

The Catholic Church in Fordingbridge and Ringwood

The Sacred Heart
& St. Thérèse of Lisieux
The Close
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Our Lady of Sorrows
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Father Paul writes....

This weekend, we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year as we honour Christ the King. The feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI on the 11th December 1925. To introduce the feast, he wrote an encyclical letter in response to the distinctive tones of the age. This was the time of the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, the spread of fascism, the loss of the Church's political power and the decadence of the 1920's.

The Solemnity of Christ the King comes at the end of the liturgical year because it points to the goal and completion of creation's and our life's pilgrimage. That moment in time when Christ as King, will take the work of creation into his life as the risen Lord. We call it the Second Coming of Christ. So, we sing at Mass "When we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim your death O Lord until you come again." In his conversation with, or rather interrogation by Pontius Pilate, Jesus is clear about the nature of this kingship. He says that it is not of this world.

The kingdom of Jesus Christ is about the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and world. It is about putting the Word of God into practice. It is about compassion and reconciliation in every situation. It is about the inclusion of all people – it is universal. It is about respect for every person. It is about caring for the dying in a way that respects the gift of life from God. It is about the future of humanity and creation in the life of God. It is about the truth and the message of the Gospel which leads to the fullness of life.



Christmas Mass Times

Sacred Heart and St. Therese— Nativity of the Lord, Tuesday 24th of December 5pm Carols starting at 4.30pm.

Nativity of the Lord, Wednesday 25th December 11am

Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Philip— Nativity of the Lord, Tuesday 24th of December 8pm Carols starting at 7.30pm

Nativity of the Lord, Wednesday 25th December 9am

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	November	24th	11am	✘	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	✘	Holy Souls
Wednesday	November	27th	10am	✘	<i>Feria (34th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	People of Ringwood Parish
Friday	November	29th	10am	✘	<i>Feria (34th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

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Saturday	November	23rd	6pm	✘	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	✘	Canon Noel Duckworth RIP
Sunday	November	24th	9am	✘	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	✘	People of Fordingbridge Parish
Tuesday	November	26th	10am	✘	<i>Feria (34th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	
Thursday	November	28th	10am	✘	<i>of the (34th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	✘	Private intention

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 27th November after 10am Mass
Fordingbridge – Tuesday 3rd December after 10am Mass



Christmas Food Packages

Both Churches are once again collecting food for those in need at Christmas time. Fordingbridge is supporting Poitier. Their request list and instructions can be found in the hall. Ringwood is supporting Churches Together in

Ringwood which distributes food through schools in Ringwood and Fordingbridge. Their wish list and instructions can be found in back of the church.



Welcome to Daniel Munachimso Chukwura who was baptised during Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday 17 November. May God bless this child with His love and grace, today and always.

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Pastoral Council Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 5th December 2024

6.45 - 8.30pm

In the church hall

The AGM is open to all Fordingbridge parishioners. Please feel free to attend and share in the discussions.



Christmas cards

Christmas cards are now for sale in Ringwood. Packaging has changed a bit this year - less 'real' boxes but mixes of good quality cards in cardboard 'cut out boxes'. Thank you, Barbara
There is a selection of Cards in the Hall at Fordingbridge, too. Please have a look.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: – Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial: Psalm 92:1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: Mark 11:9, 10

Friendship Group Sacred Heart

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



Over 6,000 stores will donate to us when you shop, including:

M&S	John Lewis	Sainsbury's	entertainer	Debenhams	ASOS
Argos	Debenhams	moonpig	ebay	Booking.com	6,000+ more

Shopping online this festive period? Raise free donations for Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Churches when you shop 6,000+ stores online using Give as you Live Online! A link can be found on each of the churches webpages at www.avonstour.co.uk/parishes/ Thank you!

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

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Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Fordingbridge: Helen Thomas email: safeguarding@olosfordingbridge.org.uk

Ringwood: please contact Helen Thomas details above

WINTER WARMER

Church Hall, Fordingbridge
7pm (after 6pm Mass) Saturday 30th November
Or
10 am (after 9am Mass) Sunday 1st December

FREE!
EVERYONE is invited to join the celebration
A 'Thank You' from Ringwood & Fordingbridge Joint
CAFOD Group for your continued, generous support.

Mince Pies, Shortbread, Stollen,
Punch (alco and non-alco)
Lights and Music and Goodwill to all

Forty Days and Forty Nights....

your parish magazine

Send contributions and feed back for future editions to: crisbasha@aol.com. The Forty Days deadline for the Christmas edition is the 25th of November. December's deadline will be the 30th.

Ringwood Foodbank is looking for Volunteers

If you can spare a couple of days a month for 3 hours and can lift bags please get in touch with Claire Skelley—07760390685
clarieskelley@ringwood.foodbank.org.uk



The CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue is here! To be found in both Ringwood and Fordingbridge Porches. A great idea to give to that someone who has everything, or to add to a gift to remind people you support CAFOD. A gift with meaning. (Lightweight to post too!)

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

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge
SO	£ 2320	£ 2841
Cash/online	£ 993	£ 507

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

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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