I am always looking for new members for the welcoming ministry. Anyone who is interested might contact me.



*Both our churches are open daily for prayer*

### Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

#### 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	September	22nd	11am	⊗	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	Terezinha Alves de Siqueria RIP
Wednesday	September	25th	10am	⊗	Feria (25th Week in Ordinary Time)	⊗	Holy Souls
Friday	September	27th	10am	⊗	of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time	⊗	Holy Souls

#### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	September	21st	6pm	⊗	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	Graham Sharp RIP
Sunday	September	22nd	9am	⊗	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	⊗	Kathy Piwowarczyk RIP
Tuesday	September	24th	No Mass	⊗	Our Lady of Walsingham	⊗	No Mass
Thursday	September	26th	10am	⊗	Feria (25th Week in Ordinary Time)	⊗	Gordon Gray RIP

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



Ringwood - Wednesday 25th September after 10am Mass  
Fordingbridge - Tuesday 8th October after 10am Mass



Children's Liturgy starts again at Fordingbridge on this Sunday the 15th September.

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** – Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Responsorial:** Psalm 53:3-6, 8 response v 6

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

**Second Reading:** James 3:16-4:3

**Gospel:** John 8:12



### CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal Harvest (Friday 4 October)

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope).

Pray with us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjNNQxx9Yk0>





## Barn Dance - Our Lady of Sorrows, Saturday 12th October

Supporting Father Paul's Bell Appeal

Please join us on Saturday 12th October for this event at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Learn amazing dance moves you'd never thought you could master - or happily watch others take up the challenge - all under the expert and gentle tuition of Jackie Foyle and her quartet of fabulous musicians.

A bar will offer reasonably priced drinks and light snacks. We'll also run a raffle. As well as ensuring a fun time we will raising much-needed funds to help restore our church bell.

Tickets - nominally £8 - will be on sale after all Masses from next weekend. You can reserve them ahead of time by contacting me at the address below:

lawrencebartel@yahoo.co.uk

- Parish Pastoral Committee

### Friendship



## Friendship Group Sacred Heart

The group is back to its regular Wednesday meeting in the House after Mass. We would love to see you there.



## Joint Parish Walk

The next Joint Parish Walk will be on Saturday 5th October, starting at 2.30 from the Chapel by the Mockbeggar crossroads on the Gorley Road (OS ref 160 095). Lifts, 2.15 from Ringwood Church. Couple of hills, otherwise no obstructions, about 1 hour. 15mins.

## 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 September.

### 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

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

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**Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: [safeguarding@olofordingbridge.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@olofordingbridge.org.uk)

Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

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## The Maronite Christians in the Holy Land,

Sun 20 Oct 3pm-5pm, St Thomas More RC Iford.

Tickets: £7 per person/£10 per family; booking

(required): [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk)

Organised by the Bournemouth Ordinariate Mission in collaboration with the Guildford & District Knights of St Columba and Maronites in the Holy Land, this event offers a rare opportunity to explore the rich history of Maronite Christianity and its ancient liturgies in Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ. Expert speakers, appearing both in person and via live video link from the Holy Land, will provide valuable insights into the Maronites' current status and practices in the region. A special highlight will be a presentation on the Aramaic Centre in the Galilee. Please don't miss this insightful afternoon of history, faith, and cultural exploration!



## 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. AUGUST offerings to Parish bank accounts**

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2100	£ 2778
Cash/online	£ 583	£ 355

## 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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