

# 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](http://www.avonstour.co.uk)  
Parish Priest:  
Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend

Our Lady of Sorrows  
& St. Philip Benizi  
15 Salisbury Road  
Fordingbridge SP6 1EG

## Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

*Father Paul writes....*

For the last year we have been listening to Mark's Gospel on Sundays. For the past few weeks, we have seen Jesus and his disciples travelling along the road from Galilee to Jerusalem. A journey they had made many times, but this was to be the last one. This visit to Jerusalem would be the moment of his crucifixion, death and resurrection.

In today's Gospel, they reach Jericho, that ancient city (the oldest in the world) which is the final staging post before Jerusalem. As they had been walking along, Jesus had been teaching his disciples. It was a hard task because they were slow to believe and slower to understand what he was saying. Somehow, they were blind in their ability to see who Jesus was.

In stark contrast to the blindness and hard heartedness of the disciples, today we meet Bartimaeus who was a blind beggar. He came to Jesus because he had no doubt heard that Jesus had the power to heal his blindness. Jesus asked him the same question as he asked James and John last week. "What do you want me to do for you?" Remember their reply "Grant us to sit, one on your right hand and one at your left, in your glory". James and John displayed by their response their ambition and their resistance to Jesus and his message. All the blind man said was "Let me see again" and he regained his sight. Bartimaeus, unlike the disciples and especially James and John, believed in Jesus and followed him as a disciple.

Bartimaeus's response highlights the difficulty Jesus had with his disciples. Today's Gospel offers us two questions: Do we respond to Jesus with wholehearted faith and trust and the spiritual gift to see who he is? Or, like the disciples, are we half-hearted and lukewarm in our response, perhaps blinded by the cares and anxieties of life, or, like James and John, by plain ambition for power, pleasure or possessions?

It is the wholehearted faith and trust of Bartimaeus which we want for our young people. Please pray for them.

And there may be some young people who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year. Those young people and their families should approach me to discuss the possibility. There may also be some who wish to be Confirmed. The understanding of the Church, and me as well, is that anyone wishing to receive these sacraments should be coming to Mass every Sunday. Generously following Jesus like Bartimaeus!

*Next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, is the Solemnity of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated in Ringwood at 10.00am and in Fordingbridge at 5.30pm. Next Saturday is All Souls Day when we pray for the dead. On the following day, the blessing of graves will take place in our cemetery at Our Lady and St. Philip at 3.00pm.*

## Public and YouTube Celebrations of Mass

*Both our churches are open daily for prayer*

### Sacred Heart, Ringwood

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

(All masses livestreamed at this link unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	October	27th	11am	✘	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Wednesday	October	30th	10am	✘	Feria (30th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	Bridie Paley RIP
Friday	November	1st	10am	✘	All Saints	✘	

### Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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

Saturday	October	26th	6pm	✘	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	Elizabeth Walters RIP
Sunday	October	27th	9am	✘	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	October	29th	10am	✘	Feria (30th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	October	31st	10am	✘	Feria (30th Week in Ordinary Time)	✘	
Friday	November	1st	5.30pm	✘	All Saints	✘	

*Confessions will be available on Saturdays at 5.30 in Fordingbridge. In Ringwood before and after the Wednesday Mass. If there is no Mass there will be no confession.*



Ringwood - Wednesday 30th October after 10am Mass  
Fordingbridge - Tuesday 5th November after 10am Mass



## Blessing of the Graves

Sunday 3rd November at 3pm  
Cemetery at Our Lady of Sorrows

## OCTOBER ROSARY for PEACE

20 Minutes before Mass or liturgy every Thursday during October, the month of Mary, please join us for a Rosary for Peace. There is always a friendly gathering after Thursday Masses too with a cup of coffee and a biscuit to which you are welcome.



## Joint Parish Walk

The next Joint Parish Walk will be on Saturday 2nd November at 2.30 pm. Park at Castle Hill car park. Fork right out of Woodgreen and right again (OS ref 170167). Modest hills, about 3.5 miles. Good views. Lifts from Ringwood Church 2.00pm. (The road works are gone.)

## St. Peter's Primary School Tours

Families wishing to attend should contact the school to book for their preferred date. They can telephone on 01202 421141 Ext 2298 or email [admissions@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk)

## Dates for Morning Tours of St Peter's Primary School:

Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.15am  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am  
Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> January 9.15am

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> of October.



## Friendship Group Sacred Heart

Meeting regularly on Wednesdays after Mass in the House. We would love to see you there.

## 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  
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: Helen Thomas email: [safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk)  
Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above



**HYDE**



## FAIR TRADE EVENT

at

**HYDE CHURCH**

**COMMUNITY CENTRE**

on

**Saturday**

**2nd November 2024**

from

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Christmas Cards  
Craft Items

Christmas Goodies  
Groceries

**Refreshments served**

Please help us to support the poorest workers in the world and their communities. Thank you

## REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOVE

### St Peter's school, November.

Once again, the Chaplaincy Team at St Peter's School would like to warmly invite you to join them for their annual prayer initiative running again this November. "Remembering Those We Love" is an opportunity to light a candle, pray and write intentions for those that we love, both living and deceased. Please drop in for a short time or stay for a while to enjoy the peace of our school Chapel - we know our students have greatly benefitted from the witness of local parishioners in previous years as they have come and prayed alongside them. The event is running on Tues 12<sup>th</sup>, Weds 13<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov in the School Chapel, St Catherine's Road, Southbourne BH6 4AH between 3pm - 4.30pm. You are also very welcome to join us at 3.45pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> for a Memorial Mass when we will be praying especially for our deceased family and friends. We are always looking for ways to engage our children in their faith and we look forward to welcoming you to our school. If you have any further questions please contact [chaplaincy@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk)

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

<b>SO</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>Cash/online</b>	<b>£ 2244</b>	<b>£ awaiting</b>
	<b>£ 990</b>	<b>£ awaiting</b>

## 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

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (reg. charity no. 1199568 )

**"Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church"**

[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)